

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Sixth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 5, 2024



Praying the Pentecost Novena

This Thursday marks nine days until Pentecost, and the start of the Pentecost Novena, the oldest of the Church's novenas. At his Ascension, Our Lord sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. His disciples came together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

On May 4, 1897, Pope Leo XIII proclaimed: "We decree and command that throughout the whole Church, this year and in every subsequent year, a novena shall take place before Pentecost in all parish churches." Pope John Paul II reiterated Pope Leo's command for a worldwide Pentecost novena, although the novena can be prayed at any time, not only before Pentecost.

Try to go to Mass daily throughout the novena and pray for the outpouring of the Spirit. If you are unable to attend Mass, read and reflect upon the daily readings at some point during the day.

The Pentecost Novena is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

While the Church has not written any official prayers for the novena, there is a good version available on the EWTN website that you can access via: stelizabethgc.org/novena.

Visiting Priests this Weekend

Our prayers accompany Father Alfred this weekend as he travels to Chicago in preparation for his Commencement this week, with his Doctorate in Health Care Mission Leadership from Loyola University Chicago. Congratulations, Father!

We welcome two priests to minister to us and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for us.

For the Saturday evening anticipatory Mass, Father John Beveridge, Pastor Emeritus of Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville and Parochial Administrator of St. Elizabeth, Marine, will be with us.

For the Sunday Masses, Monsignor David Hoefler, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, will be with us.


Welcome back to St. Elizabeth, Father Beveridge and Monsignor Hoefler!





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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 6

Monday of the 6th Week of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, May 7

Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Darwin Thornton+ by Tim & MaryLou Lyerla

Wednesday, May 8

Wednesday of the 6th Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Amelia Tapp

Thursday, May 9

Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Darwin Thornton+ by Kathy Lickenbrock

Friday, May 10

Friday of the 6th Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Woody & Rita Halbrook

Saturday, May 11

Saturday of the 6th Week of Easter


No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12

The Ascension of the Lord

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Alice Byer+ by Byer Family

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Betty Lampitt+ by Family & Friends of Betty

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 **the marginalized: the poor, homeless, and mentally ill persons in our community**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are for **the dearly departed parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Parish**.

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.

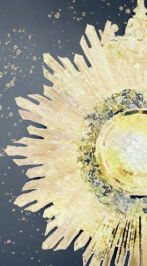
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



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: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Peter humbly speaks while the Holy Spirit falls upon those who are listening, resulting in more baptisms. John writes of our call to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love. He calls them friends, no longer slaves.

Next 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.**



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 5/2- Rev. Leo Enlow 5/7- Rev. Jeffery Grant 5/8- Rev. Piotr Kosk 5/9- Rev. Dominic Rankin 5/10- Most Rev. Kevin Vann Rev. Christopher House **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: 5/4- Rev. Charles J. Zwiesler Rev. Bartholomew Bartels Rev. Bernard Haase Rev. James Walsh Rev. Raymond E. Rieck 5/5- Rev. Patrick Brady Rev. Richard W. Niebrugge 5/8- Rev. Edward J. Douglas Rev. Martin O'Hara



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 Harrison
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

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

PARISH VITALITY STUDY UPDATE

The St. Elizabeth Parish Vitality Study was submitted to the Diocese on March 20, 2024. Thank you all for your input by completing questionnaires in the church pews or attending our Harmony Cafe' to ask questions and share parish ideas! All of your input is vital to the future of our Parish! As you may recall, the Parish Vitality Study will culminate in a capital campaign. The next steps of the Parish Vitality Study will be to allow the Diocese time to review the report and meet with a committee of the Parish to discuss it and then finalize plans for a capital campaign to improve our Parish. We anticipate that the meeting will occur in late Spring. Questions regarding the Parish Vitality Study may be directed to the Parish Office.

GET READY FOR SUMMER FUN!

