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Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 13

Monday of the 7th Week of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, May 14

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Mike & Denice Atchison

Wednesday, May 15

Wednesday of the 7th Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Jim Bohn

Thursday, May 16

Thursday of the 7th Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ann Fabisher+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

Friday, May 17

Friday of the 7th Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Teresa Johnson+ by John, Deemana, Christine & Dimana Spudich

Saturday, May 18

Saturday of the 7th Week of Easter


No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, May 18-19

Pentecost Sunday

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Darwin Thornton+ by Pat Loftus

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Rees Family by the Gunlach Family

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **all mothers who have lost a child or spouse**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are for **the teachers, administration and staff of St. Elizabeth Catholic School**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

Mass offerings are available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle / Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Flowers. Contact the parish office.



May is dedicated to Mary, Mother of God & Mother of the Church

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May: For the formation of men and women religious and seminarians: We pray for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians, that they may "grow in their vocational journeys through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation." different parts of the world.

This Sunday: Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

We hear witness of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection, as well as the disciples' experience of him being lifted up into a cloud and being taken from their sight. Paul prays that the hearts of the faithful be enlightened to know Christ's glory. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.*

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, giving birth to the Church. The Spirit always gives. The Spirit not only gives but renews life as well. Like the disciples, we are continuously renewed by the Spirit for service in Jesus' name.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: **5/12- Rev. Alfred Tumwesigye** 5/24- Rev. David Peters 5/28- Rev. Scott Snider

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 5/11- Msgr. Daniel F. Daly 5/12- Rev. Carl Schmidt 5/13- Rev. Dominic Lyton 5/15- Rev. Vincent Nagler Rev. Augustine Sauer Msgr. Michael Owen Driscoll

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of Holy Name Men's Club
Czwornog & Ostrenga Families
Kierski Family

Bill Loftus
John & Theresa Straubinger
Carl Williams
Alan Winters
Keith Winters

Brinker & Soboleski Families
Delores Brinker

Paula Gushleff Koliste
DeRuntz & Pfaff Families
Louise Harrison
Kenneth Jaimet

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy
Jim Deder

Cassy Family
Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family
Charles Dickey

Binney Family
Alma & Greg Voss

Chad Sigite

Lisa Garcia-Fensterman
Jim Alsop and Family

Gus & Angeline Scaturro
Dortch Family

Richard A. Willaredt
Lisa Dellamano

Rosalie Boyd
Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Michael & Leona Bonach
Richard Horbelt

Gus & Angie Scaturro
Johnson Family

Jones & Harbin Families
Lesko & Danheiser Families

Mary Mennerick
Glen Hommert

Marvin Wiedemer
Mark Malone

Bill Mathes
Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr.

Robert & Lorraine Joshu
Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman

Jim Noeth & Brothers
Noeth & M. Papp Families

Brian Foreman
Tony & Mary Bellue

Jim Dittman
Pattie Jackson

Ida Gragg

Pawlak & Sertich Families
Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

Betty Lampitt

Connie Hayes Family
Bursik/Votoupal Family

Ann Fabisher

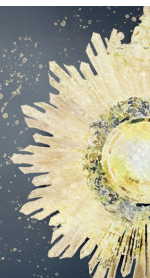
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Nolan Yehling- USAF, Whiteman AFB; Brandon Weidner- US Coast Guard, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; Kody Presswood- Staff Sergeant, US Space Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Nick Glasgow- USMC, California

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

Hospitality: To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;

Prayer: To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer;

Formation: To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and

Service: To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

LADIES SODALITY THANKS YOU!

The Harmony Room Cafe May Week-end was a success!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the event and to all of the parishioners who attended. We loved seeing you there after each Mass. We had a great turnout!

Congratulations to our winners for the drawings!

The winner of the 2024 St. Elizabeth Ride Bracelet was Grayson Reuter.

The winners of the baskets were:

Isabella Stabinsky

Jera Michele Reuter

Janice Dittman

Pam Bjorkman

Michael Bowen

Dan and Cheryl Folkerts

Miles Morgan

Barb Shambro

Joyce Alexander

Baskets can be picked up at the Parish Office.

Again, thanks to everyone for your support and making this such a fun event!

