

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 11, 2024



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Thursday the Church celebrates the Assumption - the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Psalmist proclaims, "The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold!" (Psalm 45). And the book of Revelation proclaims, "A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head" (Revelation 12:1). Mary was assumed by her Son into Heaven and now intercedes there at the right hand of her son, Jesus Christ, for the faithful here on earth. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

**Note that this Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass will be at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. here at St. Elizabeth Church.**


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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 12

Monday of the 19th Wk in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday, August 13

Tuesday of the 19th Wk in Ordinary Time
6:00 p.m. Mass
Nancy Gray+ by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Braun

Wednesday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
8:15 a.m. Mass
Toni Kokotovich+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 a.m. Mass:
Toni Kokotovich+ by St. Elizabeth Choir

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Ann Fabisher+ by Beth Dittman

Friday, August 16

Memorial of Saint Stephen of Hungary
8:15 a.m. Mass:
Billy Jones+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, August 17

Saturday of the 19th Wk in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, August 17-18

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:
Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Lucile Friederich+ by St. Elizabeth Choir

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Mr. & Mrs. Jose Alegre Sr.+ by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ayran & Family

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **the students, staff and teachers and the families of St. Elizabeth Catholic School.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the flowers beside the tabernacle are for **Nancy Gray+ by Elaine Foreman.**

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: 19th Sunday in Ord. Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Elijah prays for death but is instead awakened by an angel of the Lord who commands him to eat and drink before traveling to the Lord's mountain, Horeb. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to imitate God and treat each other lovingly. Jesus responds to the murmurings of the crowd reaffirming his claim that he is the living bread, come down from heaven, source of eternal life.

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday 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.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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

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

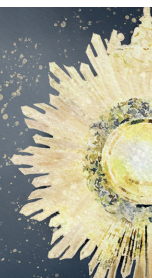
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



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

CALLING ALL PARISH BAKERS! FATHER'S GRADUATION PARTY NEXT SUNDAY!

If you have not already marked your calendar for **Father's Graduation Party on Sunday August 18**, please do so. We will need help with the setting up of the cafeteria on Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m.: tables and chairs for 350, table coverings, decorations, and beverage and dessert set up. All are welcome to come out and help, there will be plenty for everyone to do.

Also, we need desserts to serve at the dinner. Please make your signature dessert and drop it off in the cafeteria during set up or in the Harmony Room after 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses. We will make sure they are transported to the cafeteria. Sunday after 10:00am please drop in the cafeteria.

If you have questions please contact Tammi Mooshegian or the Parish Office.

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. Register at dio.org/events or contact the Parish Office for assistance with registering.



MEET OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR, MRS. MARLA WEIS

Hello! I'm Marla Weis, and I'm excited to take on the role of Music Director for St. Elizabeth's parish!

My husband, Joshua, and I will be married fifteen years this October. We have two awesome boys, Noah and Ethan, who are students here at St. Elizabeth's school. We've been members of this parish since we moved here in 2020. I am also a music teacher for GCSD 9 and love what I do!



I've been selecting and playing music for churches since I was a freshman in high school, then again throughout my college career at Quincy University, and various churches since then. I look forward to getting to know more people in this wonderful parish, along with filling our church with beautiful music to praise and worship God.

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite anyone and everyone who is interested to come join our choirs. Whether you're a new singer, a seasoned veteran, an instrumentalist, or just someone who wants to make a joyful noise, you are welcome to be a part of our Music Ministry. Remember, St. Augustine said that "the one who sings prays twice!" Choir rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings at 7:00 beginning August 20. Weeknights too hectic? Find us in the Music Room (across from the Harmony Room) 30 minutes before each Mass!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 11

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

Monday, August 12

Tuesday, August 13

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

Wednesday, August 14

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 15

**Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

First Day of School! Welcome back!

Anniversary of Father Alfred's ordination as a deacon

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Adoration (Church)

Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17

11 a.m. - Set up for Father's graduation party (Cafeteria)

Drop off desserts for the dinner at Father's graduation party - Cafeteria during setup, or in the Harmony Room after Mass

Sunday, August 18

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

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.

