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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ November 3, 2024



The Month of All Souls

The Church begins the month of All Souls with All Saints Day (November 1), a day when we're reminded of the example in faith and the intercession in prayer of all the faithful who have gone before us into heaven. The next day, November 2, we remember all the holy souls who have gone before, especially those in Purgatory - and we continue to hold them in prayer for the remainder of the month.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...


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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, November 4

Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

No Mass

Tuesday, November 5

Tuesday of the 31st Wk in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Donna Kaminski+ by Cheryl Jones

Wednesday, November 6

Wednesday of the 31st Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by JoAnn Barnett

Thursday, November 7

Thursday of the 31st Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Katheryn Butkovich+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, November 8

Friday of the 31st Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Darwin Thornton+ by Cheryl Stanfill

Saturday, November 9

Feast of the Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, November 9-10

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Geoffrey Spahn+ by the Thouvenot Family

8:00 a.m. Mass: **C**

Lorraine Parkinson+ by Pam Ames

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Katherine Shim Renaud+ by Jim Bohn

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **deceased priests, deacons, and religious of our diocese.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are in memory of and to remind us to remember in prayer **Mary Shim+ by Howard Shim.**

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



November is dedicated to honoring the dead and relieving the sufferings of the souls in purgatory

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November:

For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ord. Time

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

In the first reading, Moses instructs the people to love God and keep his commands. In the second reading, the eternal priesthood of Jesus is contrasted with the earthly Levitical priesthood. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the greatest commandments as the command to love God and the command to love your neighbor as yourself.

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Elijah goes to Zarephath, where he asks a widow for water and bread. She brings him the water but tells him she does not have much left for bread. He tells her to not be afraid and that her supply will not go empty. In the second reading, the author writes that Christ appear[ed] before God on our behalf. In the Gospel, Jesus observes a widow contribute to the treasury and teaches his disciples that her gift is worth far more than the gifts of the rich.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 11/10- Rev. Braden Maher, 11/17- Rev. Kevin Sullivan, Rev. Michael Friedel, 11/24- Rev. Charles Nelson, Rev. Michael Meinhart, 11/25- Rev. Peter Chineke, 11/30- Rev. Jeffrey Holtman

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 11/2- Rev. John N. Enzlberger, Rev. William Heffernan, Rev. Edward Walsh, 11/3- Rev. John Klaes, 11/4- Rev. Anthony G. Kunsch, 11/5- Rev. John Herlitz, Rev. Bernard Wyzkowski, Rev. Frank M. Troesch, Rev. Jovian Lange, O.F.M.



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 Deder

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Binney Family

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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

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

HARMONY CAFE THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend your Ladies Sodality is hosting Harmony Cafe. Stay after all masses for a treat; pasta, egg casseroles or sloppy joes and homemade desserts. Come and join us for some food and fellowship!

TURKEY DINNER/BAZAAR POT SHOT WINNERS

Lego Reconciliation - Andrew Halbrook
Lego Mass- Donald Byrd

Candy Carousel- Diane Morales

Cabéla Gift Card & Jack Daniels- Jacqueline Willard

Cabela Gift Card + Hard Mountain Dew- Joe Grabowski

Wooden Decorations - Josh Weis

Thomas Kincaid Santa + Reindeer - Josh Weis

Thomas Kincaid Music Box - Tim

Domagalaki

Thomas Kincaid Christmas Cottage - Tim Domagalaki

Religious Item Booth Winners:

Picture of Our Lady of Grace - Helen Wood

Guardian Angel - Sarah White

Catholic Large Print Bible - Kathy Hankins.

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!

TIME CHANGE THIS WEEKEND

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. this Sunday, November 3. Turn your clocks BACK 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night and enjoy the "extra" hour of sleep before Mass on Sunday morning. See you "on time" on Sunday!

PRAY FOR MEN OF OUR PARISH

A handful of men of our parish and Men at Prayer group are on retreat this weekend at the White House Retreat Center in St. Louis. Let's lift them in prayer through the weekend. Men, you can join Men at Prayer at any time.



