

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 1, 2024



Prayer for Labor Day

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen


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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, September 2

Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday, September 3

**Memorial of St. Gregory the Great,
Pope & Doctor of the Church**

6:00 p.m. Mass:
Bettye Jiles+ by Bret & Tracy Ware

Wednesday, September 4

Wednesday of the 22nd Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Denise Cook

Thursday, September 5

Thursday of the 22nd Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Frieda Hicks+ by Carol Skasick

Friday, September 6

Friday of the 22nd Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, September 7

Saturday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Dittman+

Saturday-Sunday, September 7-8

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Bobby Jones+ by Norma Lesko

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Lee Hayes+ by Vivian Vaughn

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **the deceased priests, deacons, and religious of our diocese.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are for **Nancy Gray+ by Russell & Stephanie Boyer.**

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

Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7-8 pm



September is
dedicated to
Our Lady of Sorrows

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September:

For the cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

This Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Moses exhorts the Israelites to listen to and observe the commandments of the Lord. James calls to humbly receive and practice God's word. Jesus accuses the Pharisees of observing human religious traditions yet failing to obey God's commands. He then teaches the people that it is the thoughts and actions born in the human heart that defile.

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Isaiah says to the frightened: be strong and fear not! We are encouraged to show no partiality because God chose the poor in the world to be heirs of the kingdom. Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment and all are exceedingly astonished.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 9/6- Rev. Suresh Sambaturu, 9/7- Rev. James Isaaxson SJC, Rev. Adam Zawaszki, 9/8- Rev. Anthony Chowrappa, 9/9- Rev. Daniel Willenborg, 9/10- Rev. Nicholas Husain, 9/11- Rev. John Beveridge

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 9/2 Rev. Edward Groesch, 9/4- Rev. Thomas Masterman, Rev. James. M. Huck, 9/5- Rev. Geoffry Egan, Rev. Charles O'Reilly, Rev. Thomas Connolly, Msgr. James A. Suddes, 9/7- Rev. A.J. Van Speybroeck, 9/8- Rev. Anthony Rustige, Rev. Vincent Jalinsky



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, CO; Nick Glasgow- USMC, CA

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 Deder

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

Czornog & 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

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

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

SEEKING FUNERAL LUNCHEON COOKS, BAKERS, & HELP

If you like to cook our bake, we could use your help. We are in need of volunteers to bake or cook a dish when we have a funeral luncheon for the family of a parishioner that has passed. Please call Pam Ames at 618-791-7081 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

CLASS OF '71 REUNION INTEREST

The St. Elizabeth Class of 1971 would like to plan a class reunion. Please join us at the St. Elizabeth Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria for THE BEST CHICKEN DINNER AROUND! After dinner we would like to meet at the Parish Life Center (Parish Office) at around 4:00 pm to plan our reunion. Please contact Jackie Jones at the Parish Office at 618-877-3300 or Elaine Foreman. Also, please check out our Facebook page "St Elizabeth Grade School Class of 1971" to keep up to date with all our classmates and with reunion updates.

SEEKING EMHCs

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (shortened: EMHCs) are lay Catholics who are granted a "mandate" by our bishop, upon request of our pastor, to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion in extraordinary situations when there are not enough ordinary ministers (priests, deacons, or acolytes) to effectively distribute Communion. We could use a few more EMHCs to be trained, mandated, and available at St. Elizabeth at each of the Masses. If you are interested in considering this ministry, please contact Deacon Michael at mhalbrook@dio.org or via the parish office. Thank you!

LABOR DAY OFFICE HOURS

Don't forget that the parish office and school will be closed Monday for the Labor Day Holiday. Both will reopen on Tuesday, September 3. A blessed Labor Day to you!

SENIOR SPEAKER LUNCHEON

Attention all Seniors or retired persons: We hope you will grab some friends and consider joining us on Wednesday, September 11 at 11:15 a.m. for our Senior Speaker Luncheon. Sister Stephanie Turck will be our speaker while we enjoy a spaghetti and meatball lunch. Lunch will be served about 11:30 a.m. and the speaker will begin at Noon. RSVP to Bret in the parish office. Cost will be \$7 per person. Hope to see you there!

