

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ♦ November 24, 2024



“¡Viva Cristo Rey!” - Long live Christ the King! - were the last words Blessed Miguel Pro uttered before he was executed for being a Catholic priest and serving his flock. Born into a prosperous, devout family in Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico, Miguel entered the Jesuits in 1911, but three years later fled to Granada, Spain, because of religious persecution in Mexico. He was ordained in Belgium in 1925. Father Pro immediately returned to Mexico, where he served a Church forced to go “underground.” He celebrated the Eucharist clandestinely and ministered the other sacraments to small groups of Catholics. He and his brother Roberto were arrested on trumped-up charges of attempting to assassinate Mexico’s president. Roberto was spared, but Miguel was sentenced to face a firing squad on November 23, 1927. His funeral became a public demonstration of faith. Blessed Miguel Pro was beatified in 1988.


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**Strong in Faith  
since 1871**

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, November 25**

**Monday of the 34th Wk in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, November 26**

**Tuesday of the 34th Wk in Ordinary Time**  
6:00 p.m. Mass:

Dick Votoupal+ by Dorothy Hayes

**Wednesday, November 27**

**Wednesday of the 34th Wk in Ordinary Time**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ann Fabisher+ by Michael & Helen Johanns

**Thursday, November 28**

**Thanksgiving Day (USA)**

9:00 a.m. Mass (*note time change*):

Katherine Renaud+ by Norma Lesko

**Friday, November 29**

**Friday of the 34th Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

**Saturday, November 30**

**Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, November 30-December 1**

**First Sunday of Advent**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Joe Rosales+ by Nancy Rosales+

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Leon Thouvenot+ by the Thouvenot Family

## 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **deceased clergy, teachers and staff who have served this parish.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are in memory of and to remind us to remember in prayer **all the souls in Purgatory.**

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

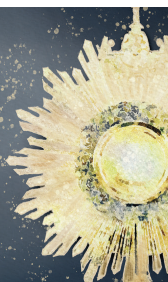
**Be with Jesus**

**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: Christ the King

*Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37*

Daniel sees a vision of the Son of man coming on the clouds, and his kingship will not be destroyed. In the second reading, Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth, and he has made us a kingdom of priests. He is coming amid the clouds for all to see. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom does not belong to this world.

## Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

*Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*

In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesies that the days of fulfillment are coming. A shoot will come from the line of David, and it will be a time of security and justice. In the second reading, Paul prays for the Thessalonians and exhorts them to conduct themselves as pleasing to God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples what it will be like at the coming of the Son of Man, and that they are to be vigilant in anticipation of that day.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 11/24- Rev. Maximillian Philipp, Rev. Robert Terry Shea, Msgr. Patrick J. Wright; 11/25- Rev. James Murnane, Rev. Bernard N. Manning, Rev. Richard Paynic; 11/25- Rev. Jerome L. Marley; 11/27- Msgr. William B. Whelan; 11/28- Rev. Cornelius Hoffman, Rev. F.X. Smith; 11/30- Rev. William Pachthofer



## 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

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

## 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 ADVENT PARTY

Tickets are on sale now for the Ladies Sodality Advent Party on Tuesday, December 3. Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. that evening with the party afterwards. Call Pam A. at 618-791-7081 to get your ticket.

### BILLIE'S KIDS UPDATE

Thank you so very much to all who have very generously removed all of the tags from the Giving Tree.

Please complete your shopping and return the gifts to the containers in the gathering space *unwrapped with the tag attached*, or the parish office by November 25. If you were unable to get a tag, but would still like to help, there are still quite a few wishlist items on Amazon or Target. Please see the links available at [stelizabethgc.org/billie](http://stelizabethgc.org/billie). Items will ship directly to them.

Thank you again for your generous support!!

### CONSIDER JOINING OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

As we begin our Advent Season and start practicing songs for Christmas, we're looking to expand our Music Ministry. Whether you are a seasoned singer, a youthful voice, or are just wanting to make a joyful noise, there's room for you in our choir! We're also in search of instrumentalists to add to our Christmas Liturgy. Join us for rehearsals Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the church. Any questions, please email Marla at [music@stelizabethgc.org](mailto:music@stelizabethgc.org).

### GET YOUR HOLIDAY SCRIP

Holiday gift giving is made easier when you purchase scrip. A percentage of the purchase goes to support our parish and school! The best part?? We now have scrip for your favorite local Mexican restaurant, SI SENOR!!! Stop by the office to grab yours!!

