

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 28, 2024







Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

- John 6:8-14

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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, July 29

Memorial of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
No Mass

Tuesday, July 30

Tuesday of the 17th Wk in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Mike & Jeannie Patton

Wednesday, July 31

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lucille Friederich+

Thursday, August 1

**Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Joe Rosales+ by Nancy Rosales

Friday, August 2

Friday of the 17th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, August 3

Saturday of the 17th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:


Jack Folkerts+ by Premo & Kay Clay

Saturday-Sunday, August 3-4

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Louis & Phyllis Brusatti+ by John Barth

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

John Straubinger+ by his Family

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 **Jim Alsop+ by Pat Alsop.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

There is no memorial for fresh flowers at the altar this week. Please contact the office if you are interested in providing flowers for a future week with a memorial.

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



August is dedicated
to the
Immaculate
Heart of Mary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August:

For political leaders: Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

This Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ord. Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

In the first reading, Elisha feeds 100 people from 20 barley loaves and there is some left over. Paul writes to the Ephesians encouraging them to live in a manner worthy of their call, with an emphasis on preserving unity. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds 5,000 from five barley loaves and two fish, and there are 12 baskets left over.

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ord. Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

In the first reading, God feeds his people bread from heaven to sustain them in the desert. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to put on their new selves in Christ. In the Gospel, a few verses after feeding the crowd loaves and fishes, Jesus shares God's offer of true bread that endures for eternal life, that is, Jesus himself.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 8/2- Rev. Thomas Liebler 8/5- Most Rev. Thomas John Paprocki Rev. D. Patrick Gibbons 8/8- Rev. Trenton Rauck SJC 8/13- Rev. Zachary Edgar 8/14- Most Rev. Carl Kemme 8/16- Rev. Martin Smith

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 7/24- Rev. Patrick Malloy Rev. John Murphy 7/26- Rev. Stanley O. Yunker 7/27- Msgr. Joseph O'Dwyer 7/28- Rev. Daniel Ryan Rev. Mike Clifford Rev. Edward J. Kowalski 7/29- Deacon Robert Moulton



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 Dedera

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 Joshu

Lee & Connie Hayes Family

Votoupal/Bursisk Family

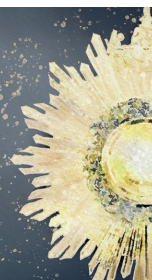
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

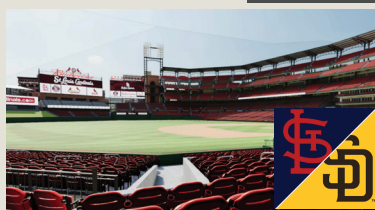
Service: To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

ALTAR SERVERS, YOUTH CHOIR, YOUTH MASS LECTORS: JOIN US AT BUSCH STADIUM... FOR FREE!

The St. Louis Cardinals have gifted us tickets for our altar servers, youth choir members, and youth lectors (and 1 or both parents) to join us for the Cardinals vs. the San Diego Padres on Wednesday, August 28. They're available first-come, first-served. Join us in Section 160 (behind the visitors dugout just down the 3rd base line). If you would like tickets, see Deacon Michael after Mass the next couple of weekends, or Bret in the parish office during the week.

YOUNG
DISCIPLES
SOCIETY



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 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 10th 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

You will now find a small crucifix on a table in the gathering space as you enter the church. 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.

81st ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Sunday, July 28, through Monday, August 5. Mass, 7:30 p.m. nightly. "Pondering the Word of God with Mary!" We will embark on a reflective journey exploring Mary's role in the Gospels through various events in her life. This journey begins at the Annunciation, delving into the pivotal moments where the Word of God directed her Spirit and Life! Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. Bilingual Celebrations on Wednesday, July 31, and Saturday, August 3. Anointing of the Sick on August 3. For more information, call 618-394-6276. www.snows.org

WHEN MENTAL ILLNESS HITS HOME CONFERENCE

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center presents, When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference: "Recovering Family Wellness: Rebuilding Relationships." Presenters: Ky Miller, MSW, LCSW; Jessica Donaldson, LMFT; Liesl Wingert; Jo McGuire. Friday, August 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This conference is for family members and friends who journey with people with mental illness and for professionals in the mental health field. Cost: \$40.00 per person, including lunch. Additional \$35.00 for IL CEU For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/illness>

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 28

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

Monday, July 29

Tuesday, July 30

Wednesday, July 31

5-10 p.m. - Picnic Appreciation BBQ & Pool Party (Wilson Park Pool & Pavilion #5)

6 p.m. - Respect Life Ministry Meeting (PLC)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 1

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

Friday, August 2

7-9 p.m. - PTO Back to School

Saturday, August 3

7-9 p.m. - Back to School Pool Party (Paddlers)

