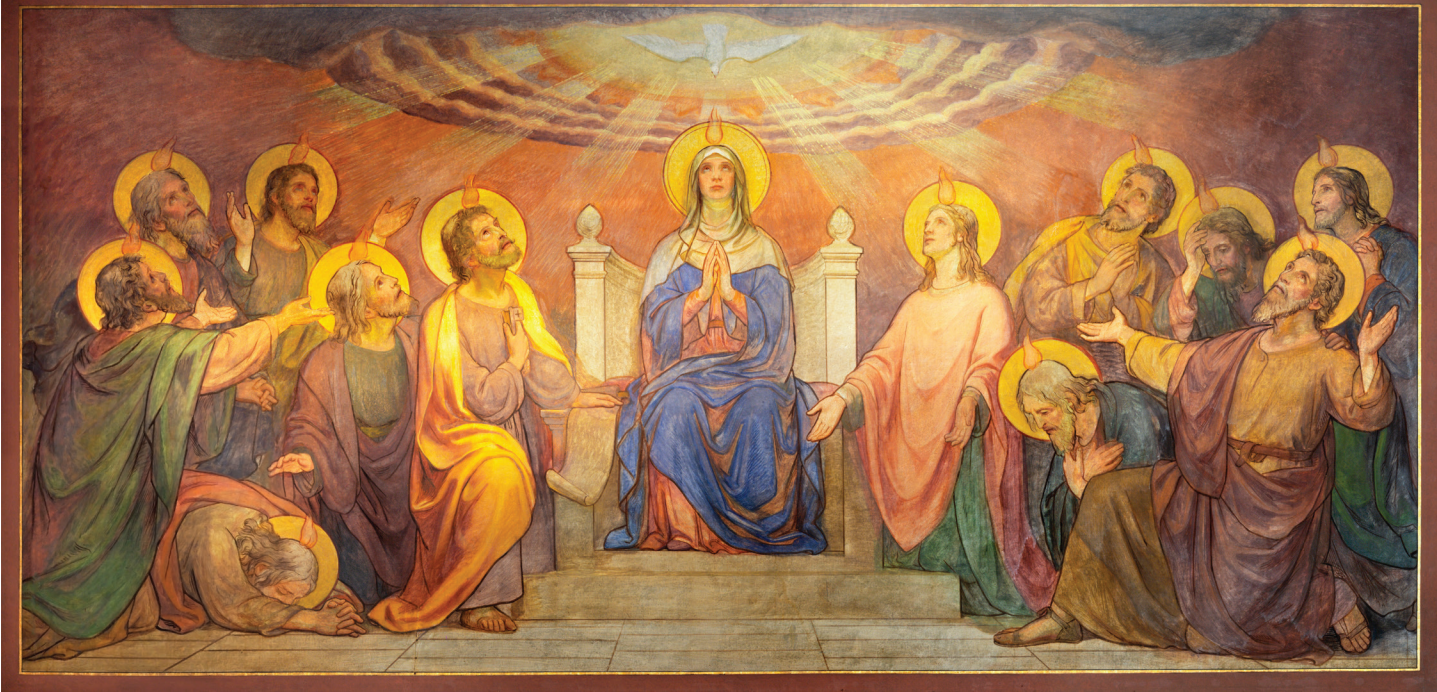


Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Pentecost Sunday ♦ May 19, 2024



Pentecost - The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Today, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Pentecost, the promised Gift of the Father and the Son to Jesus' disciples. After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days. During those appearances, He offered them proof of His resurrection, continued to teach them, and reminded them of all He had revealed to them about His death and Resurrection, preparing them for the next step of their mission. "...He enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will

be baptized with the holy Spirit'" (Acts 1:4-5).

During the ten days after Jesus' Ascension, the eleven Apostles gathered together in the upper room with the mother of Jesus and many other disciples, totaling 120 in all. The gathering place was most likely the same place that the Apostles ate the Passover meal, the first Eucharist, with Jesus. As they met, the first order of business was to choose a successor to Judas. They cast lots, and Matthias was chosen to be one of the Twelve.

