

# Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 14, 2024



## Jesus is Here

Of course Jesus is always here with us in the Most Blessed Sacrament. But seeing His presence walking with us, and being able to walk with Him in a new and unique way this week with the

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage was a special blessing that will be long-remembered by all who took part.

As these three years of National Eucharistic Revival wind down towards the National Eucharistic Congress next week in Indianapolis, how has your understanding and appreciation of Jesus's real presence in the Eucharist grown? How does it continue to grow?

How does Jesus's presence change your life, your relationships, and your love and service of others?




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**Strong in Faith  
since 1871**

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, July 15**

**St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, July 16**

**Tuesday of the 15th Wk in Ordinary Time**

6:00 p.m. Mass:  
Thomas Lesko by Norma Lesko

**Wednesday, July 17**

**Wednesday of the 15th Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:  
Joan Roy+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Thursday, July 18**

**St. Camilus de Lelis, Priest**

8:15 a.m. Mass:  
Harry Hill+ by Mike & Jeannie Patton

**Friday, July 19**

**Friday of the 15th Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:  
Art Lampitt+ by St. Elizabeth Choir

**Saturday, July 20**

**St. Apolinaris, Bishop & Martyr**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, July 20-21**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:  
Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩  
Bill Loftus+ by Pat Loftus

10:30 a.m. Mass:  
Leonard Sabol+ by Linda Sabol & Family

## 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Glenn, Patrick & Pete Gibson+** by Barbara Gibson.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are **in thanksgiving for the Marriage of Melanie Nicole Mooshegian & Zachary Thomas Allen** by Paul & Tammi Mooshegian.

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



**July is dedicated to the  
Precious Blood of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ**

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July:

**For the pastoral care of the sick:** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

### This Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ord. Time

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13 Amos is called a prophet by a priest of Bethel. He responds that God took him from following the flock as a shepherd and sent him to prophesy. Paul writes that we are chosen and God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Jesus sends the Twelve out two by two and instructs them to take nothing for their journey.

### Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34 Jeremiah proclaims that the Lord sees the misdeeds of the shepherds who shepherd his people and will punish them. He will appoint shepherds who will shepherd his people so they no longer fear and tremble. Through the sacrifice of Christ, we have become close to God. The Apostles and Jesus go off to rest and are followed by a vast crowd. Moved by their lack of a shepherd to guide them, Jesus teaches them many things.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 7/15- Rev. Robert Spriggs 7/22- Michael Kuse 7/22- Rev. Seth Brown

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 7/14- Rev. Henry Watson 7/15- Rev. J. Phillip Johnson Rev. Wilbert Hegener, O.F.M. Deacon William J. Maurer 7/16- Rev. John Sullivan Rev. Adolphus Jacques

## 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 Dederda  
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  
Inez & 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 Joshua  
Lee & Connie Hayes Family  
Votoupal/Bursisk Family

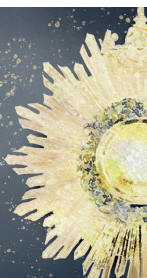
**Be with Jesus**

**Adoration**

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

**Holy Hour**

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



## PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### MARRIED 50 YEARS OR MORE?

We want to celebrate you and your marriage vocation! Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will celebrate a Mass for couples married 50 years or more on September 22 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. All couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend. Refreshments following Mass. Register at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) or contact the Parish Office for assistance with registering.

### PARISH WORK DAY

Mark your calendars for a St. Elizabeth Parish Work Day on Saturday, August 8th from 7 a.m. until Noon. All parishioners are invited to come and help clean and spruce up the Parish and School campus. Help show your pride in your Parish by donating some time to keep our campus looking great! Your help is appreciated.

### GIFT BEARER CRUCIFIX

Beginning this week in the gathering space you will find a small crucifix on a table as you enter. If you are a couple or a family who is attending Mass and would like to volunteer to bring up the gifts to the altar after offertory, please grab the crucifix when you enter for Mass. Take it with you when you go to the back as Father prepares the altar and then as you present the gifts. Return it to the table afterwards please! We hope this will be another way to allow parishioners to participate in the liturgy.