BLOOD DRIVE THIS FRIDAY

Our next blood drive is this Friday in the Parish Life Center (PLC) from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "StElizabethCC" to schedule an appointment. Give blood between November 1-17 and receive a \$10 gift card by email. Plus, get entered with a chance to win a \$7,000 prize. There will be two lucky winners. Terms apply: rcblood.org/ thanks.

GIVING TREE FOR BILLIE'S KIDS

Our Giving Tree in the gathering space is filled with tags again this year for kids Christmas gifts at the annual Billie's Kids Christmas party. Please take a tag or two, purchase the items, and **return them unwrapped with the tag attached no later than Monday, November 25**. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

Turn your clocks back 1 hour!

Sunday, November 3

Harmony Room after both Masses

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

5-6:30 p.m. - YDS Teens at Norma's

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

Monday, November 4

6:30-8 p.m. - *Eternal Rest* study series, week 1 of 4 (Harmony Roo)

Tuesday, November 5

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

7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, November 6

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, November 7

7 p.m. - OCIA (Parish Life Center)

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

Friday, November 8

11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Blood Drive (PLC)

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

As the elections draw near, we would encourage you to exercise your right to vote. This is one of our fundamental rights of freedom in our country. We are also asking for prayers that more men, young and old, will join our council so that we may continue to support the community and our parishes, spiritually and financially. God bless you all, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, my number is 618-789-0337.



This Week on **FORMED**



Brother Francis

All Souls Day

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids (and the rest of us) can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

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:

"I want the salvation of souls. I want souls to know Your mercy. I have nothing left for myself, because I have given everything away to souls, with the result that on the day of judgment I will stand before You empty-handed, since I have given everything away to souls. Thus You will have nothing on which to judge me, and we shall meet on that day: Love and mercy..." (Diary, 1426).



FORMATION



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



WHAT ANGELS & DEMONS CAN AND CANNOT DO

Angels, guardian angels, the devil, demons. What can they spiritual powers do and not do? How can they impact our lives for the better or worse? What about being possessed and needing an exorcism? Father Chris House, who has given a presentation on angels and demons breaks it down. 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.

YDS TEENS: BONFIRE TIME



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!

From the U.S. Bishops' Document Go Make Disciples...

How Evangelization Happens (¶34-44)

34. The Holy Spirit is the fire of Jesus. The Spirit, the first gift of the risen Christ to his people,³¹ gives us both the ability to receive the Gospel of Jesus and, in response, the power to proclaim it. Without the Holy Spirit, evangelization simply cannot occur.³² The Spirit brings about evangelization in the life of the Church and in the Church's sharing of the Gospel with others.

In the Life of the Church

35. We cannot really talk about the "ordinary" life of the Church because all of it is the graced gift of the Holy Spirit. Yet there are familiar ways by which evangelization happens: by the way we live God's love in our daily life; by the love, example, and support people give each other; by the ways parents pass faith on to their children; in our life as Church, through the proclamation of the Word and the wholehearted celebration of the saving deeds of Jesus; in renewal efforts of local and national scope; in the care we show to those most in need; and in the ways we go about our work, share with our neighbors, and treat the stranger. In daily life, family members evangelize each other; men and women, their future spouses; and workers, their fellow employees, by the simple lives of faith they lead. Through the ordinary patterns of our Catholic life, the Holy Spirit brings about conversion and a new life in Christ.

36. Here, there are two elements at work: witness, which is the simple living of the faith; and sharing, which is spreading the Good News of Jesus in an explicit way.

CALLING ALL TEENS

Our next Teen Night will be this 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

LEARNING & LIVING OUR FAITH



All Souls Indulgence

"It a holy and pious thought to make atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." - 2 Maccabees 12:45b-46.. and especially in the month of November, the Church urges us to spend time in prayer for those who have gone before us. Prayer for the souls in Purgatory is a requirement of Christian charity, and it helps us to call to mind our own mortality.

The Church offers a special plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, on All Souls Day (November 2), but also encourages us to continue to keep the Holy Souls in our prayers throughout the first week of November.