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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 20

Mem. of the BVM, Mother of the Church
No Mass

Tuesday, May 21

Tuesday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Tim & Marylou Lyerla

Wednesday, May 22

Wednesday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Mike & Denice Atchison

Thursday, May 23

Thursday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Mennerick+

by Woody & Rita Halbrook

Friday, May 24

Friday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Darwin Thornton+

by Claude & Carole Kessler

Saturday, May 25

Saturday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, May 25-26

Trinity Sunday

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Ann Fabisher+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Zaki & Colleen Sheihk+ by Norma Lesko

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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 all of the young people of the parish who are graduating from Kindergarten, 8th Grade, High School or College this season**. Honor a loved one with the 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: 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.

Next Sunday: Trinity Sunday

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 8:16-20
Moses tells the people that the actions of God on their behalf show he is Lord of heaven and earth. Paul tells the Romans that they have received a Spirit of adoption to be children of God and joint heirs with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the eleven disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 5/24- Rev. David Peters 5/28- Rev. Scott Snider 6/1- Rev. Paul Bonk 6/4- Rev. Adam Prichard 6/7- Rev. Frederick Chima Mbiere **6/9- Rev. Christopher Comerford** 6/11- Msgr. David Hoefler 6/16- Rev. Joseph Ring Rev. Pawel Luczak 6/21- Rev. Aloysius Ndeanaefo

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 5/17- Rev. Hugh Brody, Jr. Rev. Francis Lucius Dcn. Michael (Kim) Scott 5/19- Rev. Bernard Claus Rev. Francis Derwin 5/20- Rev. Paul Skelton 5/21- Rev. Francis Meyers



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

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

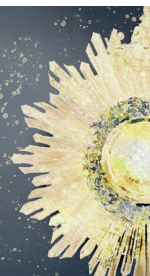
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



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

CARAVAN TO DEACON DANIEL'S PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Deacon Daniel will be ordained on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. We have a small group who plan to attend. If you are interested in driving up together, we will meet in the church parking lot at 8am that morning with plans to head north about 8:30 a.m. Please contact the parish office if you have plans to join us.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BASKETS

There are still two winners baskets from Harmony Cafe yet to be picked up in the parish office. If you are a winner and haven't picked up your basket, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

COME PRAY WITH US

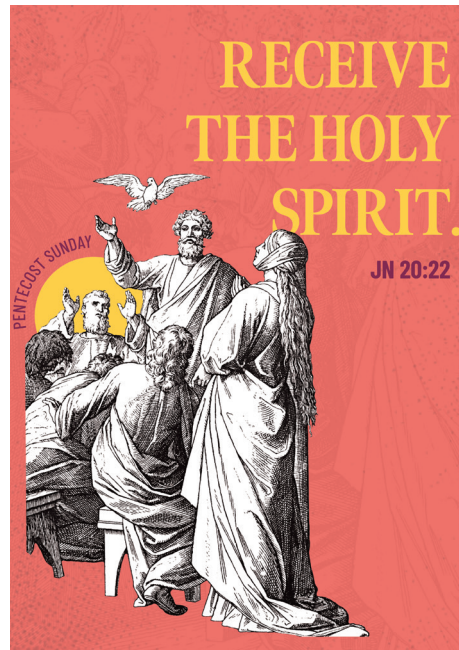
Each Monday from May 13 through October, come to Calvary Catholic Cemetery to pray the Rosary, asking for the Blessed Mother to intercede for us. Join us at 2pm each Monday at the Fatima Shrine.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE MARRIED 50 YEARS OR MORE

Save the date! The 50th Anniversary Mass will be September 22, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend.

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).



THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, May 20

2 p.m. - Rosary (Fatima Shrine at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Edwardsville)

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

Tuesday, May 21

Last day of school!