GRADUATE THEOLOGY OPEN HOUSE AT ST. MEINRAD

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology is hosting an open house on campus for its Graduate Theology Program on the weekend of Oct. 12-13. An online open house will be held on Wed. Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Laity and deacons are welcome to attend. Visit campus, talk to current students, get questions answered, and stay in free accommodations. Register to attend by Sept. 30. Learn more at saintmeinrad.edu/graduate-theology/open-house.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 1

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC)

7-8 p.m. - Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

Monday, September 2

Labor Day Holiday

Parish Office Closed, No School

Tuesday, September 3

7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:30 p.m. - Mens Club (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, September 4

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home) & school BINGO social night

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

Saturday, September 7

8 a.m. - Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 8

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (PLC)

6 p.m. - Young Disciples Teens (PLC Upper Room + Church)

7-8 p.m. - Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

As fall approaches, we would like to update a couple of events coming up. Our Halloween party will take place on Friday, Oct 11th. children from the parishes are invited. We will have details in upcoming bulletins. Men of the parish, we need your help in continuing our efforts to support the parishes and schools. Please consider looking at our council and understanding our mission. You won't find a better group of men to associate and become friends with. To join go to kofc.org/joinus or call me at 618-789-0337. Take a little time of your day and ask the Lord for his help and guidance in making this decision. God bless our parishes and our council. Grand Knight Tom Cholevik



FORMATION

This Week on FORMED®



The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World The Mission of the Family Episode 1

God has a plan for marriage and the family. By understanding God's goal for family life and its relationship to the world, families will be better prepared for the challenges of living this vision in modern society.

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

"The Lord grants His graces in two ways: by inspiration and by enlightenment. If we ask God for a grace, He will give it to us; but let us be willing to accept it. And in order to accept it, self-denial is needed. Love does not consist in words or feelings, but in deeds. It is an act of the will; it is a gift; that is to say, a giving. The reason, the will, the heart - these three faculties must be exercised during prayer. (Diary, 392).



PSR SIGN-UPS

Parish School of Religion (PSR) begins next week! Grab a registration form in the gathering space or online at stelizabethgc.org/psr-registration and sign up today! Classes will begin next September 8, 2024. All classes will be on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.



COMING INTO THE CHURCH

The Order of Christian Initiation is forming again, and many are already inquiring about coming into the Church this year and discussing their next steps.

If you or someone you know is not yet Baptized, received into the Catholic Church, or fully initiated with the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist, contact the parish office for more information.

Someone from our pastoral team will be overjoyed to meet with you and discuss your path.

Know of our prayers for you!



THE CHOSEN: SEASONS 3 & 4

Join us for viewings of the popular television series about Jesus and his disciples, *The Chosen* Seasons 3 & 4, with fellow parishioners. We'll pick back up with Season 3 in September and Season 4 in October.

Bring a friend and "Come and See," Monday evenings in the Harmony Room starting at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks are provided.

September 9: Season 3, Episodes 1 & 2
September 16: Season 3, Episodes 3 & 4
September 23: Season 3, Episodes 5 & 6
September 30: Season 3, Episodes 7 & 8
October 7: Season 4, Episodes 1 & 2
October 14: Season 4, Episodes 3 & 4
October 21: Season 4, Episodes 5 & 6
October 28: Season 4, Episodes 7 & 8

7 CATHOLIC TRADITIONS YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF

Our faith is full of rich traditions, some of which have gone away and some of which are making a comeback. Fr. Chris House breaks down seven traditions you may have never heard of and the symbolism behind them. 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.



JOIN THE RESCUE CHALLENGE

Here's a special opportunity for anyone, but especially anyone who has taken any part in *The Rescue Project* here the last few years.

The most urgent task of our day is the compelling proclamation of the Gospel. Only when we see everything through a Biblical worldview can we experience real hope. And our minds need to be renewed repeatedly as we live in a time where despair, division and anxiety run rampant.

