

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 20, 2024

**Ladies Sodality
Fall Bazaar & Turkey Dinner**

**THIS SUNDAY
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Join us & bring your friends.



World Mission Sunday 2024
October 20th

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet
(MT 22:9)

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

-  **38,140** Seminarists
-  **8,750** Shelters and Orphanages
-  **12,000** Health Centers
-  **844,000** Catechists
-  **258,540** Religious sisters


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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, October 21

Monday of the 29th Wk in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday, October 22

Memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Lee Hayes+ by Premo & Kay Clay

Wednesday, October 23

Memorial of St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Shelby Jones+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, October 24

Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John & Jamie Kindle+ by Dawn Wright

Friday, October 25

Friday of the 29th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, October 26

Saturday of the 29th Wk in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, October 26-27

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Braun

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Frieda Hicks+ by Jim Bohn

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Bill Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are **in memory of Bill Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk.**

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



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: 29th Sunday in Ord. Time

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prophesies about the servant who justifies many through his suffering. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes that we have a great high priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Jeremiah prophesies that the Lord will bring back his people from the land to which they were exiled. The author of Hebrews explains that just as the high priest can act as such only if he has been called by God to do so, so also Christ acts as our high priest because God has appointed him to do so. In the Gospel, Jesus restores the sight of Bartimaeus.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 10/21- Rev. William Kessler, 10/22- Rev. R. Dean Probst, Rev. Paul Kala, 10/29- Rev. Chris Trummer, 10/30- Rev. Alan Hunter, 10/31- Rev. Mark Tracy

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 10/20- Rev. Timothy Hickey, Rev. John Berry, Rev. Francis Mazir, Rev. Elmo Kurz, 10/21- Rev. Joseph H. Boil, 10/22- Rev. James Murray, Rev. John Gramke, Msgr. Frederick Klasner, 10/23- Rev. Henry Degenhardt, Rev. Peter McCauley, Rev. George E. Faller, 10/24- Rev. Francis Recouvreur, Rev. Eugene Francis Griffin, Rev. Robert P. Morris

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

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

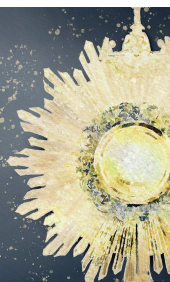
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7-8 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, CO; Nick Glasgow- USMC, CA

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.

THANK YOU FROM OUR NEIGHBORS AT HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family Parish thanks you for your generous donations to our food pantry. We appreciate all you do for the Holy Family Food Pantry Ministry!

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. 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 unable to attend. Please join us if you are in one of these ministries or interested in them.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 20

Fall Bazaar and Turkey Dinner!

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

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

No Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction this week

Monday, October 21

6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen*, Season 4, Episodes 5 & 6 (Harmony Room)

Tuesday, October 22

After 6 p.m. Mass - Ladies Sodality (Harmony Room)

7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, October 23

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, October 24

6:30 p.m. - OCIA/AMA (PLC)

6:30 p.m. - Finance Council (Harmony)

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

Friday, October 25

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, October 27

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

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

6 p.m. - Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)

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

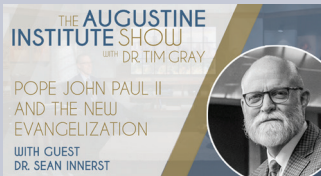
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

It is with great joy that I can inform all knights, parishioners, and those who have prayed for baby Zoey's healing that she came home on Friday, Oct 11th. She looks good and was getting accustomed to her house.

She still has a long way to go as she still has a feeding tube and other issues that will be addressed in the future. We ask all of you to keep praying for her healing. Thank you Lord for laying your healing hands on Zoey and giving her a chance to be able to live through her disease. God is great! Thank you all once again. Tom, 618-789-0337



This Week on **FORMED**



Pope John Paul II and the New Evangelization,

The Augustine Institute Show
Dr. Sean Innerst, Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, joins Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show. Dr. Innerst and Dr. Gray will discuss Saint John Paul II's papacy and the New Evangelization in the Church.

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

Each week, a short excerpt from St. Faustina's Diary, in which she recorded our Lord's messages to her about His Divine Mercy:

"Humiliation is my daily food...At those times when I suffer much, I try to remain silent, as I do not trust my tongue, which at such moments is inclined to talk for itself, while its duty is to help me praise God for all the blessings and gifts which He has given me". (Diary, 92, Part 1).



FORMATION



CATHOLIC BASICS & Q&A

Our RCIA/Formation team is hosting two Thursday nights the next few weeks for families and individuals who are already baptized and are coming into the Catholic faith this fall. We'll be covering Catholic basics plus a Q&A "Ask Me Anything" session each night. ALL are invited - even life-long Catholics that just want to learn more, brush up, or ask a question that's been bugging them for a long time.

Thursday in the Parish Life Center at 6:30 p.m.

Contact the parish office for a recording of the topics Deacon Michael covered on 10/17: liturgy & the liturgical year, a survey of the Sacraments and some of the history behind the development of our faith along those lines; Doctrinal & Church authority, Marian theology, and a survey of moral theology & more challenging moral topics.



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 20 & 27.

YDS TEENS: BONFIRE TIME



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 21: Season 4, Episodes 5 & 6
October 28: Season 4, Episodes 7 & 8

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!