The Ladies Sodality is hosting the Harmony Café this weekend May 4-5. We will be hosting a baseball themed event you will not want to miss. Stop by after all masses to enjoy food, hospitality, and fellowship. There will be a grand prize drawing for a St. Elizabeth Picnic Ride Bracelet and additional baseball themed baskets. Entries will be accepted after all masses with the drawing held at the conclusion of the Harmony Café after 10:30 Mass. You do not need to be present to win. Be there or be square.

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).

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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.

PRAYING FOR FATHER ALFRED

Father has been working on his Doctorate in Health Care Leadership over the past couple of years. He is set to complete his studies soon and graduate from Loyola University on Tuesday May 7th! Please pray for Father in particular as he travels in preparation for graduation in Chicago May 7th. We plan to throw a celebration for him on Sunday, August 18th. More info to come.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 5

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Scout Pack 103 Spring Fling Market (Cafeteria)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

Monday, May 6

6:30 p.m. - The Chosen (Harmony Rm)

Tuesday, May 7

3 p.m. - Father Alfred's Graduation

7:30 p.m. - Men's Club (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, May 8

8:15 a.m. - All School Mass / Mary Mass / May Crowning

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, May 9

9 a.m.-9 p.m. - Adoration (Church); Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mother's Day!

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER We would like to congratulate Paul Hellrich this weekend. Paul was honored by the Chamber of Commerce as the Volunteer of the Year. He is very deserving of this award as he has helped so many organizations and individuals throughout the last year and many years before. We are honored to have such a sharing person as a member of our council. Thank you for all you do, Paul! Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337.



Knights of
Columbus

FORMATION

This Week on FORMED®



Saint John Paul II Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

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.



Watch *The Chosen* with fellow parishioners! Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Harmony Room. Enjoy light snacks, fellowship, and *The Chosen*



Our YDS Teens had a blast at last Sunday's gathering. 10 teens were present (1 had to leave early for baseball practice). Our youth enjoyed pizza, were able to spend some time with Seminarian Devin on his last day with us in the parish, and learned more about the Mass and its Biblical roots from Deacon Daniel & Seminarian Devin. Watch for our next gathering date soon!



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

Mercy Minute

"When I was left alone with the Blessed Virgin, She instructed me concerning the interior life. She said, 'The soul's true greatness is in loving God and in humbling oneself in His presence, completely forgetting oneself and believing oneself to be nothing, because the Lord is great, but He is well-pleased only with the humble. He always opposes the proud.'" (Diary, 1711).





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

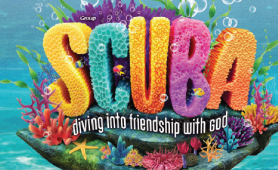
SIGN UP FREE



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.



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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

WHAT TO DO WHEN A FRIEND IS CONSIDERING ABORTION

Read the full version at respectlife.org/l-o-v-e.

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her. Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.

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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: _____

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Mother's Day Fundraiser

Celebrate the moms in your life and support moms in need this Mother's Day

100% of the funds go to the life-saving work at A Beacon of Light Pregnancy Help Center in Maryville. Your donations directly fund ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, and counseling for pregnant women.

Order deadline extended to Wednesday, May 8!

Orders can be picked up at ABL on Friday, May 10 from 9-5 p.m.

Call ABL to place an order at 618-855-9774, or order at stelizabethgc.org/chocolate

- 1) Chocolate covered Oreos (4), \$10
- 2) Charcuterie board (12 piece variety), \$15
- 3) Turtles (13), \$20
- 4) Bouquet of roses (12) and turtles (4), \$25



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!

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

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.

