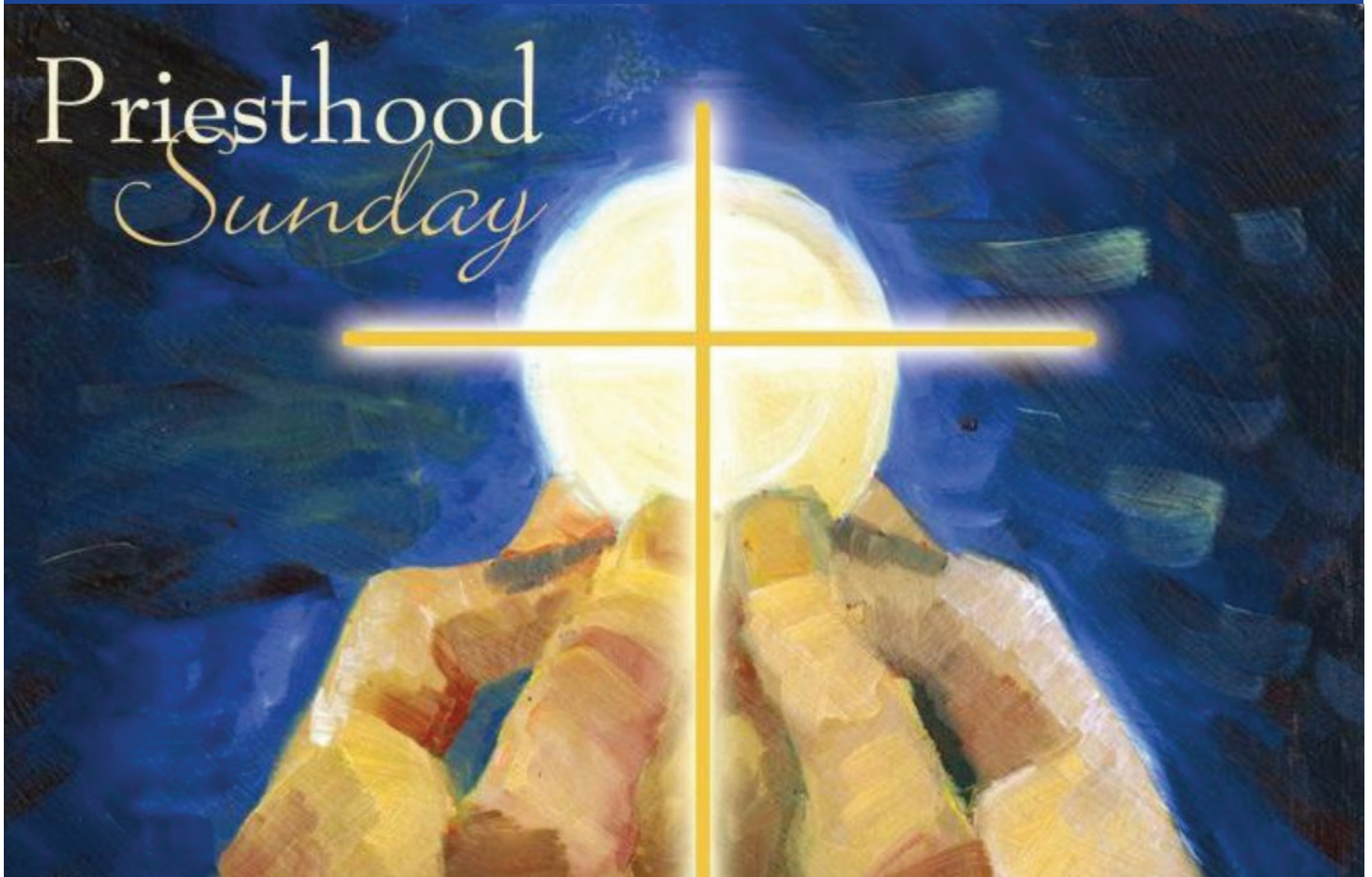


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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 29, 2024



Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as central one. Priesthood Sunday specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Let's especially pray for, fast for, and say "thank you" to our priests, and those preparing for the priesthood, this weekend!