The Church offers an Indulgence for a Cemetery Visit that is available as a partial indulgence all year round, but from November 1 through November 8, this indulgence is plenary. Like the All Souls Day indulgence, it is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. As a plenary indulgence, it remits all punishment due to sin, which means that simply by performing the requirements of the indulgence, you can obtain the entrance into Heaven of a soul who is currently suffering in Purgatory.

This indulgence for a visit to a cemetery encourages us to spend even the briefest of moments in prayer for the dead in a location that reminds us that we, too, will someday need the prayers of the other members of the Communion of Saints - both those still living and those who have entered into eternal glory. For most of us, the indulgence for a cemetery visit takes only a few minutes, and yet it reaps immense spiritual benefit for the Holy Souls in Purgatory - and for us as well, since those souls whose suffering we ease will pray for us when they enter into Heaven.

To obtain the plenary indulgence between November 1-8, we must receive Communion and sacramental Confession (and have no attachment to sin, even venial). Communion must be received each day we wish to gain the indulgence, but we only need to go to Confession once during the period. A good prayer to recite to earn the indulgence is *Eternal Rest*, though any formal or informal prayer for the dead will suffice. And, as with all plenary indulgences, we must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary) each day we perform the work of the indulgence.

"An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial."

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 12:28b-34

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

How do we know we're on the right track in leading our families to heaven? Jesus offers some clear guidelines in today's Gospel; as an examination of conscience, they're both simple and far-reaching. What does loving God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength look like in family life? Can we honestly say that our neighbors-the people who literally live closest to us---know our love? Following Jesus will mean ordering our lives and our family's priorities around these commands. How well do we live up to them?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

What do you think is the most important thing God asks of us?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Do you remember what Jesus said are the two greatest commandments?

LIVING THE WORD

Memorize Mark 12:30-31b together: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second [commandment] is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



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Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹ The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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¹ *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

VOCATIONS

MARRIAGE IN THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - Article 7 - The Sacrament of Matrimony

1601 “The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.”[84]

I. MARRIAGE IN GOD’S PLAN

1602 Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of “the wedding-feast of the Lamb.”[85] Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its “mystery;” its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal “in the Lord” in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.[86]

BE MORE: MARRIAGE RETREAT AT ST. ELIZABETH
Mark your calendar now! Join us for a special day of retreat and growth just for married couples here at St. Elizabeth on Saturday, January 25. “Be More: A Marriage Formation Retreat” was developed to provide couples in a parish setting a pathway to grow in community, identity and understanding their mission.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREATS FOR MARRIED COUPLES OFFERED NEARBY

Retreat for married couples offered – 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:

- 12/6 – 12/8/2024, St. Peters, MO
- 1/31 – 2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO
- 4/4 – 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

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



JOIN US - SPECIAL PRESENTATION NOVEMBER 12

All are welcome to join us. Ben Tracy is a leading keynote speaker on digital citizenship, online safety, and responsible social media use. He will be presenting to our 6th -8th grade students during the day on November 12. **At 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12th, he will be presenting to parents in the gym. ALL St. Elizabeth parents & parishioners are welcome to attend.**

FATHER YUNKER LITHUANIAN STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Applications are now being solicited for college scholarship grants under the Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund. Qualifications: Applicants must have Lithuanian ancestry and must be a practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church. Completed application must be received by the close of business on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024. Details and application can be downloaded from: foundationforthepeople.org or dio.org/schools.

Father McGivney Catholic High School Deanery Math Competition - St. Elizabeth earned 1st and 5th place in team competition. Nice work, Royals!



AROUND THE AREA

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Mark your calendar now so that you can join us for this year's tri-cities Advent Penance Service. This year's service will be here at St. Elizabeth at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 8.



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.

33 DAY TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Class begins November 4 at 7 p.m. Presenter: Fr. Jorge Sanchez, OMV. Meets every Monday at 7 p.m., Consecration date: December 9th at the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Alton. Contact: St. Mary's Parish Office, 618-465-4284. Book: Fruit of Her Womb by Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB (available in the St. Mary's Parish Office for \$15).

