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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 19

Monday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday, August 20

**Memorial of St. Bernard,
Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Patricia Noeth Gonwa+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, August 21

Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Dale Fletcher+ by Darlene Fletcher

Thursday, August 22

**Memorial of the Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 a.m. Mass: Nancy Gray+ by Denise Cook

Friday, August 23

Friday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mildred Spahn+ by the Thouvenot Family

Saturday, August 24

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

No Mass


Saturday-Sunday, August 24-25

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Jeannette Barks+

by McPherson & Utz Families

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Reg Mennerick+ by Bret & Tracy Ware

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **the marginalized; the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill persons in our community.**

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.

Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



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: 20th Sun. in Ord. Time

Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Wisdom has built her house, set her table, and invited those who lack understanding to come and dine. Paul advises the Ephesians to live carefully and wisely. Jesus tells the crowds that he is the living bread come down from heaven and that all who eat his flesh and drink his blood will have eternal life.

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ord. Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

In the first reading, Joshua calls upon Israel to commit to serve God above all other gods. In the second reading, Paul uses marital imagery to teach about Christ's love for his Church. In the Gospel, some disciples find Jesus' teaching about the bread of life too difficult to accept. Peter trusts Jesus and commits to continue following him.



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: 8/17-Msgr. William J. Cassin Rev. Vincent Heraty 8/18- Rev. Roman Weinzapple Rev. Richard Welsh Rev. David W. Munn 8/21- Rev. William Futerer 8/22- Rev. Ferdinand Stick Rev. John Pleuner 8/23- Rev. Lawrence C. Ryan



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

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Binney Family

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Kierski Family

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Nancy Gray

Karen Winters- Weiland

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

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Ida Gragg

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Lee & Connie Hayes Family

Votoupal/Bursisk Family

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

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

FATHER'S GRADUATION PARTY THIS SUNDAY

Join us for lunch and a gathering in the Cafeteria after 10:30 Mass this Sunday to celebrate Father's completion of his Doctorate in Healthcare Mission Leadership.

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 meatballs 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!

UPDATED SUNDAY VESPERS TIME

Starting NEXT Sunday, August 25, our Sunday evening Holy Hour with Vespers will move 30 minutes earlier to 7 p.m. Join us any Sunday evening for an hour of prayer with our Eucharistic Lord, and for praying Sunday Evening Prayer (Vespers) together as a parish.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO HELP WITH?

Are you a parishioner who is looking for a way to help or some way to contribute your time and talent? Contact the parish office and let's find some way for you to get involved! Is your talent or heart in hospitality? Call the office and volunteer to help us host our diocesan priests on Wednesday, September 18th. They will be here for adoration, Mass, vespers and for a social hour and dinner. We could use a few hands to serve and interact with our priests who will be gathering for convocation.

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

We still have tickets 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Congratulations to all the officers who were installed into the 3rd and 4th degree. Without these men's help we would not be able to support the parishes as we have in the past. Parishioners, if you are at Mass and see a knight with his blue shirt on with name and symbol, shake his hand and thank them for the support that is given to our schools and churches. To the men of the parishes, now is the time to sign up and join our council. We really could use your help. Call me at 618-789-0337 or text for further info. God bless our parishes and send us the graces we need to help others. Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 18

After 10:30 Mass - Father's Graduation Party - ALL ARE WELCOME! (Cafeteria)

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

Monday, August 19

Tuesday, August 20

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

7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, August 21

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach Meeting

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

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

This Week on FORMED®



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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Mercy Minute

"Meditating on this mixture of suffering and grace. I heard the voice of Our Lady: 'Know, My daughter, that although I was raised to the dignity of Mother of God, seven swords of pain pierced My heart. Don't do anything to defend yourself; bear everything with humility; God Himself will defend you.'" (Diary, 786).



PSR SIGN-UPS

Parish School of Religion (PSR) begins in just a few weeks. Grab a registration form in the gathering space 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.

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!



Join other mothers and daughters for an experience of exciting activities, bonding games, stiff competitions, as well as Mass, adoration, and delicious food! Sept. 21, 2024, Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 E Lakeshore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712. For any mothers with their daughter(s) in grades 4-10; Lunch and dinner provided; \$50 per mother/daughter 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/

AROUND THE AREA

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

MORE OF THE CATECHISM ON THE EUCHARIST

Below is more of the section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist:

IV. THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Mass of all ages

1345 As early as the second century we have the witness of St. Justin Martyr for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration. They have stayed the same until our own day for all the great liturgical families. St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) around the year 155, explaining what Christians did:

On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place.

The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits.

When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things.

Then we all rise together and offer prayers* for ourselves . . . and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation.

When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss.

Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren.

He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.

When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.'

When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent.¹⁷¹

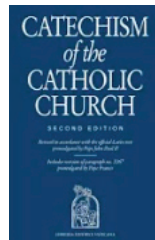
1346 The liturgy of the Eucharist unfolds according to a fundamental structure which has been preserved throughout the centuries down to our own day. It displays two great parts that form a fundamental unity:

- the gathering, the liturgy of the Word, with readings, homily and general intercessions;

- the liturgy of the Eucharist, with the presentation of the bread and wine, the consecratory thanksgiving, and communion.

The liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist together form "one single act of worship";¹⁷² the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord.¹⁷³

1347 Is this not the same movement as the Paschal meal of the risen Jesus with his disciples? Walking with them he explained the Scriptures to them; sitting with them at table "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them."¹⁷⁴



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 6:51-58

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Jesus gives us an incredible gift. He gives us his Body and Blood for us to share in his eternal life. We become brothers and sisters with Christ and with our community of faith because of this shared life. The Eucharist is not simply a representation or reenactment of this Gospel-it is truly his Body and Blood, broken and shared today.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Each time we go to Mass, we participate in a meal with Jesus. He did not give us his Body and Blood only once. He continues to give it to us at every Mass. How can we thank him for this gift?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

What does it mean when Jesus said, "Whoever eats this bread will live forever"? How does he nourish us-through his Word, sacraments, and prayer?

LIVING THE WORD

We have received the gift of eternal life through the Eucharist. While this is a personal gift for each of us, it is also a calling to invite others to eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." How are our lives affected by our remaining in him and he in us? Imagine what the world might be like today if all people respected and valued the Eucharist. Draw a picture of what the world might look like if we showed our love for the Eucharist. Share these pictures with your parish priest.



Life's "final exam" will be on care for the poor, Pope says

Holding a joint audience with members of the general chapters of four different religious orders, Pope Francis focused on the values they have in common, including their origins as religious communities caring for the poor.

Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service, August 14, 2024

Read the article at:

usccb.org/news/2024/lifes-final-exam-will-be-care-poor-pope-says

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

“God’s love - individual, real, unchanging - is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

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Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ’s love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

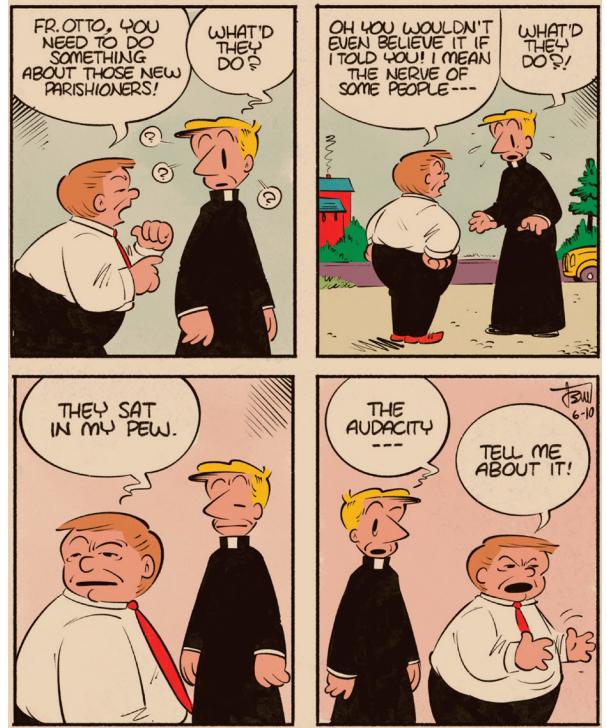
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The CATHOLIC CARTOON

by Janina Masterson



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ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

It's great to be back to school... and back at Mass as a school family for the Holy Day this past Thursday. Here's to a great school year, Royals!



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship August 11, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 6 Regular Income	\$7,344.00		
117 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$62.77			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$160.00		
Loose	\$424.51		
One-Time Donations	\$1,500.00		
Online Giving	\$1,075.00		
TOTAL	\$10,503.51	\$10,947.00	(\$443.49)
YTD TOTALS	\$54,881.37	\$65,682.00	(\$10,800.63)

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	\$470.00
Special Projects	\$115.00
Mission & Ministry	\$65.00
Assumption of Mary	\$160.00
Votive Offering	\$77.00

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. July tithes: \$6,214.00

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

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” - John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

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My Parish Prayer Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is - am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you can also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick: Appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism at least a month before your desired date. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office.

Matrimony: To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact the parish office to set up initial appointments and preparation at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults: Contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE

Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

Communion to the Homebound: If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

Declarations of Nullity: In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.')

Advocates are available for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.



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