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Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, September 30
Memorial of Saint Jerome,
Priest and Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Tuesday, October 1
Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
virgin and doctor of the Church
6:00 p.m. Mass:
Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, October 2
Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
8:15 a.m. Mass:
Sam Shambro+ by JoAnn Barnett

Thursday, October 3
Thursday of the 26th Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:
Ezra McIlroy by Sandy Bisto

Friday, October 4
Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi
8:15 a.m. Mass:
First Friday Intentions

Saturday, October 5
Saturday of the 26th Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:
Nancy Gray+ by JoAnn Barnett

Saturday-Sunday, October 5-6
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:
Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth
8:00 a.m. Mass: 
Frank Gremaud+ by Rita Edson Family
10:30 a.m. Mass:
Rudy Voutopal, Jr.+ by Dorothy Hayes

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Nancy Gray+ by Dan & Cheryl Folkerts.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

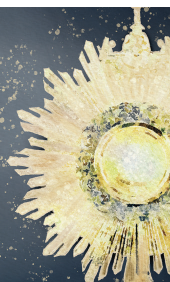
The altar flowers are **in honor of Mary Lerch, for her birthday, by Deacon Michael & Suzanne Halbrook and family.**

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



October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: For a shared mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

This Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ord. Time
Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
The Lord made us to not be alone: we were created for relationship with him and with one another. There is something truly worthy of awe in knowing that God, the Creator of the Universe and all things, desires for us to love and be loved, as he loves. We are not just his Creation, we are his children. His only Son is our brother. The kingdom belongs to us, if we embrace it with the childlike wonder it deserves.

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ord. Time
Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16
In the first reading, God creates a suitable partner for man, forming woman from his rib. In the second reading, the author writes about how Christ was, for a little while, made lower than the angels and therefore is not ashamed to call us brothers. Jesus answers the Pharisees' question regarding the legality of divorce and reiterates the permanence of the marriage bond.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 9/24- Rev. Henry Schmidt+, 9/27- Rev. James Flach, Rev. Michael Haag, 9/28- Rev. Thomas Meyer, 9/29- Rev. Victor Balke+, Rev. Bernard Meyer

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 9/28- Rev. Anthony Wirtschorek Rev. Joseph O'Boyle Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz Rev. John William Houran 9/29- Rev. Donatus Grunloh, O.F.M. 9/30- Rev. James McCabe 10/1- Rev. Peter Virnich Rev. William A. Toomey Msgr. Henry Koedler 10/2- Most Rev. Henry Juncker Rev. Thomas Gallenbach 10/3- Rev. William H. McEvoy, S.J. 10/4- Rev. Raymond P. Franzen



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 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 Joshua
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

LADIES SODALITY FALL BAZAAR RECRUITING HELP

Please mark your calendars and help volunteer for the week prior to the Turkey Dinner October 12th – October 19th to help with cooking, preparations, etc.

Please consider donating money to help offset the cost of the turkeys. Drop by the parish office or in the collection at Mass. Be sure to mark the envelope or check that it is for the turkeys or other items.

Friday afternoon cafeteria setup is on October 19 and shifts on Sunday, October 20, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are also looking for cleanup help in the kitchen and dining room from 5 p.m to 6 p.m.

Contact the following for more information and to sign up to work Kitchen, Basket Booth, General Store, Religious Booth, etc.:

- Laura Schrenkenberg 618-225-0430
- Dining Room: Kathy Byrd 618-954-8290
- Basket Booth: Mary Riggs 618-542-7855 or Chris Domagalski 618-304-2575
- General Store: Pam Ames 618-791-7081 or Paula Thouvenot 618-709-3000
- Religious Booth: Norma Lesko 618-593-2884
- Quilt Raffle: Kathy Swift 618-980-5216
- Main Chair: Christine Domagalski 618-304-2575

Thank you in advance for your time and talent. Come out and have fun working for the glory of God.

PET BLESSING

Join us for the Pet Blessing at 2 p.m. on the parking lot this Friday on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. If you can't make it, just let Father or Deacon know - they can bless your pets any time or place.

