

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ June 9, 2024



IT'S PICNIC TIME!

Friday 4 p.m. - Midnight | Saturday 12 p.m. - Midnight | Sunday 12-7 p.m.

Food, Drinks, Games, Live Music, Carnival Rides, I-Dood-It, BINGO & more!

BANDS: Friday: Spectrum Band from 7 p.m. - Midnight

Saturday: Flip the Frog from 2-4 p.m.; Hollywood 5 from 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Sunday: Pete Krieshok Project from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

DINNERS: Friday BBQ Pork Steaks; Saturday Cabbage Rolls; Sunday Fried Chicken


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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
Athletic Director: Joe Philips
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, June 10

Monday of the 10th Wk in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Lee Hayes+ by Vivian Vaughn

Wednesday, June 12

Wednesday of the 10th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Reg Mennerick+ by Laura & Deron Bridick

Thursday, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Darlene Waller+ by John Waller

Friday, June 14

Friday of the 10th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Emily Mejaski+ by the Loftus Family

Saturday, June 15

Saturday of the 10th Wk in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, June 15-16

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Hayden Sipes+ by Bret & Tracy Ware

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Melanie Rees+ by Woody & Rita Halbrook

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 **Patsy Bohn+ by Jim Bohn.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are for **Catherine Sertich+ by Dorothy Pawlak.**

Mass offerings are available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle / Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Flowers (\$50). Contact the parish office.



June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June:

For migrants fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

This Sunday: 10th Sunday in Ord. Time

Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

Adam and Eve have eaten from the tree of knowledge and the ramification of their sin is separation from God. Paul tells the Corinthians to look toward the eternal. In the Gospel, Jesus says that whoever does the will of God is [his] brother and sister and mother.

Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ord. Time

Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Ezekiel speaks for the Lord God, saying he will plant a majestic cedar on the mountain of Israel. Paul writes that we walk by faith, not by sight, and we must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus likens the kingdom of God to a man who scatters seed and harvests it when it is ripe, and also compares the kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into a large plant.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: **6/9- Rev Christopher Comerford 6/11- Msgr. David Hoefler 6/16- Rev. Joseph Ring Rev. Pawel Luczak 6/21- Rev. Aloysius Ndeanaefo 6/24- Rev. Allen Kemme 6/27- Rev. Thomas Hagstrom**

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: **6/8- Rev. Michael Richard Rev. Joseph Eiler Rev. Francis F. Formaz 6/9- Rev. Henry Honen Rev. Peter P. McGuinness 6/10- Rev. Joseph Straub Rev. Charles Dahlby 6/11- Rev. Paul Limacher Rev. Morgan J. O'Flaherty Rev. A.E. Robinson 6/15- Rev. James Howard Rev. Edward Oswald, O.F.M.**



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

June 2024 to May 2025

Paula G. Koliste

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Mens Club

Gene Cassy

Jim Dederia

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Binney Family

Kim Edgar

Chad Sigite

Jim & Lisa Fensterman

Charles Dickey

Louise Harrison

Kenneth R. Jaimet

Ann Fabisher

Carol McGee

Karen Romeri

Ed Lyndsey

Czwornog & Ostrenga Families

Richard A. Willaredt

Lisa Dellamano

Rosalie Boyd

Jim Dittman

Pawlak & Sertich Families

Kierski Family

John & Theresa Straubinger

Carl Williams

Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Michael & Leona Bonach

Nancy Gray

Karen Winters- Weiland

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

Bill Loftus

Jim Alsop & Family

Dortch Family

Jones Family

Glen Hommert

Inex & Brian Foreman

Tony & Mary Bellue

Jesse & Loraine Gonterman

Lesko & Danheiser Families

Harbin & Jones Families

Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr.

Delores Brinker

Brinker & Soboleski Families

Pattie Jackson

Ida Gragg

Robert & Lorraine Joshu

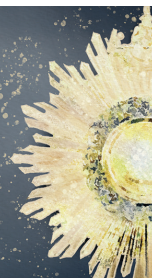
Be with Jesus

Adoration

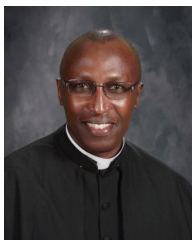
Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends, praised be Jesus Christ!