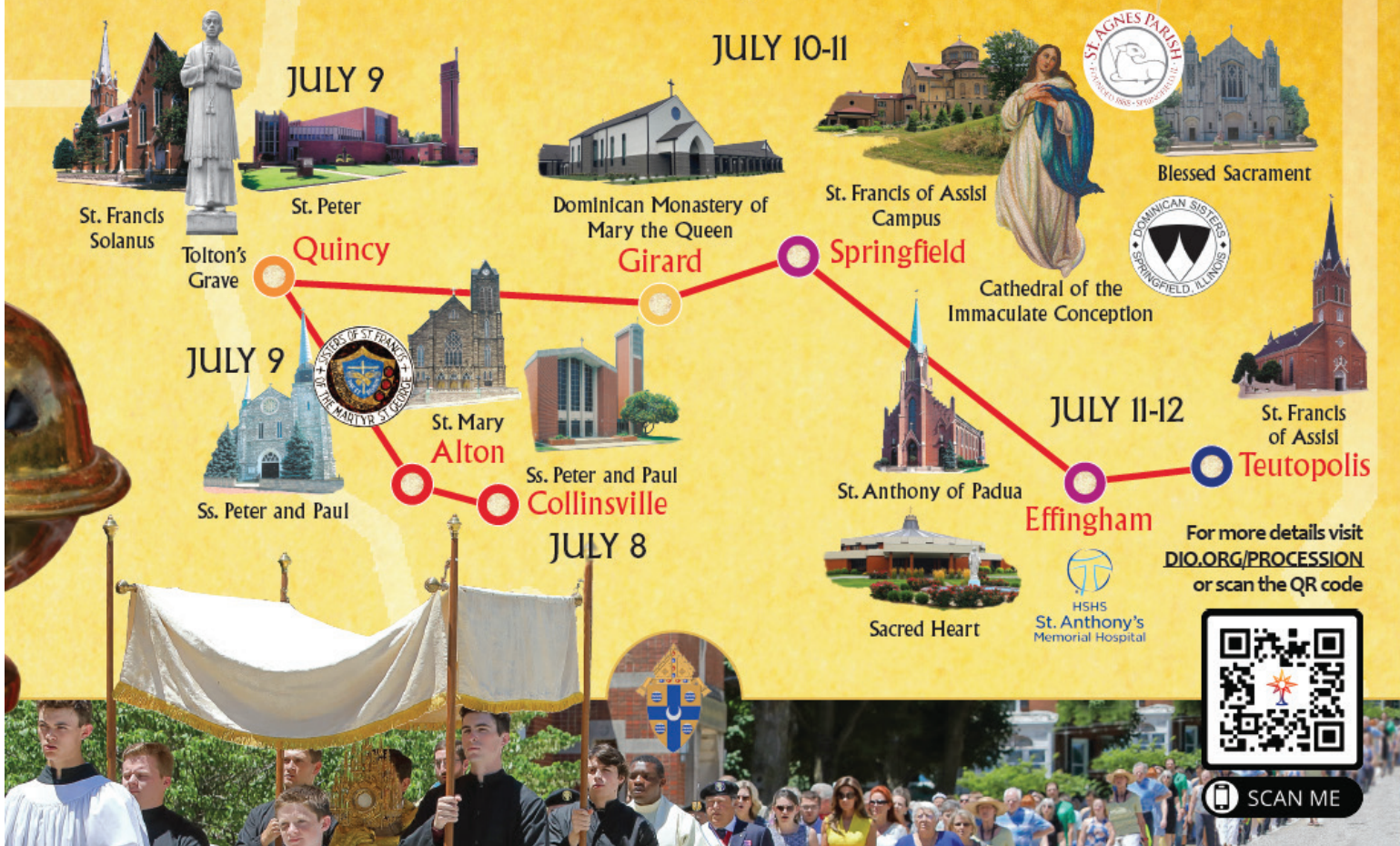
FOLLOW ME

Pray — Experience — Witness



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**
JULY 8-12

You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented nationwide pilgrimage where Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions, and **it’s coming to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois July 8-12, 2024!**



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

Be there when **GOD** moves in your community!