### T-SHIRT CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Charlie G. from St. Elizabeth Catholic School for winning the 2024 Patriots in the Park 5K t-shirt design contest. Charlie's winning design was on all the shirts given to sponsors or participants in the 5K race this year. Great work Charlie!



### GRIEF SHARE

Grieving the loss of a family member or close friend? Find hope and healing with GriefShare. Deacon Rob Sgambelluri will be leading the GriefShare program at St. Boniface Church. The program is 13 sessions, beginning June 27. You can still join. Sessions will meet in the Acorn Room (lower level of the Church) at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday. Contact St. Boniface Parish Office at 618-656-6450 or click through [stelizabethgc.org/grief](http://stelizabethgc.org/grief).

### PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

Did you know? Madison County Catholic Charities can help with the cost of your prescription medication. If you are low income with no insurance or limited prescription drug coverage, call to schedule an appointment. Granite City: 618-877-1184 ext. 208; Alton: 618-462-0634 ext. 221. Must meet program eligibility requirements and utilize one of our partnering pharmacies.

### MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Voted #1 Best Non-Profit, United Way Partner, Riverbend Growth Association Member - Madison County Catholic Charities has openings for Advisory Board Members. Join us and share your time and talents with like-minded people, forge new connections, and help those in need. For more information, contact Madison County Area Director Denise Burton at 618-462-0634 or [burton\\_ccmc@cc.dio.org](mailto:burton_ccmc@cc.dio.org). As a Madison County Catholic Charities Board Member, You Will: Commit: Attend 5 meetings a year and participate in sub-committees with a specific focus; Connect: Promote community relations and build connections; Expand: Recruit and train new members, build programs, and explore new opportunities; Create: Share fundraising ideas, plan events, set goals, and use your special talents to help your team succeed.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 14

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

### Monday, July 15

### Tuesday, July 16

7 p.m. - Parish Master Calendar Meeting

### Wednesday, July 17

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach Meeting  
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, July 18

Adoration 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Benediction at 9 p.m.

### Friday, July 19

### Saturday, July 20

*Mission appeal at all Masses - welcome Father Teddy*

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We have completed our donations to the schools and parishes. All together we donated over \$198,000 and another \$20,000 to the Catholic high schools and the scholarship program. We want to thank all the brother Knights and parishioners who have faithfully worked the hours needed for us to accomplish our goals. We hope and pray that we will be able to continue our mission in supporting all 3 parishes, spiritually and financially for many years to come. We welcome, with open arms any man that wants to join our cause or any of the members who have become inactive. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight. 618-789-0337



Knights of  
Columbus

## This Week on FORMED

What is the Anointing of the Sick?



### What is the Anointing of the Sick?

Illness, suffering, and death are some of the greatest problems we face as humans. In the Anointing of the Sick, God offers us grace to strengthen us in illness and the priest can pray with us on behalf of the Church, in the midst of our suffering.

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

Go to [signup.FORMED.org](https://signup.FORMED.org) and select our parish.

### Mercy Minute

"Often during Mass, I see the Lord in my soul; I feel His presence which pervades my being. I sense His divine gaze; I have long talks with Him without saying a word; I know what His divine Heart desires, and I always do what will please Him the most. I love Him to distraction, and I feel that I am being loved by God." (Diary, 411).



make a splash this summer!

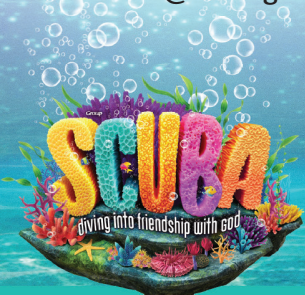
### SCUBA Vacation Bible School

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](mailto:mhalbrook@dio.org).