It has been a while I wrote in the parish bulletin pastor's corner, as I had to confront my graduate studies heads-on which required an intense amount of study, hard work, and a commitment perhaps like I've never known before. I graduated May 7, 2024, with a Doctorate in Healthcare Mission Leadership, from the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Healthcare Leadership, Loyola University Chicago. It is from this note, that on my own behalf, my family, and the Archdiocese of Mbarara where I am incardinated that I extend my appreciation and gratitude to all of you, who prayed for me, accompanied me with all the resources needed to make this significant achievement. In my thirst for knowledge, your unwavering support, and prayers were a true blessing, and I sincerely owe this immense accomplishment to all of you. Thank you for the congratulatory cards, the gifts and rejoicing with me in this milestone moment. I now look forward to celebrating with you all and with my dad who is preparing to come to the USA for the very first time and be part of our community celebration on Sunday, August 18, 2024. I pray that I continue to use the gained wisdom in all of my decisions that lie ahead and let God continue to guide my path in the service and building of His kingdom.

Secondly, as I write this, it is a picnic weekend, that special time of a year when we come together as ROYAL FAMILIES OF SAINT ELIZABETH PARISH AND SCHOOL to do our best for the community as we run the parish picnic/festival. A big thanks to our picnic leadership team led by team Tim & Christine Domagalski, and all of you from booth leaders and workers, parish and school staff, families and all volunteers young and old who come to this very special parish event and do their best to offer time, talent and treasure to make this weekend a success. You are all a blessing to the Saint Elizabeth family, as well as to others you will encounter this weekend. On behalf of the Saint Elizabeth Church Leadership Team and Council, I would like to say that you mean a lot to us, and may Almighty God bless you as you continue to serve us so faithfully and go "above and beyond" in so many ways to be a blessing to many.

Thirdly, we are at that time of the year when changes are also happening in our parish life organization. While we continue to thank all parish and school staff who continue to serve us so faithfully and go "above and beyond" in so many ways to be a blessing to us, let us thank the outgoing staff or those changing roles and welcome the new ones/ taking up new roles to serve our faith family in different capacities.

We take this opportunity to thank Deacon Michael Halbrook, who since August 2020 as deacon candidate in formation, stepped in the role of faith formation director and helped with formation of intentional disciples and stewards. He now hands over that responsibility to Chris Spanberger who is excited to joyfully carry on this role for

both the parish and school beginning July 1, 2024. Thank you, Deacon Michael, and while you continue to serve Saint Elizabeth with your Diaconal Ministry, may God continue to bless you, your family and the work of your hands.

Let us also express our appreciation to Cathy Cassy, who is concluding her role as director of liturgical music ministry here at our parish, a role that she has faithfully done for more than 10 years. I personally extend my heartfelt thanks to her for her leadership and helping the faithful/families in many ways and training the choir/cantors for active participation in the liturgy. Thank you, Cathy, your talent, generosity and dedication were a vital part of who we are as a Church at worship.

Let's also thank Dennis Jones and express our heartfelt gratitude for his unwavering faithfulness and the exceptional job he has been doing as our Church/School janitor. His commitment to maintaining the cleanliness and orderliness of our campus/school has not gone unnoticed, and I am immensely grateful for his dedicated service. Let us now welcome the new staff, that is Michael Charbonnier (Maintenance/Janitor). We thank Mr. Chris Kahn, who served our school and students as PE teacher and welcome Ashley Dunn, (PE teacher).

Thank you to the new staff for your willingness to take on these responsibilities. In the Gospel this weekend of 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "*Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.*" (Mark 3:34-35). What a joy and privilege it is for all of us to serve and do the will of God here at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church/School. I'm excited about all the things the Lord has been doing in our midst and continues to do and I know that you are too! We trust that, through Christ's leading, we have all the graces we need from the BIG BROTHER JESUS from the beginning as we continue to serve the Church ahead into the future. Grace and peace be with you!

Saint Elizabeth, our patron saint, pray for us!

Rev. Dr. Alfred Tumwesigye (Pastor)



A wonderful celebration! Congratulations and thank you again for everything, Father Daniel!

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

MISSION APPEAL 2024

Say hello to Father Teddy Adukus who will visit us on the weekend of July 20- 21 for our annual Mission Appeal. Father Teddy is currently the Parochial Administrator of St. James Catholic Church in Riverton, Illinois in our diocese. He will be here to celebrate the sacraments and tell us more about the Diocese of Auchi, Nigeria. Here is a bit of background information that he shared and a photo. Please pray for Father and for this appeal.



healthcare centers/ running a school of midwifery by the diocese.