7-9 p.m. - K of C Installation of Officers

Sunday, August 4

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

Monday through Friday, August 5-9

Vacation Bible School (check-in in gym foyer)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We have a couple of events coming up for the children of both schools this fall and winter. The Halloween party in October and the Christmas party in December. Both events are open to all children of the parishes. Dates will be provided in early August. Parishioners, if you see one of our members with their blue shirt on at Mass or any event, please do not hesitate to shake their hand and thank them for the work they put in to support the parishes and schools. These are good men with loving hearts. Men if you would like to look at our council just come to a meeting on each 4th Tuesday of the months. Meetings start at 7:30 p., at the Columbus Home, previously known as the K C hall. God bless you all, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618- 789 0337



Knights of
Columbus®

This Week on FORMED®



St. Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier for Christ

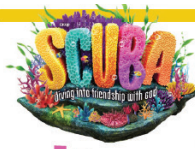
Founder of the Jesuit order, St. Ignatius of Loyola is also known as the “Soldier for Christ.” During the turmoil of the Protestant Reformation, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and evangelization.

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

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

Mercy Minute

“Today during meditation, God gave me inner light and the understanding as to what sanctity is and of what it consists... My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God. God never violates our free will. It is up to us whether we want to receive God’s grace or not. It is up to us whether we will cooperate with it or waste it.” (Diary, 1107).



dive into adventure!



SCUBA Vacation Bible School
Here at St. Elizabeth
Evenings, August 5-9
STARTS NEXT WEEK!
SIGN UP NOW!
stelizabethgc.org/vbs

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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 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: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For questions about the event, please contact Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org. Register at dio.org/events/

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.

JOIN US FOR A BACKYARD BBQ

St. Mary & St. Mark Parish Pulled Pork Dinner, Sunday, August 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Engelbert Hall in Madison. Pulled pork dinner, homemade cole slaw, baked beans, potato chips, dessert, coffee, tea water, \$15. Purchase tickets from August 3 thru August 18, you can get 2 for \$25. Tickets on sale after Masses at St. Mary/St. Mark and Holy Family, or contact either parish office.

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

The mission of the Catholic Cemeteries within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is to be a symbol and extension of our parish communities by ministering to individuals and families during one of the most difficult times in their lives. This mission encompasses providing compassionate support and assistance in facilitating a loved one's interment in a consecrated space and the everlasting care thereafter.

Catholic cemeteries are holy places of prayer and remembrance. To preserve these sacred places, admission is granted to those who conduct themselves in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and act in concert with Catholic beliefs, traditions, and decorum.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Evening and Saturday appointments are available upon request and availability of our staff.

Spring Clean Up: March 1-15

Fall Clean Up: September 1-15

Fee Structure, Effective January 2024

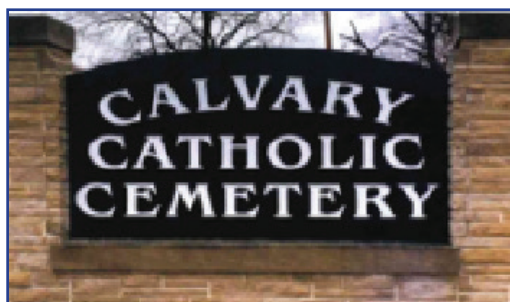
Single Grave Easement:	\$1,200.00
Columbarium Niche:	
Niche for 2 Inurnments	\$2,550.00
Includes: One bronze plaque, open/close for 2 Inurnments, 2 DOD Scrolls.	
Niche for 1 Inurnment	\$1,550.00
Includes: One bronze plaque, open/close for 1 Inurnment, 1 DOD Scroll.	
Body Interment Fee (M-F)	\$1,600.00
Saturday	\$1,570.00
Cremains Inurnment Fee (M-F)	\$1,400.00
Saturday	\$1,550.00
Date of Death Engraving	\$200.00
Additional Engraving Quoted by Request	
Chapel Rental	\$125.00

Please call our office to schedule an appointment for monuments, vases, memorial bricks, and leaves.

No burials Sundays or Holy Days.

Calvary Catholic Cemetery
2910 South State Route 157
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Phone: 618-656-5464
Fax: 618-656-7890



PICNIC APPRECIATION BBQ & SWIM PARTY

Wednesday July 31, 5-10:00 p.m.

Private session at Wilsom Park Pool 7-9 p.m.

Food & refreshments from 5 p.m. at
Pavilion #5 behind the pool & ice rink

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 6:5-14

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds a large group of people with only five barely loaves and two fish. There are many times in our lives as parents when we feel as though we have limited resources to face such great need and demand in the life of our family. Our financial, emotional, or spiritual resources may be depleted. Even when we lack what we need for our family, God is at work. Have you ever experienced an abundance of God's goodness in your poverty? How can we have faith in these trying times?.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Today, we hear that a large crowd followed Jesus. Listen for what small amount of food the disciples find, and who it is who shares the food with Jesus.