LADIES SODALITY MEETINGS

All Ladies are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Please join us to help prepare for all of the fun fall and advent activities which are coming up. Your support can directly impact our parish, church and community. It takes all of us together to make a difference. We have many opportunities for you to get involved. So please join us! We would love to see you at our meetings! Please contact me, Christine Domagalski for more information 618-304-2575.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

One of our parish families reached out and has some brand new and very lightly used medical equipment that they are attempting to sell on. Among the items are a Hoyer lift and sling, a low pressure air mattress and pump for wound care and a number of catheters. If you are interested in more information, please contact Bret in the parish office for details.

UPCOMING MINISTRY TRAININGS

Trainings for all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) for this year are coming soon. EMHC training will be on Sunday, November 10 from 6-7 p.m., and Lector training will be on Sunday, November 17 from 6-7 p.m. On both Sundays, all are encouraged to stay for Holy Hour with Vespers afterward from 7-8 p.m. Both will be recorded and sent to all in the ministry, for those unable to attend. Please join us if you are in one of these ministries or interested in joining them. Thank you!

FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY!

Don't miss our next Fish Fry - THIS FRIDAY!



THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 29 Priesthood Sunday

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

6 p.m. - YDS Teens (PLC Upper Room)

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

Monday, September 30

6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen*, Season 3, Episodes 7 & 8 (Harmony Room)

Tuesday, October 1

7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:30 p.m. - Men's Club (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, October 2

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. - *40 Days for Life*

St. Elizabeth Day to Pray

Sign up in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office to help

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

2 p.m. - Pet Blessing (Parking Lot)

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry (Cafeteria)

Saturday, October 5

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

Sunday, October 6

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We have 2 awesome events coming up in the next few months. The first is our Halloween dance/party on Oct 18th for all children of the 3 parishes. The date is Friday Oct 18th. Look for the flyer that will be in bulletins in near future. It is at the Columbus Home, previous K of C hall, 4225 Old Alton Road, G.C. The 2nd event is the celebration of the feast day of St. Elizabeth by handing on bread after the masses. Parishioners, if you see a fellow in his blue, Knights of Columbus shirt, at Mass, please go up and shake his hand and thank him. A thank you goes a long way in these times. While thinking about this, we would like to thank all those in the organizations that go the extra mile to support our parish, financially and spirituals. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



Knights of
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This Week on
FORMED



Who are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?

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.

FORMATION

COMING INTO THE CHURCH

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!



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

6th-8th graders of the parish are invited to join Deacon Michael for a special 3-week series, *Firm Foundations*, this October.

The series covers the Sunday Gospel readings taken from Mark 10. Our youth will be introduced to basic tenets of Christian discipleship, encouraged to examine obstacles in their lives that prevent them from living out these principles, and 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 on Sunday, October 13, 20, & 27.

CALLING ALL TEENS

Our next Teen Night is **THIS Sunday, September 29**, from 6-7 p.m. with dinner & social. Please consider staying for the Holy Hour afterwards from 7-8 p.m. Join us for PIZZA and SWORDS. Invite your teenage friends. Please RSVP so that we have enough food: stelizabethgc.org/teens



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

- 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

Mercy Minute

"My sacrifice is nothing in itself, but when I join it to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, it becomes all-powerful and has the power to appease divine wrath. God loves us in His Son; the painful Passion of the Son of God constantly turns aside the wrath of God." (Diary, 482).



PARISH LIFE

NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Congratulations to Aiden Ziegler, Noah Bowen and Maya Bowen, who were baptized here on Sunday, September 15.



THANK YOU to the whole team who helped host our Bishop and priests of our diocese for adoration, Vespers, Mass, and dinner on September 18! Thanks especially to Mary Lou Lyerla who coordinated the effort.



AROUND THE AREA

MPH MARYVILLE CHICKEN DINNER

All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinner at Mother of Perpetual Help in Maryville. Sunday, October 6, 11:30-5:30, 200 North Lange in Maryville. Serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, apple sauce, green beans, sauerkraut, slaw, dessert, and a beverage. \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 6-13, children 5 & under free. Dine-in or carry-out. Quilt raffle & 50/50 drawing. Hosted by MPH & the Men's Booster Club.

KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY & DANCE

FREE! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Friday, October 18 at the Columbus Home, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Musical chairs, best costume, hokey pokey, and many other fun things to do. All children of the 3 parishes are invited! Decorations of a live scarecrow, fog machines, strobe lights, haystack, and balloon former. Notify parish secretary if you can attend and the number of people.

TRIVIA NIGHT SUPPORTING OUR CUB SCOUT PACK 103

Trivia Night sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 103! Saturday, November 9, Engelbert Hall, 1613 Tenth St., Madison, IL. Doors open 6 p.m., Trivia starts at 6:30 p.m. \$150 for a table of 8. Reserve and pay by October 31 and get your table for \$125! Besides the trivia questions we have: 50/50, basket raffles, mulligans, additional fun games, soda & water available - BYOB, feel free to bring your own snacks. To reserve your spot, send name & payment to; Cub Scout Pack 103, c/o Cheryl Moe, 3266 Kilarney, Granite City, IL 62040.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE TWELVE STEP PROGRAMS, AT KINGS HOUSE AT OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

King's House at Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center presents: The Spirituality of the Twelve Steps for Everyone, a four-part series. Facilitator: Mark Dean, OMI. Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024, 10 a.m. - 12 Noon. Deeply rooted in Christian tradition, the 12-step program blends the best of spirituality with the best of modern psychology. Addiction recovery is only one manifestation of its value. You will come to see how the 12 steps apply to areas of your life you would never have thought of. Cost: \$20 for series; \$5 per session. For more information, call 618-397-0584 or Register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/2024fallvs/>

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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>

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 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Jesus' warning about the millstone is one of the most sobering Gospel passages to read. The way we treat others, react to situations, and approach our daily tasks lays down a model that others will remember, for better or for worse. Jesus is clear: if any of our habits or tendencies leads us or others - especially "little ones" - to sin, we must root it out. This is a hard and challenging call, but there's always reason to hope in God. Anyone who strives to serve Christ or the little ones who belong to him "will surely not lose his reward."

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Whom do you admire? What do they teach us about how to live?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

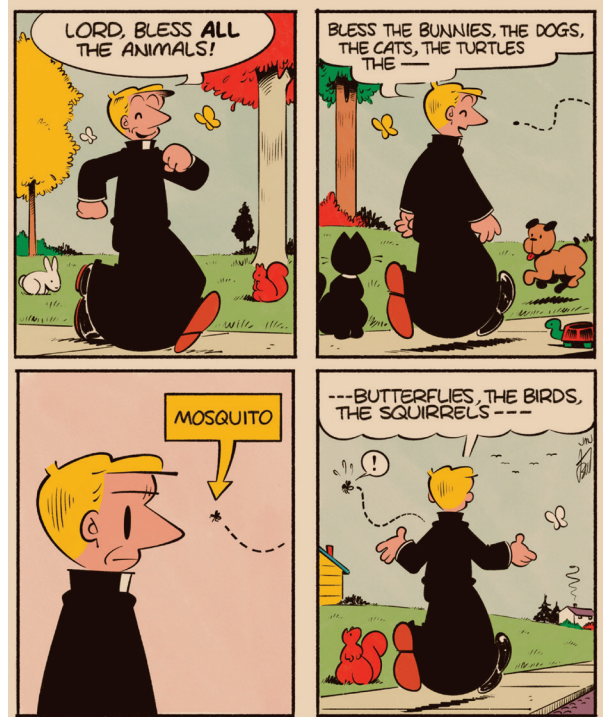
Do you think Jesus really meant for us to cut off our hands or feet?. What did he mean?

LIVING THE WORD

Take time for an age-appropriate examination of conscience: How have you loved God and others well, and how have you fallen short? For those old enough, make a family trip to the sacrament of reconciliation, and have a simple celebration afterward.

HOLY LEISURE

The CATHOLIC CARTOON by Joshua Materson



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Remember: Catholic education starts at Sunday Mass!
School families, don't forget to continue submitting your Mass cards at Sunday Mass.