Join Fr. John Riccardo in *The Rescue Project Challenge*, a 14-day series where we reflect on the explosive good news that is the Gospel, pray with hope, and invite others to join on this journey.

rescueproject.us/challenge



Join other mothers and daughters for exciting activities, bonding games, stiff competitions, as well as Mass, adoration, and delicious food! Sept. 21, 2024, Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. For any mothers with daughter(s) in grades 4-10; Lunch and dinner provided; \$50 per mother/daughter pair. \$10 per additional; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; For questions about the event, please contact Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org. Register at dio.org/events/

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES



WE'RE NOW IN THE 'YEAR OF MISSION' OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. TAKE THE FIRST STEP TODAY AND WALK WITH ONE!

Sometimes all it takes for someone who is not in relationship with the Lord—either because they've never encountered him or have fallen away—to begin a journey to him is to know that they are seen, heard, and loved. And that's something you can provide for them—no special training or degree required!

By virtue of your baptismal calling, YOU have a role to play in God's plan to bring people you know and love into relationship with Christ. That's what the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival—the Year of Mission—is all about! You are invited to be an instrument of God this year through a special form of one-on-one accompaniment called Walk With One.

Not sure how to begin? Start by visiting the Walk With One resource page. There, you'll find a step-by-step guide on how to accompany someone on their spiritual journey as well as a Eucharistic Examen to help you pray for this person (and grow closer to God yourself) as you walk with them.

When you step out in faith, you give God permission to work through you to make an eternal difference in someone's life. And we're here to pray for you and support you every step of the way! Be sure to sign up for additional resources on how to engage in one-on-one discipleship.

Get started on this journey, and get ready for God to do amazing things in and through you! eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one



Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with infinite love, broken by our ingratitude and pierced by our sins, yet loving us still; accept the consecration we make to You of all that we are and all that we have. Take every faculty of our souls and bodies. Only day by day, draw us nearer and nearer to Your Sacred Heart. And there, as we shall hear the lesson, teach us Your holy way. Amen.

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 7:5-8, 14-15, 21-23

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

The Pharisees were caught up in the form of the law (how people obey it) but had forgotten about the spirit of the law (why people obey it). Without the spirit of the law, there is no connection to the law's purpose. Jesus reminds us that the reason we obey God's commandments is to draw closer to God. Mass is an opportunity to spend time with and celebrate with God our Father, but it is possible to go through the motions while our hearts remain far from him. In what ways can we bring our hearts closer to God? What would that look like for your family?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Do you follow rules and laws at home, at school, traffic laws, and so on? What would happen if we did not have rules?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

God has established commandments for his people. Why did God establish these commandments? Who were they created for? Why are they important? Why do we follow them?

LIVING THE WORD

Every family has rules to follow. It is easy to judge our brothers and sisters, our classmates, and our friends when they break a rule or feel upset that they do not have to live by the same rules we do. Discuss the important rules in your home, and how you make peace with one another. Discuss how we can make room for peace at home. Where do we experience peace? Who is the source of all peace?

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

- Mark 7:15

Chicken Dinner at St. Elizabeth!

Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Applesauce, Bread, Coffee & Tea, Dessert

Sunday, September 15

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Or until sold out



LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation takes place on September 1st and celebrates God the Creator and the great mystery of creating the cosmos, while also encouraging us to heal our relationship with creation. It is a day that helps us reflect on the act of creation itself, a foundational mystery of our faith.

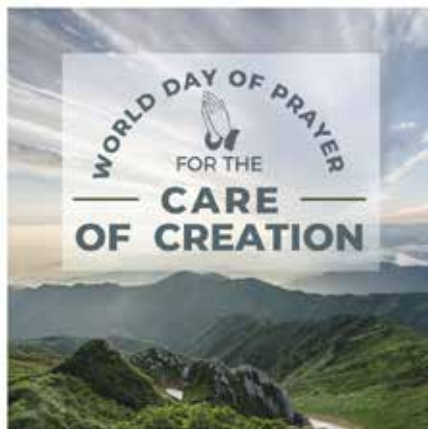
Inspired by rich traditions, this day is also known as Creation Day or the Feast of Creation and has been embraced by the Orthodox Church, the World Council of Churches, the Anglican Communion, and the Catholic Church. This day of prayer for creation starts the larger Season of Creation which carries us from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis.