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

What did Jesus do to the food in today's Gospel? How does Jesus feed us today?

LIVING THE WORD

Invite family members to make a list of what is needed for the family to be truly happy and healthy. What is essential for the life of our family? Reread the Gospel (John 6:5-14) and discuss how Jesus took care of the needs of the people. Who came to hear him.

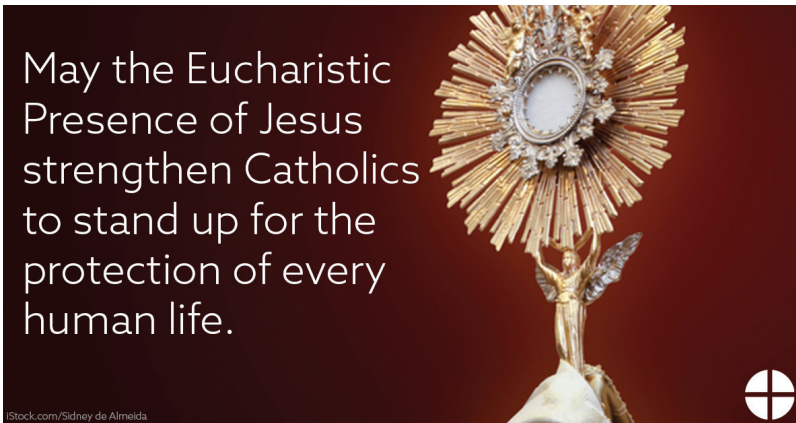
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

This summer we enter our third year of the National Eucharistic Revival and joyfully anticipate the profound celebration of Christ's presence among us at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Part of the impetus for the revival was a recent study that revealed many Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, though in a hidden way.

Similarly, many in our culture do not acknowledge the dignity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both of these instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that are hidden. We need to help them to understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

The Eucharist and the Gospel of life go hand in hand because they have the same source—Jesus himself, who is the Bread of Life. Christ gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture.

Lord Jesus, by the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.



May the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus strengthen Catholics to stand up for the protection of every human life.

You can join us in Adoration, leisure with our Eucharistic Lord, here at St. Elizabeth from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, and during a Holy Hour with Evening Prayer on Sundays from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

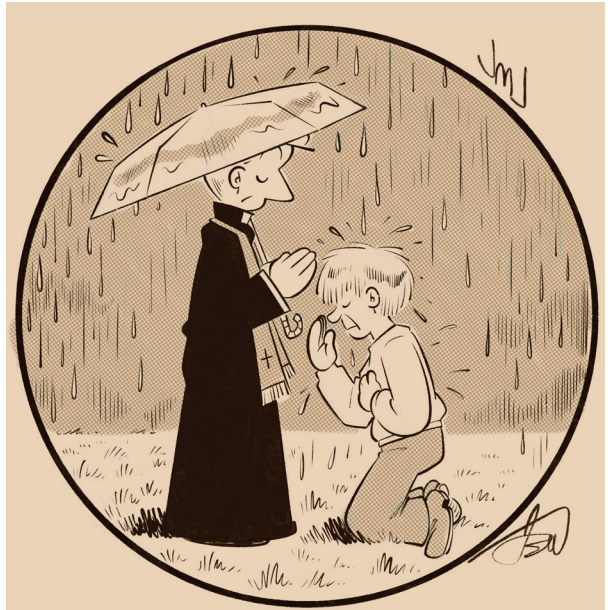
VOCATIONS

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://www.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 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.

HOLY LEISURE



**"Confession is an act of honesty and courage—
an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to
the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."**

Pope St. John Paul II

SUNDAY GOSPEL WORD SEARCH

PHILIP	E P W S L Z G G Z A
ANDREW	L O A V E S D T F N
LOAVES	D I B G I O F W I D
FISH	P G S A K Q Y E S R
TWELVE	F H J O S R D L H E
BASKETS	B S I E K K G V Q W
BOY	O K H L S G E E Q K
MOUNTAIN	Y G R L I U C T X Q
JESUS	G X Q K H P S J S Q
	B O M O U N T A I N

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship July 21, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 3 Regular Income	\$4,078.00		
96 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$42.48			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$235.00		
Loose	\$367.00		
Online Giving	\$1,802.00		
TOTAL	\$6,482.00	\$10,947.00	(\$4,465.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$24,625.36	\$32,841.00	(\$3,750.64)

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:

Mission Co-Op,	
Diocese of Auchi, Nigeria	\$2,174.26
Tuition Assistance	\$140.00
Special Projects	\$35.00
Mission & Ministry	\$25.00
Votive Offering	\$50.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithe to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income. 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

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” - John 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important Stewardship messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

**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.

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