COME PRAY WITH US

Each Monday from May 13 through October, come to Calvary Catholic Cemetery to pray the Rosary, asking for the Blessed Mother to intercede for us. Join us at 2pm each Monday at the Fatima Shrine.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE A TRIP TO UGANDA

Several parishioners have expressed general interest in participating on a trip to Father Alfred's home parish in Uganda. If you are interested in participating in a potential work or mission trip to Uganda, please call Bret in the Parish office to have your name placed on the list. We plan to begin holding meetings with those interested in order to determine the timing and/or scope of the trip(s).

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER ALFRED!

Not only is this Sunday his birthday, but Father graduated this past week with his Doctorate in Health Care Leadership on which he has been working diligently over the past couple of years. Congratulations to the now *Reverend Father Doctor Alfred Tumwesigye!* We love you and are so proud of you, Father. We plan to throw a graduation celebration for him on Sunday, August 18th. More info to come.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Birthday Father Alfred!

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

7:30 p.m. - Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

Monday, May 13

6:30 p.m. - The Chosen (PLC Library)

Tuesday, May 14

7 p.m. - Columbus Home Meeting (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, May 15

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach Meeting (PLC)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, May 16

9 a.m.-9 p.m. - Adoration (Church); Reposition at 5 p.m. before 8th grade Graduation Dinner & Mass.

5:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation Dinner, then Mass (Cafeteria, Church)

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

6:30 p.m. - St. Elizabeth/Holy Family School Grizzlies Night (Grizzlies Ballpark)

Sunday, May 19

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

7:30 p.m. - Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER We Once again we want to congratulate Paul Hellrich on his award from the Chamber of Commerce, "Volunteer of the Year" for the community. It is well deserved. The 4th degree ceremony on St. Elizabeth was just awesome and so much reverence was shown. The 4th degree does this presentation on the 5th Sunday of the months. We would also like to send a shout out to Holy Family for their Hand to Hand event last Saturday. We will have nominations for all positions in the 3rd degree next meeting, May 28th. If any men would like to join our council or those who have not come for awhile, please come to this next meeting. God bless all of you! Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337.



FORMATION

This Week on FORMED®

Deuteronomy



The Bible Project: Deuteronomy

Watch our overview of the book of Deuteronomy, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Deuteronomy, Moses gives final words of wisdom and warning before the Israelites enter the promised land, challenging them to be faithful to God.

Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on any device.

Go to signup.FORMED.org and select our parish.

Mercy Minute

"Today I accompanied the Lord Jesus as He ascended into heaven. It was about noon. I was overcome by a great longing for God. It is a strange thing, the more I felt God's presence, the more ardently I desired Him. Then I saw myself in the midst of a huge crowd of disciples and apostles, together with the Mother of God. Jesus was telling them to...'Go out into the whole world and teach in My name'. He stretched out His hands and blessed them and disappeared in a cloud." (Diary, 1710).



Watch *The Chosen* with fellow parishioners! Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the PLC Library. (We're moving to the PLC Library for more comfortable viewing!) Enjoy light snacks, fellowship, and *The Chosen*.



DIVE DEEP PODCAST

What you never knew about the process of becoming a priest – What does a diocese look for in a man who wants to become a priest? What are red flags? What evaluations occur? What about the cost of education and what exactly do seminarians learn? Becoming a priest is a lot more than than an application and going to school. Dive Deep sits down with Brian Alford, Director of the Office for Vocations for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you can speak Hebrew? If you attend Mass, I know you can say one word in Hebrew...

Alleluia is the Hebrew word which means "Praise the Lord". We stand up because the most important reading is about to be read out loud, that's the Gospel.

We especially see the Gospel as one of the times in the Mass when Jesus is most truly present to us, because He is! He is the Word, and the fullest expression of Him as the Word is from the Gospel, the accounts of His time among us as the Word made flesh.

We sing the Alleluia before the Gospel, except during Lent. On weekdays, if not sung, the Alleluia may be omitted.

Don't you find it fascinating that Jesus would have sung the Alleluia in the Synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath when he was a youngster? It literally means, "Praise Yahweh".

Information taken from the Relevant Radio Mass Lesson #16 by Rev. Francis J. Hoffman.

If you would like to listen to more of his teachings on the mass: info@relavantradio.com

TOTUS TUUS
July 7-12, 2024
Parish summer catechetical program

Middle & High School
Grades 7-12 in the fall
Sunday-Thursday, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Church
Dinner served each evening

Elementary - Grades 1-6 in the fall
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Holy Family Community Center
Lunch served each day

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make a splash this summer!