An excerpt from Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Creation 2024

"Hope and Act with Creation" is the theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be held on 1 September 2024. The theme is drawn from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.

If we are truly believers, how did we come to have faith? It is not simply because we believe in something transcendent, beyond the power of reason, the unattainable mystery of a distant and remote God, invisible and unnameable.

Rather, as Saint Paul tells us, it is because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. We are believers because the very love of God "has been poured into our hearts" (Rom 5:5) and



the Spirit is now truly "the pledge of our inheritance" (Eph 1:14), constantly prompting us to strive for eternal goods, according to the fullness of Jesus' authentic humanity. The Spirit enables believers to be creative and pro-active in charity. He sends us forth on a great journey of spiritual freedom, yet one that does not eliminate the tension between the Spirit's way of thinking and that of the world, whose fruits are opposed to each other (cf. Gal 5:16-17). We know that the first fruit of the Spirit, which sums up all the others, is love. Led by the Holy Spirit, believers are children of God and

can turn to him with the words "Abba, Father" (Rom 8:15), just as Jesus did. Moreover, they can do so with the freedom of those who no longer fall back into the fear of death, for Jesus has risen from the dead. This is our great hope: God's love has triumphed and continues to triumph over everything. Indeed, even in the face of physical death, future glory is already assured for those who live the new life of the Spirit. Nor does this hope disappoint.

The life of a Christian, then, is one of faith, active in charity and abounding in hope, as we await the Lord's return in glory. Such is the blessed hope to which we must bear witness. Yet where, when, and how are we to bear that witness? Surely by caring for the flesh of suffering humanity. As people who dare to dream, we must dream with our eyes wide open, impelled by a desire for love, fraternity, friendship and justice for all. Christian salvation enters into the depths of the world's suffering, which embraces not only humanity but also the entire universe, nature itself, and the oikos, the home and living environment of humanity.



Thank you, St. Louis Cardinals!

Thank you to the Cardinals who gave us tickets to take our altar servers, youth Mass lectors, and youth choir to the game this past Wednesday night for the Cardinals vs. the Padres. We even had enough tickets to invite school families who wanted to come along too. A fun time was had by all, including a walk-off Cardinals win!

A VERY special THANK YOU to all of the youth who serve & take part in other ministries to help make our worship beautiful and fitting for God.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS & ROSARY WALK

Be a witness to life! Join us at Holy Family Parish in Granite City on Oct. 12 for Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a Rosary procession from Holy Family Parish to the Hope Abortion facility and back to Holy Family. Eucharistic Adoration is available for those unable to walk in the procession. After Benediction, a simple lunch is served, along with some words from a guest speaker.

FOCUS: READ MORE FROM THE US BISHOPS

“Suicidal individuals - with or without a terminal illness - typically do not want to die. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic” Read more at: usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

PRAY AT THE ABORTION FACILITY

You can join in prayer and witness at any time at the abortion facility in downtown Granite City, but in particular, join us on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

PROJECT RACHEL

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.



This year's fall campaign of 40 Days for Life will be held September 25 through November 3 here in Granite City.

Anyone can take part through individual prayer and fasting, or through spending time in prayer and witness at the abortion facility.

All are welcome to join us for the kickoff event which will be held here at St Elizabeth on Saturday, September 28. Participants and leaders in 40 Days for Life will be commissioned at the 4:30 p.m. Mass that day, followed by a potluck in the Harmony Room at 6 p.m. with a guest speaker at 6:30.