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, November 24

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

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

### Monday, November 25

6:30-8 p.m. - *Eternal Rest* study series, week 4 of 4 (PLC Library)

### Tuesday, November 26

4-6 p.m. - PTO Skating Party

6:30 p.m. - Ladies Sodality (Harmony Room)

7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree (Columbus Home)

7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Wednesday, November 27

6 p.m. - Respect Life Ministry Meeting (PLC)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, November 28

**Happy Thanksgiving Day!**

**Parish Office & School Closed**

No Adoration this Thursday

### Friday, November 29

**Parish Office & School Closed**

### Saturday, November 30

### Sunday, December 1

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC)

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

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



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We would like to thank the men of the 4th degree who are part of their honor guard for all they do at funerals, the 5th Sunday masses, the Mass at the cemetery and many other events that they attend. Being Thanksgiving and reflecting on things we are thankful for, we would also like to thank the members of the parishes that help us with our BINGO fundraisers. We could not do them without you. Finally, we would like to thank the members who attend our meetings and help with the events we sponsor throughout the year. We encourage those members and potential members to join us in our mission to support the parishes, the community, financially and spiritually. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337.



Knights of  
Columbus

## This Week on **FORMED**



### St. Andrew the Apostle | Catholic Saints

All of the saints had a story before they met Christ. For St. Andrew, he was a fisherman. Hearing the call of Christ, Andrew and his brother Peter left everything behind to follow Jesus. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss St. Andrew, his life, and the example he provides to all Christians.

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

*Go to [signup.FORMED.org](http://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:*

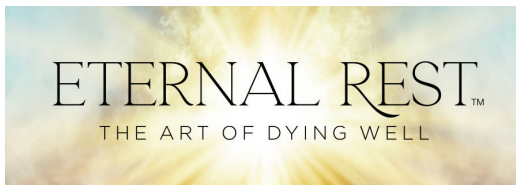
Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet. Write down these words, My daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them." (Diary, 848)



## FORMATION

### COMING INTO THE CHURCH

If you or someone you know is not yet Baptized, received into the Catholic Church (including those who may have already been Baptized in another Christian tradition), 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. Join any week - even if you didn't make it the first week! Last session is this Monday from 6:30-8. Optional donation of \$20 helps cover booklet and snacks. Join us!



### 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](http://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.

### CALLING ALL TEENS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our teens are hosting Harmony Cafe the weekend of December 7-8. We plan to host a hot chocolate bar with all the fixins, plus some fun giveaways for the kids for the Feast of St. Nicholas. If you can help after a Mass, please reach out to Deacon Michael at 618-616-6587 or [mhalbrook@dio.org](mailto:mhalbrook@dio.org). Thanks!

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

Our Goals (¶45-60)  
continued...

46. Goal I: To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others.

47. Clearly, unless we continue to be evangelized ourselves, with renewed enthusiasm for our faith and our Church, we cannot evangelize others. Priority must be given to continued and renewed formation in the faith as the basis of our deepening personal relationship with Jesus.

48. We are aware that many Catholics tend to keep their faith to themselves or to manifest it only around other Catholics. Perhaps our heritage as immigrants and our acknowledgment of religious pluralism make us shy in showing forth our faith. Certainly, there has been a decline in the public practice of our faith in recent decades. For many, the fire of faith burns cooler than it should.

49. Yet we have no reason to be shy about the heritage of our Catholic faith. We have God's own Word, formed through God's revelation to the Jewish people and the disciples' testimony of God's deeds in Jesus, in the Sacred Scriptures. This Word is the light by which we live and see. We have the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, that Jesus bequeathed to his disciples, means of holiness and growth, healing and salvation. These sacraments join us with God at life's most touching points and bring us into unity with each other. This heritage of word and sacrament has brought about, in every generation of our twenty centuries of Catholic life, a path of holiness, a profoundly moral way of life, a variety of spiritual journeys, and countless saints. It brings Christ's faithful followers to eternal life.

50. This heritage, our Church, is apostolic, coming as it does from the testimony of the apostles; our unbroken unity with the bishop of Rome reveals our continuity with the faith of Peter and Paul. It is catholic, for our heritage is given not only for us but also for all, for the world, as the hope of all humanity one day united in love. It is holy, because its source is Christ who is holy and insists that every believer also be a disciple. And our heritage is one, binding us in every continent into one community because we are bound in nothing less than the reality of Jesus through his Spirit.

51. Our joy in this heritage calls us to offer it as a legacy, a treasure God would bestow on everyone who, touched by the Spirit, begins to respond to God's call. The tools that have been developed over time and the Catechism of the Catholic Church will help us pass on this legacy to others.

