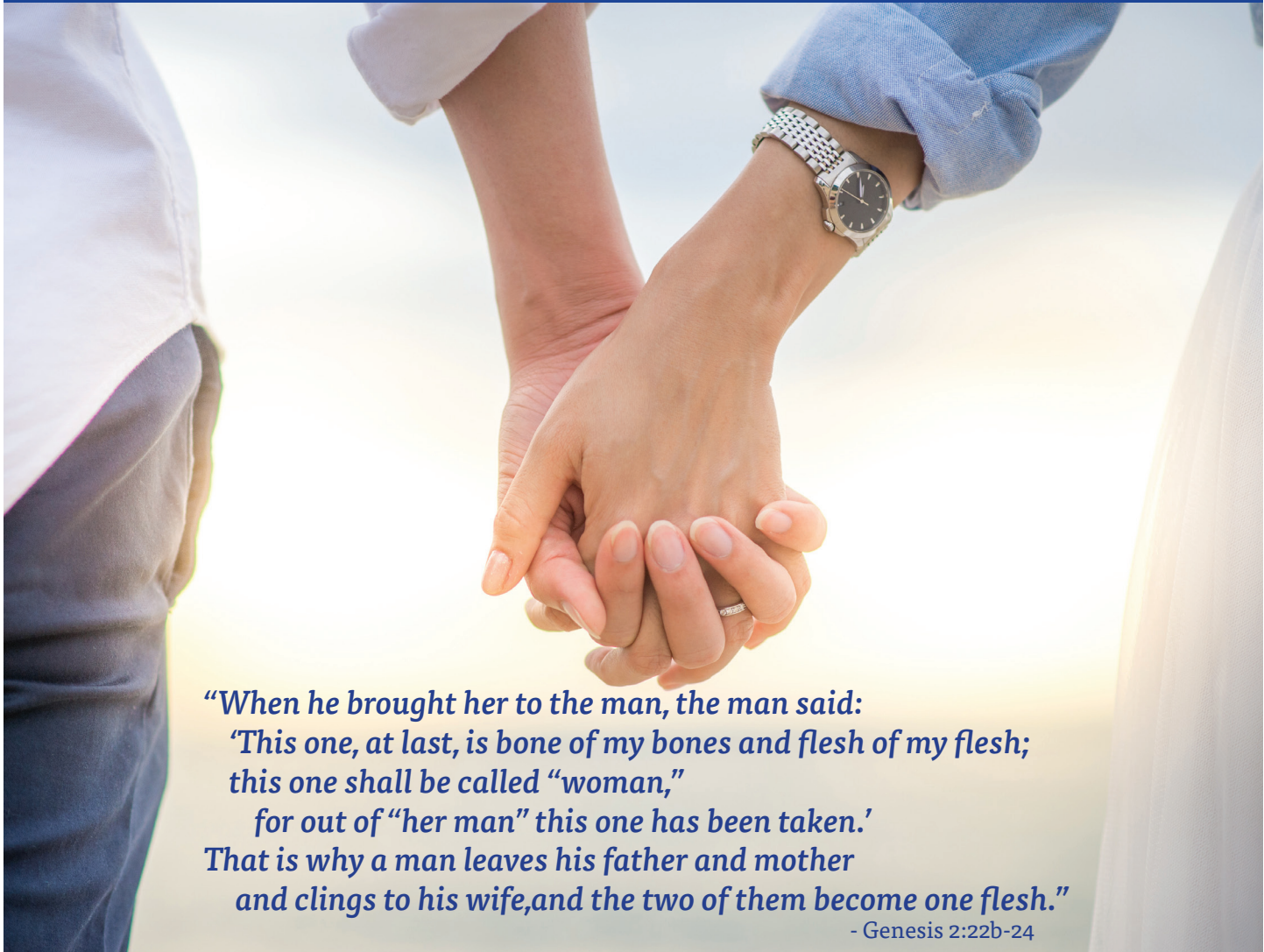


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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 6, 2024



*“When he brought her to the man, the man said:
‘This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called “woman,”
for out of “her man” this one has been taken.’
That is why a man leaves his father and mother
and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.”*

- Genesis 2:22b-24


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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

No Mass

Tuesday, October 8

Tuesday of the 27th Wk in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mary & Noman Danheiser+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, October 9

Wednesday of the 27th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Tom Czwoznog+ by Ann Czwoznog

Thursday, October 10

Thursday of the 27th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Verna Dean Wall+ by Daniel Kraus

Friday, October 11

Friday of the 27th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Joan Moshner+ by Daniel Kraus

Saturday, October 12

Saturday of the 27th Wk in Ordinary Time


Join Monsignor Hoefler and the faithful of the diocese for the annual Life Mass & Rosary Walk at Holy Family at 9 a.m.