The guest speakers are Debbie & Tim Schultz, who are passionate about helping others find the healing and freedom they have found in Jesus. In *Unrobing the Shame: One Couple's Healing Journey After Abortion*, they share how they broke free from the prison of abortion, navigated the challenges along the journey, and emerged in freedom as loved, forgiven, healed, transformed children of God.

Sign up by September 25 at 40daysgc.com. We'll have the meat and the speaker - you bring a side and a dessert.

AROUND THE AREA

ST. CECILIA'S  **ANNUAL COMMUNITY**

CHICKEN DINNER & FALL FESTIVAL

SEPT. 22

DINNER SERVED FROM

12:00 noon

UNTIL

5:00 p.m.

FRIED CHICKEN
DRESSING
MASHED POTATOES
GRAVY
CORN
GREEN BEANS
DESSERT
BEVERAGE

Dine-In and Carry Outs Available

ADULTS AND CARRY OUTS \$13.00

Children 5-10 \$6.00; Under 5 FREE

ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLE GAMES
FELLOWSHIP
BOUNCE HOUSE



155 N. Main
GLEN CARBON, IL

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING & VIGIL

Presented by the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance.

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Suicide Prevention Training 5:30-6:30 p.m., “We Remember You” Candlelight Vigil at 7 p.m. at the Shrine's Lourdes Grotto. Concerned about a loved one or dealing with the loss of a loved one to suicide? Please join us. No charge. Call 618-394-6281 or visit snows.org.

LUCK OF THE GRIFFIN



Buy Your Tickets



GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000 CASH!
Runner-Up: \$2,000 | Third Prize: \$1,000 | 4th-7th: \$500
Drawing will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024

Early Bird Drawing on September 18th for \$500 CASH!

TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH
~ Buy 4 Tickets, Get 1 FREE ~



PLUS, 10% of your ticket purchase will go to the charity of your choice, including St. Elizabeth School!

More Details: <http://McGivneyGriffins.com>

YOUTH



CALLING ALL TEENS

8th graders through high schoolers: We're grilling for you for our first Teen Night of the semester. Join us next Sunday, September 8, from 6-7 p.m. for dinner. Please consider staying for the Holy Hour afterwards from 7-8 p.m. Invite your teenage friends. Please RSVP so that we have enough food: stelizabethgc.org/burgers

Other upcoming dates for 6 p.m. Sunday food & social: September 29, October 6, November 2, November 17.



TEENS: Add our public profile: STEYOUTH on Snapchat

VOCATIONS

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 weekends: 9/27-9/29, St. Peters, MO; 10/11-10/13, Springfield, IL.

PRAY FOR OUR ENGAGED

Please hold Eric Falbe & Joy Santos in your prayers. They are parishioners who are engaged to be married and preparing for marriage here at St. Elizabeth. May the grace of the Holy Family surround them in this time of preparation for Holy Matrimony!

HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED 50+ YEARS? TIME TO CELEBRATE!

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 a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day, as we'll be showcasing a slide show during the reception.

SEEKING MARRIED MENTOR COUPLES

We are considering a new model of marriage preparation at St. Elizabeth, in concert with the team from the diocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life.

The model leverages mentor couples who are willing to accompany other couples on their journey to the altar. Your marriage, imperfect as you may think it to be, has something unique to offer. When you got married in the Church, you not only received a sacrament, but you became a sacrament by which others can encounter the love of Christ. Being a mentor couple to other couples is a way you can do just that! If you're interested in learning more, please talk with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.



6th-8th GRADERS: JOIN US FOR FIRM FOUNDATIONS

ALL 5th-8th graders of the parish are invited to join Deacon Michael for a special 3-week series called *Firm Foundations* this October.

The three-week series covers the Sunday Gospel readings taken from Mark 10. Our youth will be introduced to three basic tenets of Christian discipleship: trusting God, serving others, and asking for help. Throughout each session, they will be encouraged to examine obstacles in their lives that prevent them from living out these principles, and they will be given tools to begin to implement them in their daily lives.