7 p.m. - Preschool Graduation

Wednesday, May 22

6 p.m. - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress Info & Discussion Meeting (PLC)

6 p.m. - Food Safety Training Session (Harmony Room)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, May 23

6 p.m. - Pastoral Council (Harmony Room)

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

10 a.m. - Ordination of Priests (including Deacon Daniel McGrath) (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield)

Sunday, May 26

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day - Parish Office closed

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER There are so many organizations that the Knights help support in the community, coats for kids, banquet to honor our veterans, support for Ukraine, Twigs, all 3 churches and the 2 schools, Father McGivney and Marquette high schools, and many others. We do need more men to join us and help just a little in all of these events. We would love to do more but it is a lot more difficult without more members. Men of the parishes, we hope and pray that you will unite with us with our mission in our quest to our parishes and schools and charitable organizations. You can join us by calling me at 618-789-0377 or go to kofc.org/joinus and make sure to put in council 1098. God bless all of you, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight.



FORMATION

This Week on FORMED®



It's a Miracle! Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

When Jesus was all grown up He traveled with His disciples doing amazing things all over the place! Learn about Jesus' miracles in this story that walks through some of the most powerful moments of His ministry.

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.



This Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m., we will watch the last two episodes of Season 2 of *The Chosen*. Join us in the PLC Library and bring a friend. Season 3 of the Chosen begins on Monday, September 9th.



IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR TOTUS TUUS!

If you haven't yet, it's time to sign up for Totus Tuus! Join us the week of July 7-12. Details and QR code to the signup form are below:

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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.

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

SIGN UP FREE

Mercy Minute

"Oh, if souls would only be willing to listen, at least a little, to the voice of conscience and the voice- that is, the inspirations-of the Holy Spirit! I say "at least a little," because once we open ourselves to the influence of the Holy Spirit, He Himself will fulfill what is lacking in us." (Diary, 359)



WEBINAR ABOUT ASSISTED SUICIDE

Learn more about why legalization of assisted suicide is not good for Illinois. Watch this video where Fr. Peter Harman and Fr. Christopher Trummer discuss this important topic: Assisted Suicide Legislation in Illinois is Dangerous and Morally Wrong (youtube.com). Or, join a weekly, 30-minute, informational webinar every Thursday, 12:30 pm. Email dmoore@dio.org to get a link to join the webinar.

RETREATS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.
8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO
9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO
10/11/2024 - 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL



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?

Illinois has become an “abortion tourism” magnet. That means women are traveling from other states where they can’t get an abortion to get one here.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Help elect city and state officials who will end or restrict abortion in Illinois and Granite City.

10 WAYS TO SUPPORT HER WHEN SHE’S UNEXPECTEDLY EXPECTING Read the full version at respectlife.org/support-her

As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother. It’s okay if you don’t know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she “deserves” to show happiness; reassure her it’s okay (and good) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

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SERVICE & OUTREACH

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!

HAVE YOU PICKED UP AN OUTREACH BAG LATELY?

You can always pick up another bag, to keep one handy in your car to share with someone you encounter who is in need. The bags usually include things like a toothbrush, toothpaste, personal hygiene products, hand sanitizer, granola bars, hand or bath wipes, bottled water, and more. We continue to accept donations of anything of this sort, in small, individual serving sizes. Thank you!



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: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know it takes many hands to keep our parish clean and in great shape for all the Masses, classes, and events in the Harmony Room. It was great to see all the people that came out for the clean up of the campus day.

Here is a short list of where you can be of assistance:

Church Cleaning Crew: There are three teams that rotate each week so, it is once a once-a-month commitment. A fourth team would be helpful.

Take on a smaller cleaning job every two weeks. Choose which you will commit to do.