SCUBA Vacation Bible School
Here at St. Elizabeth
Evenings, August 5-9
Mark your calendars!
Willing to help in some way?
Please contact Deacon Michael at mhalbrook@dio.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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Are you interested in learning more about how you can help to educate and support our parish and community around issues related to life (abortion, end of life issues, birth control, etc.)? Prayerfully consider joining our Respect Life ministry. We meet monthly on the last Wednesday at 6pm in the PLC and would love to have you join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, May 29th. See you there.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hope Clinic of Granite City claims to have had over 5,000 appointments a year prior to Roe vs. Wade being overturned, and expects to exceed 7,000 per year now.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Pray! Pray at home, pray at Mass, pray at Adoration, in your car and at Hope Clinic. Pray for a world where abortion is neither needed nor wanted. Pray for the success of the Fall 40 Days for Life Peaceful Vigil, September 25 - November 3, 2024

SEVEN CONSIDERATIONS WHILE NAVIGATING INFERTILITY

Read the full version at respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.

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SERVICE & OUTREACH

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY

If you're interested in learning more about our efforts or joining us, come to our meeting this Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Harmony Room.

CHARITABLE OUTREACH BAG UPDATE

Thank you to all who have contributed items, money or prayers to our efforts to reach out to those in need in our community. Please consider donating the following to our efforts: small bug spray, sunscreen, shampoo & conditioner. Thank you!

WHAT DOES POPE FRANCIS'S CHARITABLE OUTREACH HAVE TO DO WITH OUR OWN?

One of our outreach areas has been helping to occasionally provide laundry supplies and spare coins to those in need of it at local laundromats. The Pope has gone to a similar place to reach those in need! Catholic News Service reported in November that Pope Francis opened two new laundromats for the homeless in the northern Italian city of Turin. The new facilities are part of an initiative launched in collaboration with the international consumer goods giant Proctor & Gamble and the consumer electronics company Haier Europe, with the assistance of the Community of Sant'Egidio and Apostolic Almsgiving, the papal office of charitable activity. "With the two new laundries inaugurated in Turin, we hope to be able to help many people in difficulty to improve their living conditions, starting from the possibility of taking care of their personal hygiene and that of their clothing," said Riccardo Calvo of Proctor & Gamble Italia. The laundromats are in the parish of San Giorgio Martire and the La Sosta welcome center in Turin's city center, and are operated by volunteers of Sant'Egidio.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

MAY 2024-APRIL 2025

The First Friday Memorial is a special offering made by St. Elizabeth parishioners, which lists your intentions for deceased loved ones in our bulletin, and these listed names are then remembered monthly at Mass each First Friday through the year. The Memorial names are printed each week in our Sunday Bulletin. A yearly donation of \$60.00 is requested for these intentions to be listed. This donation allows the names to be printed constantly in our bulletin, in the exact same way other bulletin ads are funded, and all the funds go to offset the cost of printing our bulletin. This is not a donation for a Mass intention since the money does not, and by Canon Law cannot, go into the Mass stipend account, as taking any money for large, so-called "collective intentions" (where multiple names are listed for the Mass intention) is explicitly forbidden. Father is happy to remember these names collectively once a month at Mass with no stipend involved. Your donation is a publishing/printing fee, ultimately paid to our printer in Godfrey, Illinois.

You are encouraged to attend this weekday Mass. You may list your intentions as one individual name: *Mary Jones*, or you may list family groupings: *The Jones Family*. You may NOT submit a litany of individual names or multiple families, as space will not permit. If you wish to continue having your past intentions remembered at these Masses, you will be asked to renew your donation each year. Please fill out this form below and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible with the requested donation.

Feel free to call the Parish Office at 877-3300 during business hours which are 8:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday. We will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding those who are remembered each First Friday.

Please clearly mark your envelope or the memo line on the check: First Friday Memorials and return by May 20, 2024.

Application for First Friday Memorials

NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION (Phone/Email):

INTENTION:

The Ascension of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts (Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:6–12). It is also alluded to in various other passages (John 6:62; Ephesians 4:7–10; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 3:21–22).

Only Jesus and His Blessed Mother have entered into the glories of Heaven, body and soul. Jesus' Ascension implies that He did so by His own authority and power. The Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption implies that she entered Heaven, body and soul, by God's power, and not her own.