### PSR SIGN-UPS

Parish School of Religion (PSR) sign ups will begin very soon! Be on the lookout for the registration form in the gathering space, bulletin or online at [stelizabethgc.org/psr-registration](https://stelizabethgc.org/psr-registration) and sign up today! Classes will begin September 8, 2024. All classes will be on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

### THE HOLIEST ADVENTURE: FATHER/SON EDITION

Join other dads and sons for an experience of exciting activities, bonding games, stiff competitions, as well as mass, adoration, and delicious food! Date: August 10, 2024; Location: Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 E Lakeshore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712; Who: For any fathers with their son(s) in grades 4-10; Meals: Lunch and dinner provided; Cost: \$50 per father/son pair. \$10 per additional son; Time: 10A.M. – 6P.M.; For questions about the event, please contact Daniel Heffernan at [dheffernan@dio.org](mailto:dheffernan@dio.org). Register at [dio.org/events/](https://dio.org/events/)

### CALLED & SENT - AN EXPERIENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Join other high school students in our diocese for a 4 day/3 night retreat from July 14-17 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. Encounter Jesus in a new, deep, and meaningful way. Have loads of fun and enjoy the beautiful views at this lakeside retreat house. To register, go to [dio.org/events](https://dio.org/events). For questions, contact Daniel Heffernan at [dheffernan@dio.org](mailto:dheffernan@dio.org).

### WOMENS RETREAT

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are excited to announce their upcoming convention on Wednesday, August 28, at Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville, Illinois. Kelly Wahlquist, speaker, and Donna Cori, singer, will be sharing their message as women who are "Sent On Mission & Fortified By The Eucharist." We are excited about the two speakers we have this year and think many women will be blessed by their message! There will be the church basket silent auction raffle, the quilt and garden statue raffles, vendors and the 50/50 drawing. Consult your parish secretary for the convention registration form and the advertising order form if you would like to place an ad in the convention book. The annual convention is a rewarding and enjoyable day with our fellow sisters in Christ.

Hope to see you in Carlinville on August 28!



### AROUND THE AREA

#### ANNUAL ARMENIAN FOOD FEST

Sunday, August 11, 12-3 p.m., St. Gregory Armenian Church Community Center, 3501 Century Dr., Granite City. Lamb, chicken, and pork dinners (includes rice and wheat pilafs and salad); Armenian baked goods (paklava, simit, choreg, nazook, cheese & spinach bereg and much more!); Gourmet specialty table; Kids' games.





## LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES



### PICNIC APPRECIATION BBQ & SWIM PARTY

Well, our picnic came and went for 2024 and what a Picnic it was. Thanks to all who played a role in making it happen. Whether you were behind the scenes, setup, teardown, chairperson, volunteer, community, and financial supporters we “Thank You”!

On behalf of Rev. Dr. Alfred Tumwesigye and myself, your 2024 Picnic Chairman, we would like to invite all chairpersons and their family, all volunteers, picnic sponsors, and any parishioner to join us for some fellowship and private swim party at our Granite City Park and Pool on

**Wednesday July 31st, 2024, from 5:00pm until 10:00 p.m.**

The pool will be open for a 2-hour private session from 7-9 p.m. that evening.

We have pavilion #5 reserved which is located behind the pool and ice rink and can be accessed from the parking lot in front of the swimming pool or the circle drive next to Niedringhaus School. The pavilion is near the restrooms, playground and behind the pool for your convenience.

We will have food and refreshments available at 5:00pm along with some lawn games and fellowship throughout the evening. Please bring a lawn chair for additional seating outside of the pavilion picnic tables. \*The Granite City Park and Pool prohibits any glass bottles and alcohol beverages \* Hope to see you there!