1. Cleaning the church office and two bathrooms
2. Cleaning the kitchen and other rooms of the PLC on the first floor

Do you have a green thumb? Volunteer to care for the flowers and plants in the church and gathering space. Fresh looking flowers go a long way to beautify our spaces. We need someone to water, remove dead leaves, rotate flowers after Easter and Christmas to keep the best ones in place. Plants in gather space need watering and dead leaves removed when needed. This is in addition to our arts and environment group that will take care of ordering flowers and decorating.

Are you bored at home? Pick up and polish some items that are used in the church. Make them sparkle and shine.

These chores are on top of the ones you know and see when attending mass. We always welcome new ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for both Mass and Homebound as well as volunteers in the school and church office.

Take pride in your church and campus, give us a few hours when you have time. Many hands make light the load. Contact the church office to set up your volunteer time slot.

Pentecost (continued from page 1)

On the fiftieth day after Jesus' Resurrection, ten days after His Ascension, the disciples were again gathered in the upper room when they experienced something beyond their imagination. From the sky came a noise like a strong driving wind. It filled the room they were in. Tongues, as of fire, fell upon all gathered, and they were given the gift of tongues, which enabled them to speak in different languages - by the power of the Holy Spirit - to the diverse groups of people in Jerusalem. This is what Jesus had promised them, and suddenly they understood as they received the Gift of God.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out into the community of Jerusalem and began to boldly proclaim the Gospel to all. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were shocked and confused. Some accused the disciples of being drunk and scoffed at them. Some, however, quickly believed. Peter then stood up and gave a stirring and powerful sermon that presented the whole mystery of salvation. He spoke of Jesus as the Savior and the need to repent and be baptized. "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day" (Acts 2:41). The new followers then devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to the celebration of the Eucharist. A strong Christian community was formed in Jerusalem.

As the community continued to grow, learn the teachings of the Apostles, and receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, miracles took place. Peter and John cured a blind man. Soon, there were 5,000 converts to Christ who were filled with the Holy Spirit. More miracles took place at the hands of all of the Apostles, people from the surrounding villages came and were converted, and the new believers lived as one, sharing their food and resources with others. Recognizing the need to better care for the poor with the money and provisions the thousands of disciples held in common, the Apostles appointed seven men to be deacons for the task, so that the Apostles could continue to preach, heal, and offer the sacraments. Shortly afterward, blood was shed. Stephen, one of the newly ordained deacons, became the first martyr of the Church.

The above illustrates the role of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit's mission was to form the Church and empower each baptized member of Christ's body to fulfill his or her specific duty. Some were to preach, some cared for the poor, some shed their blood for their faith, and others were to be sent to other towns and villages. The newly converted and empowered disciples traveled far and wide to expand the newborn Church that grew at a rapid pace as the new Body of Christ matured and fulfilled its mission.

In the years and centuries ahead, the Holy Spirit continued to form the Church. The Apostles were inspired to write what is today the New Testament so that future believers would have firsthand accounts of the Gospel. From there, the successors to the Apostles, in union with the successor of Saint Peter, helped to form the Sacred Tradition, which is the ongoing deepening revelation of the Word of God to address new questions that arose. Jesus' promise to Peter and his successors that He would give to him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, so that he and his successors could bind and loose on earth as it is in Heaven, evolved and helped the Church to mature. The Holy Spirit enabled the growing communities to continue to take nourishment through the Sacraments. The believers were empowered to pray and to enter into a personal relationship with Him Who rose and is now seated at the right hand of the Father.

In addition to building up the Church and enabling it to fulfill its divine mission, the Holy Spirit also sanctifies every individual believer, especially through the bestowal of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Her twelve fruits. These graces are first given in Baptism and perfected in Confirmation. Each baptized and confirmed member of Christ has the potential to fully realize these graces so as to grow in holiness and fulfill their divine mission.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, call on the Holy Spirit in your life. Too often we receive Baptism and Confirmation with a closed mind and heart. We fail to allow the Holy Spirit to become fully active in our lives. Pray to the Holy Spirit today, and open yourself more fully to all that God wishes to bestow upon you so that you will become holy and a more active member of His Body, the Church.