The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge. First, being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His essence, the Father's essence, and the Holy Spirit's essence. Second, He had the perfection of infused knowledge, that is, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine mission. Third, He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

As Jesus fulfilled His mission through life, His learned knowledge continued to grow until it was perfected in human form. It was never imperfect in the sense of sin, but only in the sense of growth through human experience and human love. He experienced all things, allowed the perfection of His beatific and infused knowledge to guide His human experiences and brought those human experiences and knowledge to perfection. His free embrace of the Cross manifested the perfection of divine love in human form, and His Resurrection brought that perfect unity of human and divine love to a new and transformed resurrected state of human existence. But that was not all. Today we commemorate the fact that Jesus took His perfected human nature into the Beatific Vision, enabling humanity itself to



follow. The Blessed Virgin Mary was the first to do so given her sinless state.

The final stage of the salvation of humanity will take place when Jesus returns to judge the living and the dead. At that time, every human body will rise, will endure the final purification and transformation, and will share in the new and resurrected state in which the faithful will be able to stand, body and soul, before the Most Holy Trinity and experience the fullness of the Beatific Vision forever. What Jesus has already accomplished in His human form is what we look forward to in hope at the end of time.

The Feast of the Ascension was celebrated annually from as early as apostolic times. Saint John Chrysostom, Saint Gregory of Nyssa, and Saint Augustine all attest to this fact. When the Council of Nicaea set the date for the

celebration of the Resurrection in 325, it chose to keep Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox in spring. This decision also set the day for the Ascension being forty days after Easter, on a Thursday. Today, many ecclesiastical provinces transfer the Thursday celebration to the following Sunday to provide for a wider celebration.

Though every aspect of Christ's life is shrouded in mysteries which will only be fully understood by the faithful when they stand before Him and behold the Beatific Vision, today we especially ponder this beautiful and profound mystery of our faith. As we celebrate the Ascension, try to prayerfully meditate upon the perfect unity of Jesus' human and divine natures. Ponder further the truth that because the Son of God is both God and man, and He beholds His Father and the Holy Spirit as both God and man, He invites each of us to begin to share in that glorious vision. Only after we fully die in and with Him and rise to new life in and with Him will we be able to know Him clearly and share in His glorious resurrected and ascended life. Until that moment comes, it's important to ponder that which is incomprehensible. We must know that we do not know, believe what is beyond belief, hope in that which is more than we can understand. God is a mystery; the Ascension is a mystery - but they are mysteries that must be penetrated by prayer. Do so today as we commemorate this holy culmination of the earthly life and mission of Christ.

Text from MyCatholic.Life. Painting: *Ascension of the Lord* in the church Chiesa di Santa Maria del Carmine, Brescia, Italy, by Bernardino Gandino (1587-1651)



**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE
COMING TO CITIES IN OUR DIOCESE**

You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12.

If you are interested in this event or the National Eucharistic Congress, please attend a meeting in the PLC at 6 p.m. on May 22



**CELEBRATING SUNDAYS
FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

This is from 'Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families' by Kerri Mecke-Lazano. Please use it to help your family get more out of the Mass each week!

HEARING THE WORD: Mark 16:15-20

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Today, we hear Jesus instructing the disciples to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News to every creature. As parents, we are called to proclaim the Good News within our families. We do so when we pray and read the Bible together, and when we share about the love of Jesus. While they may not be moments of miraculous healing, we encounter God's healing when we dry a child's tears or care for a child's skinned knee. The Good News is proclaimed and lived in the life of our family.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Jesus' time on earth draws to a close with his ascension, but his mission continues. How does the Church carry on the mission of Jesus in the world today? How do we participate in that work?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Jesus speaks of miraculous signs that accompany those who believe in him. What signs in our lives show others that we believe in Jesus?

LIVING THE WORD

Jesus told the disciples to go into to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. How does your family proclaim the Gospel to one another? to those outside your home? Jesus helped the disciples after he ascended to heaven. Discuss how Jesus continues to help us as we follow him

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ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

MARY MASS

Thank you to all who joined us for our annual Mary Mass on May 8th at the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Thank you to our visiting priest, Fr. Steve Pohlman, for presiding and providing the blessing, and to our 1st graders for helping to lead.



6th & 7th Grades class trip to Meramec Caverns. Thank you to our teachers, to all who help chaperone, and to all who help make our class trips possible!