ATTEND A HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS IN SPRINGFIELD NOVEMBER 10

Come pray for holy vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and marriage during a holy hour at Christ the King Church in Springfield on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. There will be adoration before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and confession will be available. You can pray vocation-specific prayers, a Rosary, or whatever you like. Benediction will close the Holy Hour. A short homily on discerning vocations will also be given

ST. PETER & PAUL ALTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

25th Annual Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, November 23, 717 State Street, Alton, IL.

Breakfast (9-11): Biscuits & gravy, sausage biscuit.

Lunch (12-2): Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Yip Yips, Hot Dogs, Smash Burgers

Large basket raffle, 50/50 drawings, \$1,000 raffle, silent auction, grannie's attic sale, Many crafters & artisans: Pottery, flower arrangements, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, knitting and artwork, bake sale, homemade fruitcake, apple butter, peanut brittle, cashew brittle, and more.

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)

WOULD YOU BE A LIFE RUNNER?

Life Runners form teams in local areas or parishes and get together once each month for a run as a team, wearing their Life Runners gear, praying and making the pro life message visible.



When they run on their own, they offer a prayer for the unborn and offer their running for the unborn.

Would you be interested in being a Life Runner at St. Elizabeth and joining with us to run (running optional - you can pray for us too!) once each month?

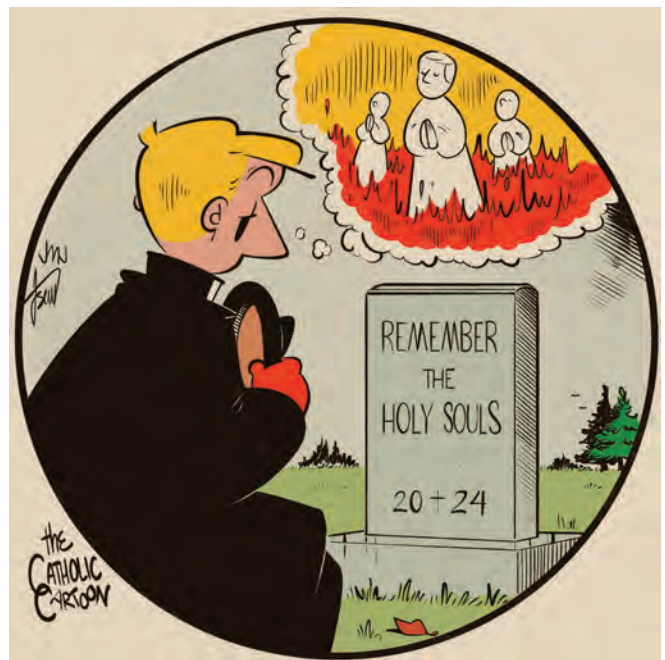
You and your friends and neighbors can be part of our Life Runners team regardless of religious affiliation.

For more information, contact Deacon Michael at mhalbrook@dio.org.

Our own Bishop Paprocki is a national chaplain for Life Runners and recently celebrated Mass and ran the Portland Marathon with Life Runners in Oregon:



the CATHOLIC CARTOON by Jesus Morrison



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

HELP SAVE A BABY'S LIFE THROUGH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION - Adapted from an article in the most recent issue of *Catholic Times*, our diocesan newsmagazine:

Spiritual adoption is very simple and takes seconds but can change the world. Here is how it works: Think of a name for the child you are spiritually adopting (or you can adopt more than one) and pledge to pray for nine months for this child who is in danger of abortion. While this child is unknown to the "spiritual parent," God knows who the child is.

The recommended prayer by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen of Peoria, who encouraged spiritual adoption, is this (although you can pray whatever you'd like):

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

SAVE THE DATE for the Illinois Pro-Life March and Mass for Life on March 25, 2025 at the Sangamon Auditorium on the campus of the University of Illinois Springfield and then the streets around the Statehouse in Springfield.

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!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The scout packs and troops of Granite City are taking part in the annual Scouting for Food Drive, and we need your help. The Scouting for Food Program started in 1985 as a scouting service project to fill the food banks in the St. Louis area, and in 1988, this effort went national as scouting units across the United States picked up the mission.