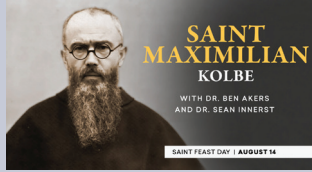
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We are asking all parishioners to pray for the men who have volunteered to lead our 3rd and 4th degrees, along with all the members who help us in doing what we do. We look forward to another exciting year and hopefully increase our gifts to the parishes and schools. We deeply appreciate the time and efforts of the parishioners who help us attain our goals. God bless you all, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618- 789 0337



FORMATION

This Week on FORMED®



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Saints

At age twelve, St. Maximilian Kolbe received a vision of Our Lady where he accepted the crowns of both purity and martyrdom, vowing to promote devotion to Mary as the defense against the twentieth century's evils. Join Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers as they dive into the life of this modern martyr.

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

"I have experienced an increasing devotion to the Mother of God. She has taught me how to love God interiorly and also how to carry out His holy will in all things. O Mary, You are joy, because through You God descended to earth [and] into my heart. (Diary,40).



SCUBA VBS THANK YOU

A HUGE Scuba thank you to everyone who took part in, and everyone who helped with, Scuba VBS this past week. Our youth had a blast! Special thanks to Marla & Josh Weis (Sing & Play opening & closings), Kathy Byrd (Imagination Station), Christa, Karen, & Rachel Willaredt, & Tom Cholevik (Bible stations), Mary Riggs & Natasha Reidl (Tidal Treats), Bret Ware (Spotlight VBS), Joseph & Andrew Halbrook (mainstage help), Suzanne & Thomas Halbrook (mainstage decorating), Beth Masters (check-in & check-out), Deacon Michael (VBS Director), and all our teen crew leaders.



PSR SIGN-UPS

Parish School of Religion (PSR) sign ups will begin very soon! 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!



BISHOP BARRON, BISHOP PAPROCKI, & THE #1 THINGS

Bishop Robert Barron is one of the Church's leading theologians. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is one of the Church's leading Canon lawyers. They are both some of the Church's best teachers of the faith. Dive Deep sits down with both of them to get their thoughts on the number one things about their own struggles with God, how to deepen your faith, how to improve your relationships, being a bishop, and more. 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 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

THE CATECHISM ON THE EUCHARIST

Below is the abbreviated "In Brief" section that concludes the portion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist:

1406 Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever;... he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and... abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:51, 54, 56).

1407 The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.

1408 The Eucharistic celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of his Son; the consecration of bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord's body and blood. These elements constitute one single act of worship.

1409 The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action.

1410 It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, who is the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

1411 Only validly ordained priests can preside at the Eucharist and consecrate the bread and the wine so that they become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

1412 The essential signs of the Eucharistic sacrament are wheat bread and grape wine, on which the blessing of the Holy Spirit is invoked and the priest pronounces the words of consecration spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper: "This is my body which will be given up for you... This is the cup of my blood..."

1413 By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1640; 1651).

1414 As sacrifice, the Eucharist is also offered in reparation for the sins of the living and the dead and to obtain spiritual or temporal benefits from God.

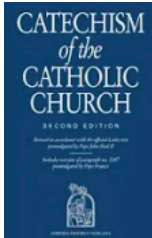
1415 Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance.

1416 Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.

1417 The Church warmly recommends that the faithful receive Holy Communion when they participate in the celebration of the Eucharist; she obliges them to do so at least once a year.

1418 Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration. "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is... a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord" (Paul VI, MF 66).

1419 Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints.



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 6:41-51

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Jesus is the Bread of Life. Why is the Bread of Life an important title for Christ? How does this title help us to more fully realize Jesus' identity and the Eucharistic gift that he offers to us? God the Father is leading us into divine life with him because he loves us unconditionally, with no limits. This is the way that we as parents love our children. Think about how the Eucharist nourishes people of all ages, all cultures, all times, binding us all together

ON THE WAY TO MASS

How do you feel when you are hungry? What happens when you do not have something to eat? In today's Mass, we will hear about Jesus being the Bread of Life. How does the Eucharist feed us?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

We have received so much from God. How do we return that love to him?