52. This first goal calls us to an enthusiasm for all that God has given us in our Catholic faith. It also fosters ongoing conversion within the Catholic Church, which, as an institution and a community of people, continually needs it.

## LEARNING & LIVING OUR FAITH

### Blessing of Food for Thanksgiving Day

from the Book of Blessings

1755 In the United States Thanksgiving Day is a holiday with special religious significance. Originally it was celebrated by the Pilgrims and the Native Americans to give thanks to God after the harvest of 1621. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday of November should be a national day of thanksgiving.

1758 This blessing may be given by a priest, deacon, or a lay minister.

**SHORTER RITE (could be used in the home before Thanksgiving dinner):**

1777 All make the sign of the cross as the minister says:  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All reply:

**Now and for ever.**

1778 One of those present or the minister reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

Brothers and sisters,  
listen to the words of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

**(1 Corinth 1:3-9 - Thanks be to God who has bestowed on us every gift.)**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1780 A minister who is a priest or deacon says the prayer of blessing with hands outstretched; a lay minister says the prayer with hands joined and does not make the sign of the cross:

God most provident,  
we join all creation  
in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving  
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

For generation upon generation  
peoples of this land have sung of your bounty;  
we too offer you praise  
for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.

Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts.

Continue to make our land fruitful  
and let our love for you be seen  
in our pursuit of peace and justice  
and in our generous response to those in need.

Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and for ever. **R. Amen.**



## CELEBRATING SUNDAYS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

*This is from 'Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families' by Kerri Mecke-Lazano. Please use it to help your family get more out of the Mass each week!*

**HEARING THE WORD:** John 18:33b-37

**REFLECTING ON THE WORD:**

The Church crowns the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Last week we heard how the king will return in "great power and glory." This week we see that king standing meek and alone in front of a backwater provincial governor who doesn't even understand why he's worth the trouble. It's clear that truth is a hallmark of Jesus' kingdom; of the kingdom's citizens, Jesus says, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Where does following truth lead you? How much importance do you place on being recognized for your values? In what areas are you tempted to cling to power?

**ON THE WAY TO MASS**

What does a king do? How does he act?

**ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS**

Jesus told Pilate, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." What other kind of kingdom could he be talking about? How is it different?

**LIVING THE WORD**

Preferably today, or at some point this week, have an extra-special dessert-fit for royalty, at least in your family's opinion, to celebrate Jesus' kingship over your lives. Offer a simple prayer asking him to reign in your hearts and to help your family follow his voice of truth.



Congratulations to the newest members of our parish and of the Catholic Church. Eric & Jessamyn Lupardus and Austin and Leanne Wagoner had all already been validly baptized in other Christian traditions, but through prayer and discernment found a call into the Catholic faith. All were received into full Communion through a profession of faith, and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and their first Holy Communion at last Sunday's 10:30 Mass.

The patron saints they took for the Confirmation included St. John, St. Anne, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Gianna Beretta Molla. Many congratulations, and welcome to full Communion and to our parish!

### The Profession of Faith



After joining the faithful in reciting the Nicene Creed, those to be received into the Church add this proclamation of faith:

**“I believe and profess  
all that the holy Catholic Church  
believes, teaches, and proclaims  
to be revealed by God.”**

In so doing, those who have already been Baptized are joined into the Catholic Church.

### The Sacrament of Confirmation



St. John, pray for us.



St. Anne, pray for us.



St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



St. Gianna Molla, pray for us.

### First Holy Communion



### Welcome to St. Elizabeth!



The Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) is an effort by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois to promote justice and hope for the poor and respect for the life and dignity of the human person with grants associated with the Corporal Works of Mercy within our Diocese:

Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned, Bury the dead.

Here are just a few 2024 grant examples from organizations across the diocese:

**Please give as generously as you are able in THIS weekend's second collection for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice & Hope.**

Thank you, Ben Tracy, for visiting us on your trek and speaking with our students (and parents & parishioners) about the impact of technology on this generation, guidance to reduce online risks, and actionable steps to help better navigate the digital age.



## VOCATIONS

### ABOUT THE DIACONATE - ARE YOU CALLED?

A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or "orders," of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ the Servant, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, priests, and deacons exercise these functions in various ways. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshalling the Church's resources to meet those needs. No matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that is important.

Interested in learning more? Your pastor or deacon can put you in touch with the Office of the Diaconate for our diocese. Deacon Michael also has materials he's happy to give any man interested in learning more. Just ask!