## VOCATIONS

### HOW TO STAY IN LOVE & HAVE A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE

Marriage, raising kids, navigating life, and knowing the intentions of your spouse is difficult and messy! How should you navigate it all so you can stay madly in love with your spouse and have a beautiful marriage? Dive Deep is pleased to talk to Beth Sri, a Catholic speaker and author and mother of 8 children. She serves as the Denver chapter coordinator for Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic ministry for adult children of divorce. She is also the co-author with her husband of the award winning book, “The Good, The Messy and The Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life.” Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://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

**RETREAT 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](https://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones: 8/2-8/4, St. Peters, MO; 9/27-9/29, St. Peters, MO; 10/11-10/13, Springfield, IL.

## 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 6:7-13

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He told them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick. No extra food, or sack, nor any money. The ministry they have been given must be done in pairs; it must be challenging to accomplish alone. Do you see any correlation between what Jesus is telling the Twelve and the life of your family? How do we support our spouse and our children in their discipleship, as followers of Jesus?

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

The disciples were instructed to take a walking stick for their journey. A walking stick is something that they could lean on for support as they made their way. Who do you lean on for support?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

The disciples went out two by two. Jesus must have known that they would need a friend, a companion to walk with them on this journey. Who walks with you as you follow Jesus? Who are you grateful for today as your “companion in Christ”?

### LIVING THE WORD

As a family, make a list of the essential items you would pack if you were going on vacation. Now read Mark 6:7-13 and write a second list of all those items that Jesus instructed the Twelve to take with them and compare your two lists. Even with very few material items, the Twelve were able to accomplish so much in the name of Jesus. What is essential for your family as you serve others and share the Good News of Jesus?



# Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Athletic Department

## ROYAL GOLF SCRAMBLE 2024

PLAYER REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 7th, 2024

TEE OFF: 08:00 Shotgun Start

Price: \$240.00 per Team (\$60 per person)  
if you register before August 1 st .

\$280.00 per Team (\$70 per person) if you  
register after August 1 st .

Price includes: \*18 holes\*Lunch at the turn\*Three closest to the pin holes\*

WHERE?!

INDIAN MOUNDS

3500 Kingshighway  
East St. Louis IL 62201

Player 1 (Team Captain)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



## Interested in Sponsoring a Hole?

We have three different options for become a sponsor:Blue, Gold or Royal.

\*Blue Sponsor: \$100.00 – Great for small businesses and families wanting to donate.

A sign will be placed at a tee box of one of holes on golf course for the scramble.

\*Gold Sponsor: \$150.00 – A sign will be placed at a tee box of one of holes on golf course for the scramble and the Business logo will be put on a banner hung the Gym for the 2024-2025 school year.

\*Royal Sponsor \$300.00 – A sign will be placed at a tee box of one of holes on golf course for the scramble and the Business logo will be put on a banner hung the Gym for the 2024-2025 school year. Also, this will cover 1 teams' entry into the Golf Scramble.

Please send your entry form to St. Elizabeth Catholic School - 2300 Pontoon Rd Granite City IL 62040  
or Email [bgrinstead2@gmail.com](mailto:bgrinstead2@gmail.com) to sign up.

Checks can be made out St. Elizabeth Athletic Dept or



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If you have any questions please call Brandon Grinstead (618) 558-4040



## STEWARDSHIP

### Our Financial Stewardship July 7, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 1 Regular Income	\$7,074.00		
108 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$65.50			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$311.00		
Loose	\$511.94		
Online Giving	\$1,659.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,555.94</b>	<b>\$10,947.00</b>	<b>(\$1,702.06)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,555.94</b>	<b>\$10,947.00</b>	<b>(\$1,702.06)</b>

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	\$727.00
Special Projects	\$326.00
Mission & Ministry	\$256.00
Votive Offering	\$127.20
Peter's Pence	\$2.00
Other Not Specified	\$112.00
3rd Degree Knights, Church & School	\$37,500
4th Degree Knights, Church & School	\$45,000

#### 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. May tithe: \$4,094.00

#### 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

**"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." - Mark 6:8**

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

**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](http://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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