Saturday-Sunday, October 12-13

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Larry Wiegand+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Jim Dittman+ by Janice Dittman

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 memory of Nancy Gray.**

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

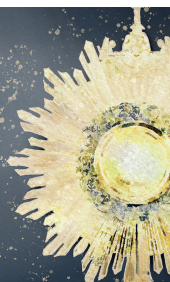
Be with Jesus

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: 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.

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ord. Time

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

In the first reading, Solomon prayed for wisdom and received all good things *in her company*. The Letter to the Hebrews says the word of God is *living and effective*, able to discern thoughts of the heart. In the Gospel, a man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he has, give to the poor, and follow him.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 10/9- Rev. Jeffrey Stone 10/13- Rev. Raphael Paul DeMoreno 10/14- Rev. Joseph Molloy 10/16- Rev. Carl Schmidt Rev. Ryan McDaniel 10/21- Rev. William Kessler 10/22- Rev. R. Dean Probst Rev. Paul Kala

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 10/5- Rev. Mike Ryan Rev. Irenaeus St. Cyr Rev. Michael J. Sheehy 10/6- Rev. Hilary Tucker Rev. Patrick Fallon Rev. G. Ronald Nesbitt Rev. Donald Sederwall 10/7- Rev. M.J. Crowley Rev. Arthur Douglas LeBreton Rev. Joseph Windolf, O.F.M. 10/8- Rev. Morgan Ryan Rev. Thomas M. 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, 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

Czwoznog & 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

Volunteers needed to help prepare the meal for the Fall Bazaar on the following dates. We will be working in the school cafeteria kitchen.

October 12 & 13 - 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 14, 15, 16 - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

October 17 - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 18 - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 19 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 20 - 6 a.m. to close (Fall Bazaar)

Contact Laura Schrenkenberg 618-225-0430 or Chris Domagalski 618-304-2575 for more details.

Please bring your wonderful baked desserts for the dinner. Items can be dropped off at the cafeteria Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19 until 5 p.m. and Sunday morning before the bazaar.

Donations are welcomed to help offset the cost of the turkeys and other items. Drop donations by the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. Be sure to mark the envelope or check that is for the turkeys or other items.

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.

FALL BAZAAR GENERAL STORE

Please make your favorite dessert, canned items or homemade items. We need pies, cakes, cookies, candy, jams, & jellies to sell. Items can be dropped off at the cafeteria, Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19 until 5 p.m. Any questions please call Paula Thouvenot 618-709-3000.

LADIES SODALITY MEETINGS

All Ladies are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. The next meeting is October 22 in the Harmony Room. 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 Christine Domagalski for more information 618-304-2575.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

A parish family has some new and lightly used medical equipment that they are attempting to sell. 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.

FALL 150 CLUB WINNERS

We are pleased to share the winners of our most recent 150 Club drawings.

Congratulations to:
September #78- Tom & Helen Cholevik
October #16- Tim & Chris Domagalski

THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, October 7

6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen*, Season 4, Episodes 1 & 2 (Harmony Room)

Tuesday, October 8

7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, October 9

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, October 10

6:30 p.m. - PTO (Cafeteria)

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

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

9 a.m. - Annual Life Mass, Rosary Walk, and Luncheon (Holy Family)

Sunday, October 13

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

9:15-10:15 a.m. - Middle Schoolers: "Firm Foundations" with Deacon Michael (Harmony Room)

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

Monday, October 14

Columbus Day -
Parish Office & School Closed

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
Columbus®

This Week on **FORMED**



Paint By Heart Benjamin Cello Episode 5

Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart! The beauty of painting takes center stage as Giovanni Angelico or “Mr. Gelly” teaches Benjamin Cello and his friends how to “paint by heart.”