VOCATIONS



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD
THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
JOYFULLY ANNOUNCES & INVITES YOU
TO THE ORDINATION OF
DEACON DANIEL GEORGE McGRATH
TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD
THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND
THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY
THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS JOHN PAPROCKI
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
524 EAST LAWRENCE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE ORDINATION MASS WILL ALSO BE
STREAMED LIVE AT [DIO.ORG/LIVE](https://dio.org/live)

We have several parishioners planning to attend. If you are interested in car pooling options, please contact the parish office immediately. All are welcome!

Additionally, **Daniel Mauro** of the Diocese of Kansas City Kansas, who was also with us during the 2022-23 school year, will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday, May 18 at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Kansas City, Kansas. His address is: Dcn Daniel Mauro 5200 Glennon Dr. Saint Louis, MO 63119

THE CATECHISM ON VOCATIONS

1878 All men are called to the same end: God himself. There is a certain resemblance between the unity of the divine persons and the fraternity that men are to establish among themselves in truth and love. Love of neighbor is inseparable from love for God.





PICNIC UPDATES



Days from this Sunday to the start of our Parish Picnic
June 7-9, 2024 - Three Days, Four Bands
All of your favorite rides, booths, food, & activities
Sign up to help now!

As we head towards picnic weekend, we will continue to take sign ups in the gathering space each weekend. If you would like to sign up online please see stelizabethgc.org/picnic-signups. These two sign-up procedures will be available up until the start of the picnic. Thank you for signing up as early as possible to relieve the worry of our chairpersons from not being able to successfully run their booths without adequate volunteers.

We are still in search of chairpersons for the picnic, please consider helping and getting involved. These are the areas in which we need help.

- Rosa Luna who is the current chairperson with the Mexican Food Booth is looking for a chairperson to take over this booth for picnic 2025. Please consider jumping in this year to learn the ropes to transition over with ease. This is the current top gross revenue food booth, is a fan favorite and is a great asset to our picnic.

FOOD SAFETY SEMINAR

We will be holding a "free" seminar on Food Safety on Wednesday, May 22 at 6 p.m. in the Harmony Room. We are recommending all picnic food chairmen, volunteers, and any parishioner to update their skills and knowledge of Food Safety in and around our food service events in preparations, donations, and practices here at St. Elizabeth Church.

This will be presented by the Madison County Health Department and will be a direct emphasize on general food safety but heavy on the temporary events aspect. It only takes one bad apple to spoil the entire bushel.

Please email me tcdomo@charter.net or call me at (618) 304-6074 to reserve your seat.

A light snack and refreshments will be available. Thank you in advance for your interest and attendance.

FISH BOWL SETUP SATURDAY, JUNE 1 - COME HELP!

Fish bowl set up will be on Saturday, June 1 at 7 a.m. sharp. We can use any able-bodied volunteers who can come help with that task. Additional help will be needed during the day and evenings of June 3-5 as well.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISING PARTNER

We would like to thank our advertising partner for sharing our Picnic News free of charge this year at Covenant Network Catholic Radio 96.7 FM. They have been adding announcements to their daily shows since we submitted information to them in April. Please consider supporting them for your Catholic spiritual growth and energy by listening daily. If you'd like to contribute online, please go to their website or mail to: COVENANT NETWORK, 4424 HAMPTON AVE., ST LOUIS, MO 6310

PICNIC PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS

We are seeking parking lot attendants for the picnic on June 7-9. If you have previously worked and would like to work again this year, we would love to have you back. We are currently looking for 3 attendants per shift. The shifts will be 6 hours in length. There will be a morning/day shift and an afternoon/evening shift each day. Please call Paul Hellrich for more detailed information @ 618-407-3011 or email phellrich@yahoo.com to leave your contact information.

HELP WANTED / DIME PITCH

Dime Pitch remains in great need of new or lightly used stuffed animal donations for prizes. Please bring any donations to the containers in the gathering space or to the parish office. Questions? Contact Rachel Borrer at Rachel.borrer@gmail.com.

IN SEARCH OF A TRAILER

The picnic is in search of an enclosed trailer (6 x12) for prize storage for the dates of June 4-9. If you or someone you know would consider donating the usage of one, please call me at 618-304-6074 or email me tcdomo@charter.net.

THANK YOU!