B. Education, opening of mission schools as the old mission schools were taken over by governments in 1973

C. Training of priests, 48 seminarians in training at this moment takes on a great financial burden on the Diocese, hence the need to solicit for funds, which this missionary cooperative appeal provides to mission territories like ours.

So whatever you are able to contribute to the life and growth of the church is truly given to Christ in need. For it will assist the struggling diocese fulfill some people-friendly programs within its territory and train more priests for the mission of the whole Church.

CATECHIST MEETING

Whether you have already begun using the Evermode platform, or you have never even heard of it, consider joining us after Mass on Tuesday, June 25 for a meeting of our parish catechists as we pray, discuss and plan for how we go about faith formation in 2024 and beyond. Interested in learning more about your faith and being able to share it or teach it to others? This is for you! We will meet in the Harmony Room and have a light meal. Come on out and join us!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and School is looking for our next music director. The Director of Music is a professional who holds specialized credentials in music and who has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy. Under the supervision of the Pastor of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church (Granite City), the music director is to encourage full, active, conscious participation of the faithful at parish liturgies by providing musical support for parish and school celebrations, directing Music Ministry & Sound Ministry, and participating in ongoing liturgy preparation & evaluation.

Please review the full description on our website:

<https://stelizabethgc.org/job-opportunity-music-director/>

If interested, please reach out to Father Alfred at pastor@stelizabethgc.org

The Catholic Diocese of Auchi, Nigeria was erected in November 2003, with Bishop Gabriel Dunia as its first Bishop; situated in the northern part of Edo State and headquartered in Auchi, Nigeria, a predominantly Muslim town. The main economic framework of the area is subsistent farming. The Diocese from the outset had to contend with a lot of challenging factors of development. Viz: The building of a Bishop's house, the Cathedral Church, a pastoral center etc. But what the Diocese lacks in financial strength, it possesses in the abundance of faith and vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

As of today, the Diocese comprises of 35 parishes, 25 mass centers, 110 priests and 48 seminarians in the three various formative seminaries. The ongoing training of priests and seminarians, consumes the bulk of the financial resources of the diocese.

Sharing our mission story with you is to bring to your awareness the evangelization prospects available in the Diocese and how we hope to spread the word of God in this rural and needful vineyard of Christ. Our quest is to continue evangelization through the facilitation of people-friendly programs of:

A. Healthcare, The provisions of rural

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9

Parish Picnic!

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

NO Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

Monday, June 10

Tuesday, June 11

7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, June 12

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, June 13

Friday, June 14

Flag Day

Saturday, June 15

Sunday, June 16

Fathers Day

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 continue to pray the Rosary at Friday bingos at 6 p.m. If any of the parishioners play on those evenings, come out early and pray with us. We have extra Rosaries if you do not have one. At the next meeting, June 25th, we will have our annual elections of officers. Congratulations to Father Dan on his ordination into the priesthood along with the other men in our diocese who were ordained. We are extending an invitation to all the men who are brother Knights to start attending our meetings. We really could use your input on the decisions that we have to make throughout the year. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



FORMATION

This Week on FORMED®



The Ballad of Barnab- us Bundle | Benjamin Cello | Episode 1

When Aunt Rhody loses Old Gray Goose and her potato crop too, Benjamin Cello breaks into his savings to help his friend in her time of need. Along the way, Aunt Rhody recalls the tragic tale of greedy Barnabas Bundle who tore down his barns to build bigger ones.

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

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them." (Diary, 367)



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT
A special retreat for people affected by abortion, September 27-29, 2024, Villa Maria Retreat Center. Cost is \$150. Scholarships are available for those not able to pay the full registration fee. Please let others know about this healing opportunity. For more information call 217-698-4456, or email projectrachel@dio.org.

**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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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

SIGN UP NOW FOR TOTUS TUUS!

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

NATIONAL

Eucharistic Pilgrimage

MONSTRANCE HAND-OFF

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop Michael McGovern

July 8
1 PM
Ss. Peter & Paul
Collinsville

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, or contact the Parish Office!