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

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

Mercy Minute

“Today, as God’s Majesty swept over me, my soul understood that the Lord, so very great though He is, delights in humble souls. The more a soul humbles itself, the greater the kindness with which the Lord approaches it. Uniting himself closely with it, He raises it to His very throne. Happy is the soul whom the Lord himself defends. I have come to know that only love is of any value; love is greatness; nothing, no works, can compare with a single act of pure love of God,” (Diary, 1092).



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.

PICNIC NEWS

Mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic 2025!

“Fun in the Sun”, JUNE 6-7-8

It always still amazes me of the comradery of commitment of the time, talent, and fun for our picnic, year after year. So, without all our set-up/tear-down crew, booth chairpersons, booth workers, maintenance and grounds team, financial supporters, parish office and our community, our church and schools would not be what they are today. “Thank You” to all involved.

This year’s picnic was another great, successful, and safe event. Our weather was impressive, a big thank you to our weather chairperson, our music was entertaining, our foods were delicious, our drinks were refreshing, our games were fun, and they were all served with a smile!

Our net profit for our annual Picnic 2024 fundraiser was \$115,541.81. Thanks be to God.

If you did not make it this year, you missed out. I know I sure did, but I will be back, and I hope you will too! Please join us for even more “Fun in the Sun” coming in 2025!

The church picnic has always inspired me to be involved from when I helped my family at my parish picnics during my childhood years. I continue to witness that year after year here with my St. Elizabeth parish families, it brings back such extraordinary joy and memories to me.

If you are new to our Parish family and you would like to get involved in any capacity at our picnic, please do not hesitate to stop me at church or give the parish office a call at 618-877-3300 or email secretary@stelizabethgc.org for more info on volunteering.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Blessings,

Tim Domagalski, Picnic Chairperson

CALLING ALL TEENS

Our next Teen Night is **THIS Sunday, October 6**, from 6-7 p.m. Join us if you can, and please consider staying for the Holy Hour afterwards from 7-8 p.m. Invite your teenage friends.



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.

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

AROUND THE AREA

THIS SUNDAY: 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.

ST. MARY'S 17th ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST (ALTON)

In celebration of the 166th anniversary of our parish, St. Mary's Church in Alton is celebrating Oktoberfest October 11-13. Join us on our parish grounds at Henry & 3rd Sts. as we celebrate the German heritage of our founding families with live music, German and American themed food, a wine & beer garden, basket raffle, silent auction, and a \$10,000 Super Sweepstakes Raffle! On Sat. and Sun. we will have children's games, a Teen Zone, inflatables, and lots of other food and entertainment. Grounds open 6 p.m. Fri., 1 p.m. Sat., and Noon Sun. We will celebrate four anniversary Masses that week-end: on Saturday at 5:15 p.m. and Sunday at 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. in the parish church, and a special anniversary "Mass in the Grass" on Sunday at 11 a.m. at Garfield/Barth Park at 6th & Langdon, Homilist is Dcn. Stephen Fahrig (bring a lawn chair). Please note, we will NOT have our 9:30 a.m. or 5:15 p.m. Sunday Masses Oktoberfest week-end. We truly hope you will join us for all the fun of our 17th Annual Oktoberfest! More information and directions, including our great lineup of bands, can be found at stmarysoktoberfest.com. \$10,000 Sweepstakes Raffle tickets can be purchased on the festival grounds or by calling St. Mary's parish office 618-465-4284 by Oct. 9 - need not be present to win. Silent Auction is bid online, see our Oktoberfest website for more details.