Scouts will be putting blue plastic Scouting For Food bags on the doors of residences in Granite City and Pontoon Beach on Saturday, November 16. If you get a bag, please fill it with nonperishable food items and put it on your front porch before 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 23. The scouts will pick it up and get your donation to one of the food pantries in Granite City.

The scouts of Granite City are a mighty, dedicated group but small in number, so we will not be able to put a bag on every door in town. If you would like to donate to the Scouting for Food effort and don't get a bag, on November 23, between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm, you may bring your food donations to one of three pick up points: St. Elizabeth School front parking lot (Johnson Road), Holy Family School front drive (St. Clair Ave.), or the Columbus Home (the former K.C. Hall) 4225 Old Alton Road.

Thank you for your help and God bless you!



EN ESPAÑOL!

¡Bienvenidos a Santa Isabel!

AYÚDANOS CON NUESTRA PAGINA EN ESPAÑOL

¿Estaría dispuesto a ayudarnos a traducir y crear contenidos para nuestra página de boletines en español cada semana los martes y miércoles? Probablemente sólo le llevaría un par de horas cada semana durante esos dos días. Si pudiera ayudar, llame a la oficina parroquial y hable con Bret Ware. ¡Gracias!

BUSCANDO MÁS PATROCINADORES

Nos encantaría seguir incluyendo más páginas, incluyendo contenidos en español, cada semana. Para ello, nos gustaría tener al menos dos anunciantes más específicamente en esta página. ¿Conoce alguna empresa que quiera anunciarse en esta sección en español de nuestro boletín? Llame a la oficina parroquial y hable con Bret Ware. ¡Gracias!

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

Celebrando los Domingos para las Familias Católicas

ESCUCHAR LA PALABRA: Marcos 12:28-34

REFLEXIONAR SOBRE LA PALABRA:

¿Cómo saber si estamos en la vía que lleva a nuestra familia al cielo? Jesús nos da pautas claras en el evangelio de hoy; cual examen de conciencia, son sencillas y amplias. ¿Dónde notamos que amamos a Dios con todo el corazón, mente, alma y fuerza en la vida familiar? ¿Es que los vecinos, las personas que viven más cerca de nosotros, saben de nuestro amor? Seguir a Jesús significa ordenar nuestra vida y las prioridades familiares en torno a estos mandatos. ¿Estamos a la altura de ellos en nuestra función de padres de familia?

CAMINO A MISA:

¿Qué es lo más importante que Dios nos pide?

CAMINO A CASA:

¿Cuáles son los mandamientos que según Jesús son los más importantes?

VIVIR LA PALABRA:

Memoricen juntos Marcos 12:30-31b: "Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente y con todas tus fuerzas. El segundo [mandamiento] es éste: Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo".

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship October 27, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 17 Regular Income	\$5,678.00		
104 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$54.60			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$0.00		
Loose	\$448.22		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$1,085.28		
TOTAL	\$7,211.50	\$10,947.00	(\$3,735.50)
YTD TOTALS	\$145,140.65	\$186,099.00	(\$40,958.35)

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	\$180.00
Quincanera Mass Stipend	\$100.00
All Saints Day	\$20.00
All Souls Day	\$135.00
Other Parish-Not Specified	\$5.00

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. September tithe: \$3,858.00

NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

In an effort to make online giving easier, faster and more secure, we are transitioning to a new online giving platform called Pushpay. It is our goal to complete this process in the next few weeks, so we need your help to move your current online giving from Give Central to the new platform, PushPay. It's a simple, two-step process that will take no more than ten minutes.

Step One: Please select one of the following links to set up either a one-time gift or a recurring gift using Pushpay:

One-Time Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabethgranitecity>

Recurring Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabethgranitecity?r=monthly> (After you set up your recurring gift, you will be prompted to complete the setup of your new account)

Step Two: Cancel scheduled gifts in Give Central

If you are currently not giving on-line and would like to make the transition, please take the above steps to start the online giving process. Thank you!

If you have questions or need help in signing up to give online, please see Bret or Jackie in the parish office

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself” is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” - Mark 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts, not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.



HURRICANE RELIEF Directly assist people in the communities affected by recent hurricanes through Catholic Charities USA: stelizabethgc.org/hurricane

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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