WALK WITH JESUS ON OUR CITY STREETS IN UNPRECEDENTED EXPERIENCE

You are invited to join the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, coming to seven cities in our diocese July 8-12! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus through Eucharistic processions. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Mass, adoration, potluck dinners, and powerful witness talks are also part of the experience. BE THERE WHEN GOD MOVES IN YOUR COMMUNITY! Go to dio.org to learn more & register.

If you are interested in this event or the National Eucharistic Congress, please attend a meeting in the PLC at 6 p.m. this Wednesday, 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: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will be a guide for us and bear witness to Jesus and remind us of all that he has shared with us. Do we easily recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives? How do we lean into the guidance of the Holy Spirit when we need assistance? As parents, we are called to care for and protect our children, both physically and spiritually. Think of all the ways you guide your children throughout all the changing years of your family's life. Thank the Holy Spirit for helping your family to make decisions out of a spirit of love.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Today at Mass we will see red decorating the altar and worn by the priest. Red is the color of the Holy Spirit. It is also the color of great love. What does the Holy Spirit have to do with love?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Do you know of anyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit? How do you know they are full of the Holy Spirit?

LIVING THE WORD

To help the family focus on the Holy Spirit, make a prayer card with the words "Come, Holy Spirit." Write a family litany to the Holy Spirit. Each line of the prayer could focus on how the family might recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world, or how we (or the world) need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pray your litany and after each line, say, "Come, Holy Spirit."



class of 2024

Congrats, Graduates!

Congratulations to our latest class of St. Elizabeth graduates, who celebrated 8th grade graduation this Thursday evening.

Notes from our 8th graders, from an article in this month's Royals Reports (our student-run school newspaper) by Natalie Jones.

**Logan Barnes**

Favorite memory from St. E: 8th grade formal
Favorite Bible verse: Matthew 4:4
Future job: Astronomer
Future high school: Maryville Christian
Most excited for: New volleyball team
Words of wisdom: "If you don't want to do something, don't do it."

**James Jackson**

Favorite memory from St.E: Halloween parties
Favorite Bible verse: John 16:33
Future job: Engineer or Lawyer
Future high school: Father McGivney
Most excited for: Meeting new people
Words of wisdom: "Don't forget to do homework."

**Andrew Corbett**

Favorite memory from St. E: Scissors skills in kindergarten
Favorite Bible story: Sermon on the Mount
Future job: Pipeline welder
Future high school: Father McGivney
Most excited for: Playing baseball
Words of wisdom: "Do things not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

**Kaylee Kohl**

Favorite memory from St.E: 8th grade formal
Favorite Bible verse: 2 Kings 21:5
Future job: Architect
Future high school: Father McGivney
Most excited for: Making new friends
Words of wisdom: "Don't think, just do."

**Joseph Halbrook**

Favorite memory: Pranking Miss Hawley
Favorite Bible story: Parable of the Mustard Seed
Future job: Restaurant owner/chef
Future high school: Father McGivney
Most excited for: Baseball and theater
Words of wisdom: "If you don't, someone else will."

**Lily Kohl**

Favorite memory: Pranking Miss Hawley
Favorite Bible story: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
Future job: Realtor
Future high school: Father McGivney
Most excited for: Basketball and homecoming
Words of wisdom: "The chosen one is the best."

**Nathan Hand**

Favorite memory: Bump on the way to the pumpkin patch
Favorite Bible story: Moses parting the Red Sea
Future job: Blue collar job
Future high school: Granite City High School
Most excited for: Meeting new people
Words of wisdom: "Sleep deprivation is real."

**Hector Rios**

Favorite memory from St.E: Coloring
Favorite Bible story: Moses
Future job: Mechanic
Future high school: Father McGivney
Most excited for: Playing soccer
Words of wisdom: "Nuh nuh."