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/>

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 10:2-9, 13-16

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

In this well-known Gospel passage, Jesus is clear about children's dignity and how they belong in the kingdom of God. In fact, they don't just belong in the kingdom: the kingdom, Jesus says, belongs to them. It is hard to go to Mass as a family and to integrate faith into daily life, especially with little children. If we're honest, we may sometimes wonder if it's even worth it. But Jesus is saying that little children have a natural disposition toward receiving his promise, his gift of life. No one is too young to follow the Lord; we can all learn to model the childlike trust, honesty, and sense of wonder that opens young children to receive the kingdom of God in faith

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Do you think grownups and children pray in the same way? What are some differences? How do you like to pray?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

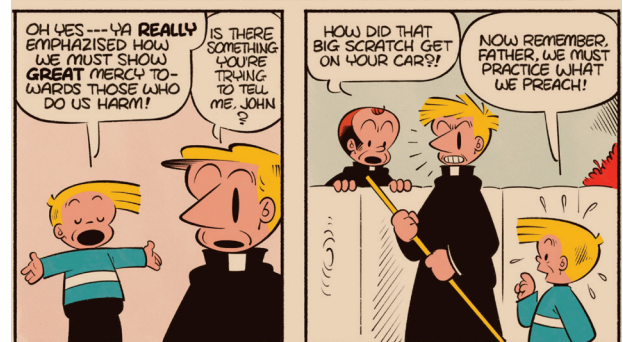
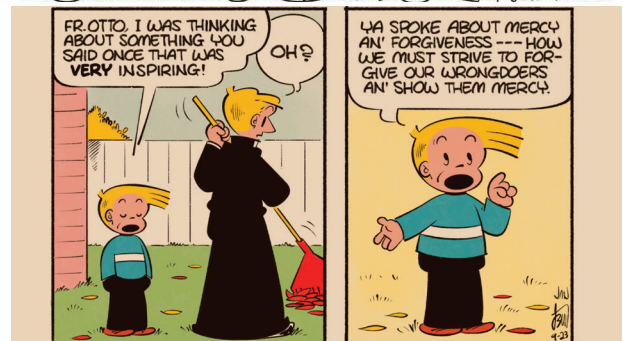
I wonder how it felt to be one of the children Jesus embraced and blessed. What would you have said to him?

LIVING THE WORD

As often as you can (maybe at dinner or before bed), let your children lead the family in prayer. If this isn't your regular practice, it might take a few times to break through any hesitancy or shyness. Early on, you could model a simple prayer like "Dear Jesus, I loved the sunshine today." Encourage them gently and treat their prayers as reverently as you would an adult's.

The CATHOLIC CARTOON

by Joshua Moberg



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

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

St. Elizabeth Catholic Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/.

FIELD TRIP FUN!



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

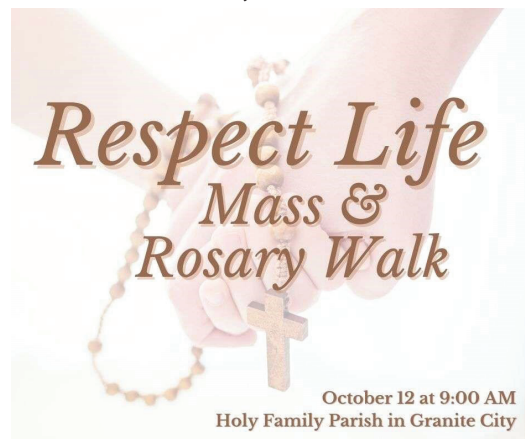
A Beacon of Light is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit, life-affirming organization based on Catholic spirituality called to support families facing an unplanned pregnancy or any pregnancy loss, including abortion. Your attendance helps fund essential services like free ultrasounds, free pregnancy testing, counseling, 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.

NEXT SATURDAY! JOIN US



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship September 29, 2024

| | Actual | Goal | Over/(Short) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Week 13 Regular Income | \$5,529.00 | | |
| 97 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$57.00 | | | |
| Building Repair/Maintenance | \$0.00 | | |
| Loose | \$445.51 | | |
| One-Time Donations | - | | |
| Online Giving | \$895.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$6,869.51 | \$10,947.00 | (\$4,077.49) |
| YTD TOTALS | \$109,097.03 | \$142,311.00 | (\$33,213.97) |

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 | \$710.00 |
| Special Projects | \$280.00 |
| All Saints Day | \$10.00 |
| All Souls Day | \$10.00 |
| Funeral Stipend | \$100.00 |
| Votive Offering | \$120.00 |

Parish Tithing Reporting

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

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” - Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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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.

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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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