MONDAY, JULY 8 — COLLINSVILLE AND ALTON

1 - 3 p.m. — Bishop Michael McGovern of the Diocese of Belleville will hand off the national traveling monstrance to Bishop Thomas John Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Collinsville (adoration and procession to follow)

5:30 - 7 p.m. — Potluck dinner and witness talks at St. Mary Church in Alton

7 - 8 p.m. — Eucharistic adoration at St. Mary Church

TUESDAY, JULY 9 — ALTON AND QUINCY

8:15 a.m. — Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton

9 - 11:30 a.m. — Eucharistic procession through Alton

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — Eucharistic procession from St. Peter Church in Quincy to the grave of Venerable Father Augustine Tolton

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Potluck dinner and witness talks at St. Francis Solanus Church

8:30 - 9:30 p.m. — Eucharistic adoration at St. Francis Solanus Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 — GIRARD AND SPRINGFIELD

8 a.m. — Mass at St. Francis Solanus Church in Quincy

1 - 1:30 p.m. — Eucharistic procession at the Monastery of Mary the Queen in Girard

3:30 - 5 p.m. — Eucharistic procession at St. Francis of Assisi Campus in Springfield

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Dinner and witness talks at St. Francis of Assisi Conference Center

7:30 p.m. - 5:45 a.m. — All night Eucharistic adoration at St. Francis of Assisi Church

THURSDAY, JULY 11 — SPRINGFIELD AND EFFINGHAM

7 a.m. — Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield (Bishop Paprocki is main celebrant)

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. — Eucharistic procession through Springfield

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer, potluck dinner and witness talks at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Eucharistic adoration at Sacred Heart Church

FRIDAY, JULY 12 — EFFINGHAM AND TEUTOPOLIS

8:30 a.m. — Adoration and procession beginning at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital

9:30 a.m. — Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Effingham

10:45 - 11:30 a.m. — Eucharistic procession/adoration at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis

* Schedule and locations subject to change

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 15:1-8

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Jesus wants a close and loving relationship with us, and he promises a full life of complete joy. He shows us that to find joy we must love one another. Jesus wants to be a model for our loving; we can look at how he loves and see how we ought to love others in return. Of course, sometimes this is difficult for us to do, even for us to love those in our own family. But the Gospel tells us that we did not choose Jesus; he chose us. In choosing us, he gives us the strength to love one another, even when it is difficult.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

What do you love about your friends? What do you like to do with your friends? In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us friends. How would others know that Jesus is my friend? How do my words, my actions, and what is in my heart show Jesus that he is my friend?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." How would you describe complete joy?

LIVING THE WORD

Jesus invites us to love one another. What does that look like in your family, your neighborhood, your school, or your work environment? Make a list of (1) how you have loved others this week, and (2) how others have shown you love this week. Which list is longer? How might this inspire or challenge you as you strive to follow the command to love others this week?



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ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

MARY MASS

All Kindergarten through 8th grade Mothers are invited to attend Mary Mass on May 8th at 8:15AM Mass. Students will hand a flower out to their mother (grandmother / aunty), in honor of the blessed Mary. After Mass: 1st grade ONLY will have a small reception in the Harmony Room with their mothers.



CONGRATULATIONS - SELAH SECOND IN STATE SPELLING + NUMEROUS MUSIC AWARDS!

St. Elizabeth students continued on to the Knights of Columbus STATE Spelling Bee in Bloomington last weekend, where Selah R. came in Second Place. Congrats, Selah! Also, at the State Music Competition, our Lab Choir earned a Superior rating, three ensembles received Excellent ratings and three received Superior ratings; three 3 vocal solos received Excellent ratings and thirteen received Superior ratings; and 1 flute solo earned an Excellent rating. Many congrats to all of our students who took part!

FAITH FAMILY SERVICE DAY WITH DEACON DANIEL

Our school students gave thanks to Deacon Daniel for his Fridays with us this school year before having our Spring Day of Service within our Faith Families last Friday. Deacon Daniel also spent some time speaking with the young men of the upper grades about his own call to his vocation. Thank you, Deacon Daniel!



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

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

1533 Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are sacraments of Christian initiation. They ground the common vocation of all Christ's disciples, a vocation to holiness and to the mission of evangelizing the world. They confer the graces needed for the life according to the Spirit during this life as pilgrims on the march towards the homeland.



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!

Volunteer sign-ups are available before and after all Masses. Those of you who choose to sign up electronically will be able to do so on Monday evenings through Friday evenings each week. 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.
- We are currently looking for a 4-6 young men or women to work daytime and night trash for clean-up picnic weekend. This is an opportunity to earn some summertime or picnic spending money. Call for details.