Firm Foundations will be held from 9:15-10:15 in the Harmony Room (between Masses) on Sunday, October 13, 20, & 27. Oh yeah - we'll have donuts, too! Please bring & encourage our middle school & junior high youth to join us.

ANDREW DINNER – Young men who are juniors in high school through their mid 30s are invited to this year's Andrew Dinner with Bishop Paprocki and our local priests, Sunday, September 15. If you know someone who you think should attend, please share this information with them:

2024 Annual
ALTON DEANERY ANDREW DINNER

Location:
Mother of Perpetual Help
200 N Lange Ave.
Maryville, IL

Sunday, September 15, 2024
4:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

For men who are juniors in high school - mid 30's

Bishop Paprocki will be present for a dinner to which young men who are interested in hearing more about the priesthood are invited. It is a low key evening; no commitment is implied by your presence. It's called an Andrew Dinner because in John's Gospel, Andrew, a disciple of John the Baptist, met Jesus, and then introduced him to his brother Simon Peter.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



PRESCHOOL UPGRADES

Thank you to all the individuals who are working to upgrade our Pre K playground area. We appreciate you!



Celebrating monthly birthdays at school Mass, Wednesday, August 21. Happy birthday!



LOOKING AHEAD

- Monday, 9/2:
No school
- Tuesday, 9/3:
Safety Week begins
- Tuesday, 9/3:
Men's Club 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 9/4:
BINGO social night, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, 9/5:
Cub Scout Pack 103 recruitment night, 6:30 (K-5th grades)
- Saturday, 9/7:
STE Golf Scramble
- Sunday, 9/8:
Youth Mass at 10:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

OPEN HOUSE AT ALTON MARQUETTE

Open House at Marquette Catholic High School, Sunday, September 8, 2024, 1-3 p.m. Middle school students and parents, stop by to take a tour and meet some of our faculty and students!



PREVIEW DAY AT FMCHS

All families of all grade levels are invited to attend Father McGivney Catholic High School's Preview Day on Saturday, September 28 at 1 p.m. RSVP is not required. The afternoon will begin with a short presentation in the gym followed by student-led

school tours and opportunities to explore and ask questions. Find out why it's Great to be a Griffin! For any questions regarding enrollment, please contact our Enrollment Director, Lindsey Jones, at ljones@mcgivneygriffins.com

DIRT MOVING AT MCGIVNEY

After the Griffin Ladies' success with a Track & Field State Championship title in May, a group of Griffin families raised funding to build a track for the 2025 Track & Field season. The track will be ready this fall, along with new stadium lights on our turf soccer field from two other generous anonymous donors! Watch for more news soon on construction of the long-awaited Commons building at Father McGivney High School!



HOLY LEISURE



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship August 25, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 8 Regular Income	\$5,338.00		
107 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$49.89			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$10.00		
Loose	\$369.00		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$850.00		
TOTAL	\$6,557.00	\$10,947.00	(\$4,380.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$69,473.37	\$87,576.00	(\$18,102.63)

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	\$180.00
Special Projects	\$10.00
Votive Offering	\$132.97

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.
July tithe: \$6,214.00

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” - James 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

AUGUST WAS NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL MONTH

Our Diocese is observing National Make-A-Will Month this month. An estimated 67% of adults do not have an up-to-date will, and we want to empower 100% of parishioners throughout the Diocese to have a plan for their future, which can include vital funds to help your parish, school, or Catholic Charities nearby. You can use the free tool to:

- **Steward your blessings:** Estate planning is an often-forgotten act of financial stewardship that protects the family, finances, and other priorities God has entrusted to our care. It's important that every Catholic has a plan to secure these blessings. Have you considered leaving your parish or the diocese in your estate plan?
- **Protect your loved ones:** A will allows you to name guardians for your children or pets so they are always cared for.
- **Share your faith:** By including a gift in your will to support your Catholic community, you pass our faith to the next generation.

This resource, sponsored by the Diocese, makes it **completely free** for you and your loved ones to write a will: <https://www.freewill.com/diocesefspringfield>

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.

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.



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