**Madilynn Wineburner**

Favorite memory: Hanging out at the lock-in
Favorite Bible story: The Resurrection
Future job: Actor or writer
Future high school: Granite City High School
Most excited for: Theater program
Words of wisdom: "Try your hardest to get good grades and don't get checkmarks."



PICNIC UPDATES

Sign up to help!
**[stelizabethgc.org/
picnic-signups](http://stelizabethgc.org/picnic-signups)**



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.
- Co-chairperson to help Paul Hellrich with the Parking Lot. This is a vital part for our visiting patrons to leave their vehicles in an organized parking lot, reducing liability damages to vehicles and patrons.

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.

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

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
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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

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 this 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

1879 The human person needs to live in society. Society is not for him an extraneous addition but a requirement of his nature. Through the exchange with others, mutual service and dialogue with his brethren, man develops his potential; he thus responds to his vocation.



PRAY FOR THESE COUPLES PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

Please pray for these couples who are preparing for upcoming marriages here at St. Elizabeth:

- + Lauren Linhardt & Jose Garcia, to be married here on Saturday, June 1.
- + Melanie Mooshegian & Zachary Allen, to be married here on Friday, July 11.

We praise you, Lord, for your gentle plan draws together your children _ & _ in love for one another. Strengthen their hearts, so that they will keep faith with each other, please you in all things, and so come to the happiness of celebrating the sacrament of their marriage.



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 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

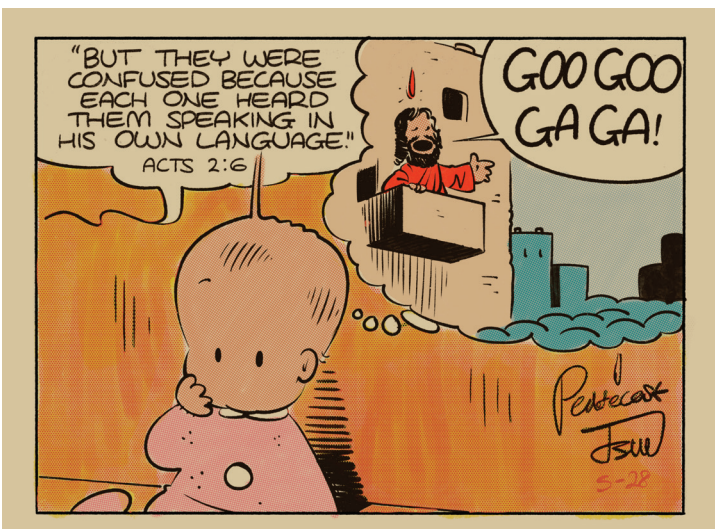
HOLY LEISURE

WORD SEARCH

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Can you find these words related to this week-end's readings?

- PENTECOST
- FIRE
- SPIRIT
- TONGUES
- CROWD
- LANGUAGES
- MIGHTY
- GLORY
- CHURCH
- GIFTS
- BODY
- BAPTIZED
- PEACE
- ADVOCATE



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship May 12, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 46 Regular Income	\$6,345.00		
105 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$60.43			
One-Time Donation	\$1,844.67		
Loose	\$545.00		
Online Giving	\$729.00		
TOTAL	\$9,463.67	\$9,104.00	\$359.67
YTD TOTALS	\$375,583.85	\$418,784.00	(\$43,200.15)

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	\$450.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$200.00
Special Projects	\$120.00
Mission & Ministry	\$190.00
Donation for Classroom Needs	\$200.00
Funeral Stipend	\$100.00
Calvary Cemetery E'Ville	\$95.00
Catholic Comms. Campaign	\$55.00
Retired Priests	\$105.00
Votive Offering	\$155.25
Other Not Specified	\$302.00

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.
April tithe: \$3,913.00

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

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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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