ETERNAL REST: THIS NOVEMBER

Join us in November for a small group study of death & dying and the "four last things," using the short series *Eternal Rest* from Augustine Institute. Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, & 25, from 6:30-8 each night. Optional donation of \$20 helps cover booklet and snacks. Join us! Sign up via the parish office or at:

stelizabethgc.org/rest

CALLING ALL TEENS

Our next Teen Night will be on *Sunday, November 4*, from 5-6:30 p.m. We'll enjoy a bonfire, yard games, food, and fellowship at Norma's *Along The Way Bed & Breakfast* property, 152 Central Ave., Mitchell. Bring your teenage friends! Sign up & more info at:

stelizabethgc.org/teens

AROUND THE AREA



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.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Visitors Center, presents: **An Advent Day of Prayer - The Three Comings of Christ.** Presenter - Karen Seaborn, Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This Advent Day of Prayer will consist of three conferences with time for quiet reflection after each and includes lunch with conversation. The presentations will include experiential elements, imaginative prayer, lectio divina and visio divina. Some simple art supplies will be provided. Cost: \$50 (lunch included). For more information, call 618-397-0584 or register online at: <https://kh.snows.org/events/adventdop/>

ST. MARY & ST. MARK PARISH 48th ANNUAL SNOWMAN'S BALL

Saturday, December 7, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Engelbert Hall, 10th & Washington, Madison, IL. Doors open at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m. Music by Dave Hylla's Good Times Band 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Ticket includes catered dinner, music, beer & soda. Must purchase ticket by November 20 at Noon. Great evening for Fellowship & fun! Attendance prizes and raffles. Questions, call Cheryl at 618-610-7158. For tickets, mail \$20 per ticket to: St. Mary & St. Mark Parish, c/o Snowman's Ball, 1621 Tenth Street, Madison, IL 62060 (make check payable to St. Mary & St. Mark)

VOTE MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES



It is time for the Best of the Best Award Voting Round again. We would love to claim the title of "Best Non-Profit Organization," but we cannot do it without your help. Please Vote Catholic Charities EVERY DAY between October 17 - 30. The rules allow 1 vote per day per email per category. Scan the QR code to vote.

TE INVITA: A Un Retiro Convivencia Para Parejas Llamado

"Tu, Yo, y Cristo" Este retiro va dirigido a novios, parejas casadas, parejas que viven en union libre y desean tener su boda religiosa, o simplemente parejas que forman una familia. Es un retiro lleno de sorpresas y emociones. Es una convivencia llena de amor y reconocimiento. ¡VEN Y COMPARTE TIEMPO CON TU PAREJA TENIENDO A DIOS COMO CENTRO. 9 Y 10 Noviembre 2024, Centro De Retiros Villa Maria 1903 E Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL

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 10:35, 37-45

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

What are your images of authority? How have they been shaped by the way your parents raised you? Speaking to his apostles (who should know better, but nevertheless are trying to elbow their way into positions of power and prestige) Jesus negatively describes a type of authority that "lord(s) it over" others and makes itself "felt." How familiar that image is to us! Are we tempted to embody that in our homes? "It shall not be so among you," Jesus says. What is Jesus' alternative, and how might that look in our relationships with one another?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

What makes someone a good leader? When someone is in charge, what kind of person would you want them to be?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Jesus said some surprising things about how people should act if they want to be considered great. What does he say makes a person stand out among others?

LIVING THE WORD

Start serving your loved ones by building each other up. During a dinner this week, take turns saying something you admire and wish to imitate about each person in your family.

The CATHOLIC CARTOON



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

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



Pumpkin fun (& science!) in 1st Grade



Listening to & supporting our classmates and friends give their speeches running for Student Council leadership roles.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 27TH
6PM

CANDY, COSTUMES
& FUN!

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL PARKING LOT
SIGN UP FOR A SPACE/CAR AT
SECRETARY@STELIZABETHGC.ORG OR
CALL THE OFFICE AT 618-877-3300

SEE YOU THERE!

*CANDY/TREAT DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

RESPECT LIFE MONTH NOVENA

Join a nationwide novena starting next Tuesday for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, as well as a short reflection, suggested actions, and more.

Join THOUSANDS of Catholics in prayer Tuesday, October 22 - Wednesday, October 30. Sign up at: respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena

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OCTOBER 22-30
respectlife.org

CHARITABLE OUTREACH

CHARITABLE OUTREACH NEEDS YOUR HELP

Thank you so much for your contributions to support our efforts at reaching out to those in need in our community. Our blessing bags have been very well received and we would love your help restocking supplies as we head towards colder weather. Among the donations we are looking for are: granola bars or other small packaged snacks, small/trial bottles of shampoo or sunscreen, chapstick, bath wipes, feminine hygiene products, stocking caps, gloves, hand warmers and socks. Please drop donations in the bins in the gathering space or at the PLC. Contributions can be made through envelopes or online. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship October 13, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 15 Regular Income	\$7,037.00		
114 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$61.73			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$376.00		
Loose	\$448.51		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$656.00		
TOTAL	\$8,517.51	\$10,947.00	(\$2,429.49)
YTD TOTALS	\$128,477.54	\$164,205.00	(\$35,727.46)

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	\$102.00
Special Projects	\$1.00
Mission & Ministry	\$26.00
All Saints Day	\$25.00
All Souls Day	\$70.00
World Mission Sunday	\$3.00
Other Parish-Not Specified	\$225.00

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. September tithe: \$3,858.00

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

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” - Mark 10:45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.



HURRICANE RELIEF

Catholic Charities USA has provided the ability for the faithful to directly assist people in the communities affected by recent hurricanes. Link to their page via: stelizabethgc.org/hurricane

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

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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