LIVING THE WORD

The Eucharist is the greatest way we receive the gifts of God and the way we give honor and love to God the Father. Take a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle. On one side, write "Gifts from God at Mass." Then list all the gifts that are present for your family in the liturgy. On the other side, title it "Give God honor, love, and praise." Finally, list all the ways we show God the Father honor, love, and praise at Mass. Which list is longer?

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025).

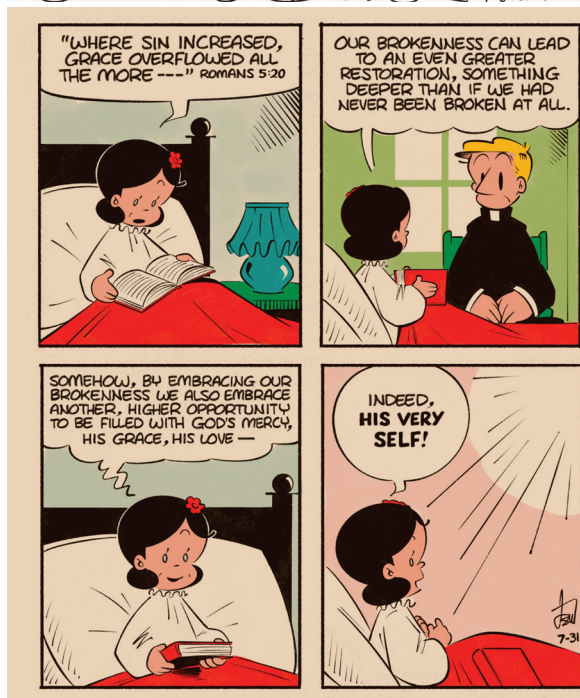
We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of pre-born children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God's gift of life?



HOLY LEISURE

The CATHOLIC CARTOON by Joshua Morrison



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 ones: 8/2-8/4, St. Peters, MO; 9/27-9/29, St. Peters, MO; 10/11-10/13, Springfield, IL.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Happy AUGUST! School is just around the corner. We are excited to start the new year and get back to routines. Below is information about upcoming events.

Kindergarten Meet & Greet is for the parents and Kindergarten. Students are to bring their supplies that evening. We will be meeting in the Kindergarten classroom to discuss school routines and classroom routines. This event is held Tuesday, August 13th, beginning at 7 p.m..

1st - 8th grade families: All families meet in the cafeteria to begin the evening at 6 p.m. Following the all school meeting parents will go to their Childs classroom. The teacher will talk about their classroom for approx. 20 minutes. If you have 1 child enrolled you are then free to leave. If you have more than 1 child you are then expected to go to the other Childs classroom at 7pm. The teachers will repeat themselves at each session. This meet and greet event will take place on Tuesday, August 13th, beginning at 6 p.m.

Pre K families you are welcome to bring items to the classroom on the evening of the 13th, 7-8 p.m. However, teachers will not be in the classroom.

All families are welcome to bring their child in to school on the first day (August 15th) to take pictures and assist carrying in their school supplies. August 15th, is an Holy Day of Obligation, so the school students will be headed to Mass at 9AM.

We will be serving hot lunch again this year (3 days a week) with 1 day pizza lunch. All students are required to bring their lunch the 15th & 16th. Snack cart and hot lunch will not begin until the week of August 19th.

Fall picture day for Pre K - 8th grade is August 27th.

Please be extremely careful in the parking lot on the first day.

Peace & blessings, Mrs. Williams



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship August 4, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 5 Regular Income	\$7,794.00		
114 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$68.37			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$313.50		
Loose	\$526.00		
One-Time Donations	\$0.00		
Online Giving	\$1,385.00		
TOTAL	\$10,018.50	\$10,947.00	(\$928.50)
YTD TOTALS	\$44,377.86	\$54,735.00	(\$10,357.14)

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	\$762.00
Special Projects	\$403.50
Mission & Ministry	\$231.00
Assumption of Mary	\$150.00
Funeral Stipend	\$100.00
Other Not Specified	\$226.00

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.
June tithe: \$4,024.00

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

“Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!” - 1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a Stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

**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

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