GRANITE CITY OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Noah B. and Piper B. were selected as the Granite City Optimist September Students of the Month. Noah and Piper are members of Mrs. Katie Dimitroff's kindergarten class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.

Noah is six years old and is the son of Anabel and Rolando. His favorite part of the kindergarten schedule is math class. He enjoys doing the math activities that Mrs.

Dimitroff assigns each day and says that 100 is his favorite number. When school is over, Noah goes home, changes his clothes, and watches television. Bluey is the T.V. program he likes the most. In his spare time, he plays T Ball for the Orange Team. His favorite animal is the penguin, especially those species that live in the Antarctic. When Noah grows up, he would like to be a professional baseball player.

Piper is five years old and is the daughter of Amy and Steven. Math is the classroom activity she enjoys the most, and five is her favorite number. After school, Piper likes to play with her toys and her pets. Her stuffies are her favorite toys, and she has seven cats and a dog to care for as her pets. She also takes gymnastics lessons. Birds are Piper's favorite type of animal, especially the cardinal which has been designated as the state bird of Illinois. Piper's life goal is to become a doctor that takes care of children.

The Granite City Optimist Organization is an international society dedicated to helping the youth of the world. For more information about the Granite City Optimists, contact Paul Hellrich at 618 407-3011. The Optimists are always looking for new members who would like to aid in their mission to help the youth of the community. Come join us!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE! ABL PREGNANCY HELP CENTER ANNUAL GALA

You are invited to join A BEACON OF LIGHT for our 2024 Annual Gala for A Beacon of Light Pregnancy Help Center, Saturday, October 26, 2024, 5:30-10:00 p.m., LeClaire Room, 600 Troy Road, Edwardsville, IL

A Beacon of Light is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit, life-affirming organization based on Catholic spirituality called to support families facing an unplanned pregnancy or any pregnancy loss, including abortion. Your attendance helps fund essential services like free ultrasounds, free pregnancy testing, counseling, and educational programs. The evening will include a center update as you hear from our CEO, Kristi Hofferber, about the exciting things taking place at A Beacon of Light (ABL) and the amazing ways that families are being transformed through the programs and services that are made possible by your support!



Our featured speaker will be Kimberly Hahn, Catholic convert, apologist, and author. She and her husband, Scott Hahn, have six children together. Kimberly's educational background includes a Bachelors of Arts in Communication Arts from Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania, followed by a Masters of Arts in Theology from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. During past school years, Kimberly led a weekly Bible study at Franciscan University. Her studies include the Mysteries of the Rosary, Proverbs 31, Knowing the Will of God, Finances, Praying from the Hearth, Dating and Courtship, and Women of Hope.

Sponsorships and Program Ad placements are now available. For more information visit our website. For help, call (618) 855-9774 or email khofferber@ablpregnancyresource.org. If you are interested in attending at a table Deacon Michael and Suzanne Halbrook are considering hosting, please reach out to Deacon Michael ASAP at mhalbrook@dio.org or 618-616-6587.



ROYAL RUNNERS

Royals Cross Country runners had another great performance last Monday at Triad. The course was difficult and the weather was hot, but they pulled through and made us proud. The team (and coaches) also participated in the Italian Fest 5K in Collinsville. Special congratulations to Caroline C. and Henry M.. They outpaced several strong runners in their divisions to win 1st place medals. Great job!



8th GRADE ROYAL HAWKS

Last week, we celebrated our 8th grade baseball players, Jackson D. and Charlie G., at the Royal Hawks baseball game. The Royal Hawks won their game 14-2! What a way to celebrate your 8th grade season, boys!



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.

Please sign up in the Gathering Space to pray with us on our adopted day, THIS Wednesday, October 2.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship September 22, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 12 Regular Income	\$4,437.00		
99 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$44.82			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$10.00		
Loose	\$629.42		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$2,165.00		
TOTAL	\$7,241.42	\$10,947.00	(\$3,705.58)
YTD TOTALS	\$102,227.52	\$131,364.00	(\$29,136.48)

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	\$170.00
Special Projects	\$15.00

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. August tithes: \$3,665.00

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

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” - Mark 9:41

We are made in God’s image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that’s the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

**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.**

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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