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

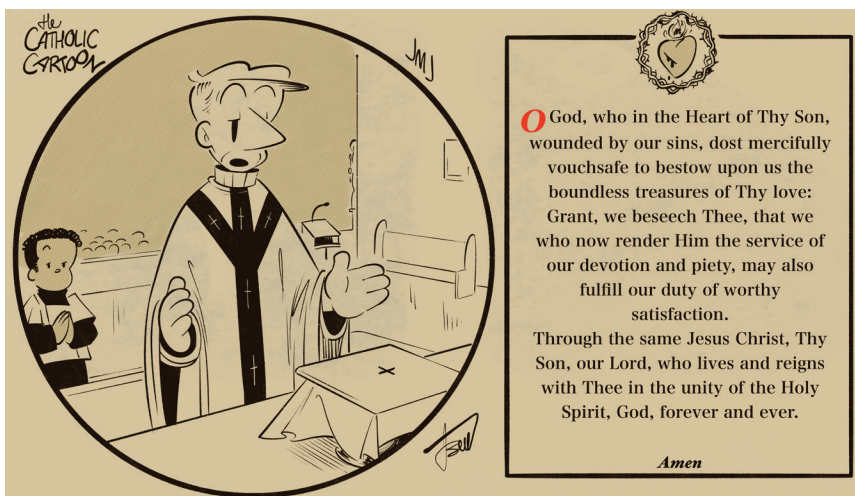
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that every speck of the Eucharist is Jesus? Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We see beyond the appearances of bread and wine and see Our Lord and Savior. In the same way, we are called to see beyond the appearances of the unborn, the ill, the incapable, and see LIFE. Body and soul of human life, made in the image and likeness of God.

What can you do about fostering this viewpoint? Speak up and speak out against abortion, against assisted suicide, against euthanasia, against over-using painkillers to rush death, and speak out FOR human life. Pray to be lead where your pro-life work is wanted by God. Are you called to be a prayer warrior for life? Are you called to donate money or goods? Are you called to educate your fellow man? Are you called to become politically active in the pro-life fight?

HOLY LEISURE



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth School is a Catholic center of education, as service to the parish and the community at large. The mission of St. Elizabeth School is to provide an environment which will foster Catholic moral values and academic excellence. The school, working together with family, faculty and parish community, strives to open new avenues of learning, stimulate critical and creative thinking, stress personal values and promote an awareness of our uniqueness in God's redemptive plan. As an instrument of the Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth School focuses its education on growth in Christian living and service.

St. Elizabeth School Non-Discrimination Policy:

St. Elizabeth Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. St. Elizabeth Grade School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin or disability in administration of policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs and athletic and school administered programs. All students entering St. Elizabeth Grade School must be admitted by the Principal who determines if St. Elizabeth can sufficiently meet a child's needs. Special financial hardship requests must be made directly to the Pastor for approval.

Title IX: St. Elizabeth School adheres to the tenets of Title IX: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits or, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

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 3:20-30

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Jesus' family could not understand his ministry and set out to seize him saying, "He is out of his mind." Maybe we have had similar thoughts about our own family members, or someone in your own family may have judged you without fully understanding. We are not always able to agree with our family, but we can pray for the strength not to judge them or to be frustrated by their judgment of us, and instead to be able to treat one another with respect and with love.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Have you ever said you were sorry? At the beginning of Mass we pray about being sorry. Listen for when we pray, "through my fault, through my fault, / through my most grievous fault." In the Confiteor, we acknowledge our failings and ask the saints and our brothers and sisters to pray for us.

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

What is more difficult: to ask for forgiveness for something you have done, or to forgive someone for what they have done to you?

LIVING THE WORD

We are Jesus' family, his brothers and sisters. How does he call us to bring peace to our family? How can we practice, and live forgiveness and mercy with one another? Pray the Our Father together and discuss what the prayer tells us about God's forgiveness and how we are called to forgive one another.



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship June 2, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 49 Regular Income	\$8,182.00		
120 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$67.73			
One-Time Donation	\$1,500.00		
Loose	\$375.00		
Online Giving	\$2,404.00		
TOTAL	\$12,407.00	\$9,104.00	\$3,303.00
YTD TOTALS	\$405,899.85	\$446,096.00	(\$40,196.15)

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	\$788.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$920.00
Special Projects	\$970.00
Mission & Ministry	\$196.00
Calvary Cemetery E'Ville	\$140.00
Peters Pence	\$25.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$40.00
Other Not Specified	\$378.00

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.
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/allevants>

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." - Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Looking for a way to be a help to our parish stewardship efforts and help a school family or two at the same time? Consider a contribution to our Tuition Assistance fund through your envelope or online giving. These funds are used to help families offset the cost of a Catholic school education here at St. Elizabeth. Thank you for considering this for our school families.

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.')

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