Please continue to sign up to help in the gathering space each weekend and online during the week at stelizabethgc.org/picnic-signups Please call me or any chairperson listed above and let us know your interests. We would love to have new or past volunteers get involved.

Picnic Chairperson, Tim Domagalski, 618-304-6074

This weekend (May 11-12) is the annual special collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC).

Next weekend (May 18-19) is the annual special collection for the Retired Diocesan Priests.

Thank you for your generosity, now and always!



DIocese OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, I ask you to consider a generous response in the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.

Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese.

If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections. You can also mail your donation to your parish office.

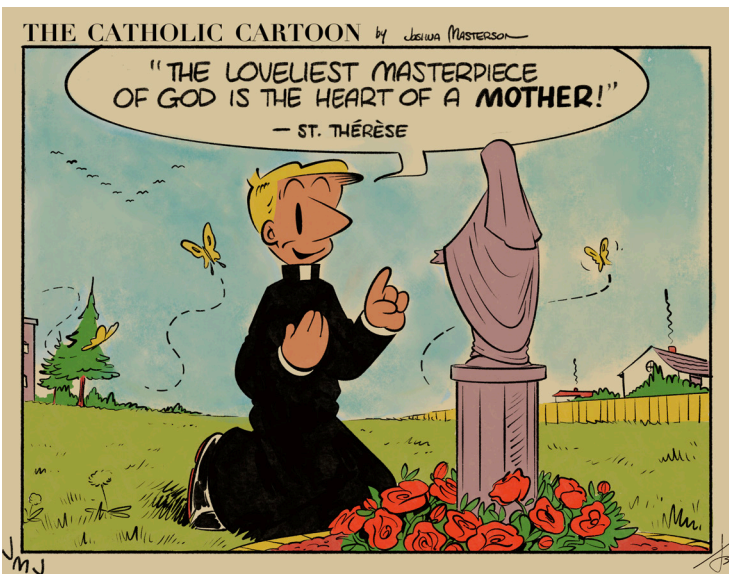
Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place.

With every best wish and prayers, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

HOLY LEISURE



WORD SEARCH

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Can you find these words related to this Sunday's readings?

ASCENSION
THEOPHILUS
GALILEE
THRONE
TRUMPETS
WITNESSES
CLOUD
SKY
PROCLAIM
GOSPEL
SIGNS
BAPTISM

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship May 5, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 45 Regular Income	\$7,427.00		
117 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$63.48			
One-Time Donation	\$2,500.00		
Loose	\$522.00		
Online Giving	\$2,239.00		
TOTAL	\$12,688.00	\$9,104.00	\$3,584.00
YTD TOTALS	\$366,120.18	\$409,680.00	(\$43,559.82)

Weekly and YTD Goals are calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and what is required to break even.

Other Gifts:

Tuition Assistance	\$307.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$567.00
Special Projects	\$246.00
Mission & Ministry	\$26.00
BINGO PROFIT	\$12,000.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$1.00
Catholic Comms. Campaign	\$60.00
Retired Priests	\$95.00
Calvary Cemetery E'Ville	\$60.00
Other Not Specified	\$445.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithe to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.
March tithe: \$4,686.00

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Are you tired of writing a check or remembering to have your envelope when you head to Mass? Concerned about how to support the parish when you are out of town? There are online options to maintain your stewardship, returning to God a portion of his blessings. Consider online giving through GIVE CENTRAL. For more information or to register, visit:

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/412/allevments>

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." - 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

WAYS TO SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT

Here are some ways that you might be able to share your time & talent with the parish.

- **Graphic design & layout:** Do you use Adobe InDesign? Do you have experience with page layout and design? If so, would you be interested in helping with our weekly bulletin production?
- **Greeting & ushering:** Would you be interested in helping to be a greeter or usher at our Sunday Masses, at the Mass you attend?

If any of these fit you, please contact Bret in the parish office. Thank you!

When you're done with the bulletin, don't throw it away!

Share it with a friend and invite them to Mass...

or take it to one of our advertisers and thank them for supporting our bulletin.

My Parish Prayer Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is - am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you can also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick: Appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism at least a month before your desired date. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office.

Matrimony: To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact the parish office to set up initial appointments and preparation at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults: Contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE

Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

Communion to the Homebound: If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

Declarations of Nullity: In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.')

Advocates are available for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.



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