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

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 is 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.

OTHER WAYS TO GET READY

- Sign up to work shifts online through SignUp Genius, or in person in the gathering space before or after Mass each weekend. Contact the parish office for assistance.
- Donate I Dood It items or stuffed animals for Dime Pitch.
- Connect with your neighbors and friends and make plans to reconnect at one of our dinners: BBQ Pork Steak Dinner on Friday, Cabbage Roll Dinner on Saturday, Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday
- Don't forget BINGO each day in the air conditioned Cafeteria

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



DIocese of SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This May, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Fifty percent of collected funds stay in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the other 50 percent support communications projects in the United States and around the world.

Through *Catholic Times*, social media, podcasting, and other digital methods, our diocese is taking advantage of several communication outlets to spread the news of our diocese, teach the faith, and provide hope and encouragement to people no matter where they are in their faith life.

Followers on the diocesan social media channels continue to grow. Our channels have far more followers than most dioceses our size, and several that are two to three times as big as our diocese. For example, our Facebook page has neared 11,000 followers (we had about 3,000 followers five years ago). In 2020, our YouTube channel had under 500 subscribers. Today, it is approaching 5,000 subscribers. This shows that the content our Curia team is producing is engaging, inspirational, and educational, and people want to consume it because it is helping them.

For example, a search on YouTube for “How to go to Confession,” has a video from our diocese in the top five for answering that question, with more than 145,000 views. *Dive Deep*, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, has listeners all over the world, and recently was endorsed by EWTN which placed *Dive Deep* on their podcast central webpage. *God is Alive*, a documentary produced by our communications team, was featured in several national media outlets this past year.

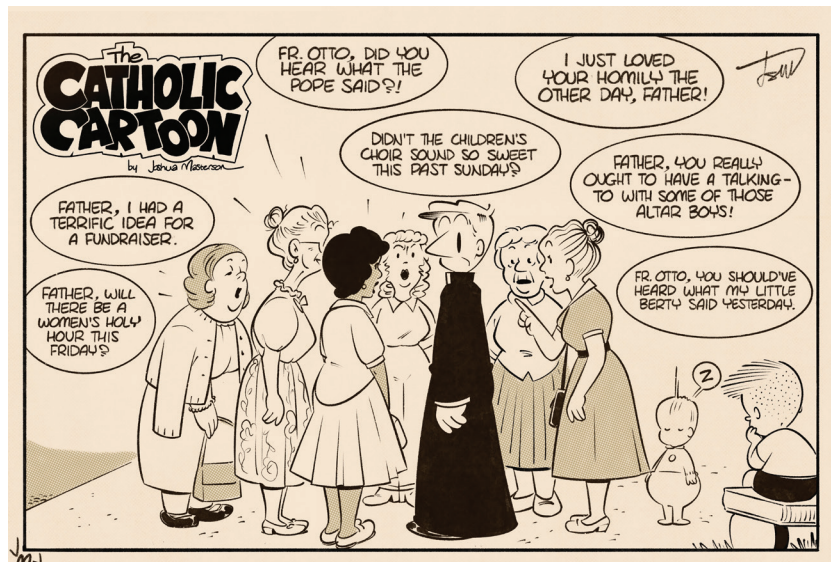
With your generosity, we can continue creating engaging content and bringing people closer to our faith or even back to our faith.

Parishioners can donate online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections or use their second collection envelope. You can also mail your donation to your parish office. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cc. Thank you.

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?
CORNELIUS
ALLELUIA
BEGOTTEN
EUCCHARIST
BAPTISM
EASTER
EXPIATION
FATHER
JESUS
LOVE

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship April 28, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 44 Regular Income	\$7,265.00		
107 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$67.90			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$365.00		
Online Giving	\$1,600.00		
TOTAL	\$9,230.00	\$9,104.00	\$126.00
YTD TOTALS	\$353,432.18	\$400,576.00	(\$47,143.82)

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	\$115.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$210.00
Special Projects	\$110.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$328.00
Votive Offering	\$64.10
Other Not Specified	\$20.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithes 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

"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...

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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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