### BE MORE: MARRIAGE RETREAT AT ST. E

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](http://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





**THE ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA PRAYER**

*Cut out this prayer and keep it with you, praying it now through Christmas.*

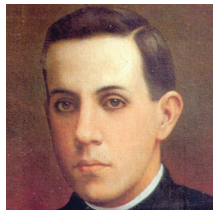
The St. Andrew Christmas Novena is a prayer that is traditionally said 15 times a day from November 30th, the Feast of Saint Andrew, until Christmas Eve. The prayer is said to help prepare for the coming of Christ and to remember the true meaning of Christmas. The prayer is as follows:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment  
In which the Son of God was born of the most  
pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem,  
in the piercing cold

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God  
To hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
[mention your request] through the merits of  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.  
Amen

The origins of the prayer are unknown, but it is believed  
to have originated in Ireland. The novena is named after  
St. Andrew, one of Jesus' twelve Apostles, who led Peter to  
Jesus. St. Andrew's feast day of November 30th precedes  
Christmas and helps to mark the start of Advent.

**A PRAYER COMPOSED BY  
BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO**



Does our life become from day to day  
more painful, more oppressive, more  
replete with afflictions? Blessed be He  
a thousand times who desires it so. If  
life be harder, love makes it also stron-  
ger, and only this love, grounded on suffering, can carry  
the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ. Love without egotism,  
without relying on self, but enkindling in the depth of  
the heart an ardent thirst to love and suffer for all those  
around us: a thirst that neither misfortune nor contempt  
can extinguish.

I believe, O Lord; but strengthen my faith... Heart of  
Jesus, I love Thee; but increase my love. Heart of Jesus,  
I trust in Thee; but give greater vigor to my confidence.  
Heart of Jesus, I give my heart to Thee; but so enclose it in  
Thee that it may never be separated from Thee. Heart of  
Jesus, I am all Thine; but take care of my promise so that  
I may be able to put it in practice even unto the complete  
sacrifice of my life.

**“In order to convert America and  
save the World what we need is for  
every parish to come before Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament  
in Holy Hours of prayer.”  
- Blessed Theresa of Calcutta**



Spend some time with  
Jesus in Adoration.

Thursdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Benediction at 9 p.m.  
For information,  
call the parish office

Sundays 7-8 p.m.  
Holy Hour with Sunday Vespers  
Come and join us any Sunday.

**Mark your calendar now!  
Christmas Masses at St. Elizabeth Church:**

**4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)**  
**9:00 a.m. Christmas Day (Dec. 25)**



**Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation:**

**Monday, December 9**  
*The Immaculate Conception of the BVM*  
Transferred from December 8 this year  
8:15 a.m. at St. Elizabeth  
6 p.m. at Holy Family

**Wednesday, January 1**  
*Mary, Mother of God*  
6 p.m. Vigil (New Year's Eve) or  
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## AROUND THE AREA

### ST. PETER & PAUL (ALTON) CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 23

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 (MADISON) 48th ANNUAL SNOWMAN'S BALL - DECEMBER 7

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 (checks payable to St. Mary & St. Mark)

### OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE (BETHALTO) ANNUAL SMORGASBORD & BAZAAR - DECEMBER 8

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish "Annual Smorgasbord & Bazaar" Sunday, Dec. 8, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, School Gym, 132 Butcher Street, Bethalto. Please join us for a delicious dinner including the following menu items: Turkey & Dressing, Famous Knights of Columbus Fried Chicken, Pigs in the Blanket, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, vegetables, tossed salad, desserts & beverages. Adults-\$15.00; Children (5-10)-\$5.00; under 5-Free. Carry-outs available. PLEASE COME!

### ADVENT NOVENA AT KENRICK

Join the students and staff at Kenrick for their Advent Novena. This is an evening prayer service led by the seminary choir and featuring a different speaker each night giving a reflection on the Advent season. It starts at 7 p.m. each night at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, from December 3 through December 11.

Seminarian Padrick will be there every night singing in the choir, so consider a trip over with your family or a group of friends.

Here is the full list of speakers (most are priests who work at the Seminary):  
Tuesday, December 3: Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski  
Wednesday, December 4: Fr. Paul Hoelsing  
Thursday, December 5: Fr. Shane Deman  
Friday, December 6: Fr. John Mayo  
Saturday, December 7: Fr. Don Anstoetter  
Sunday, December 8: Fr. Conor Sullivan  
Monday, December 9: Dcn. Logan Hepp  
Tuesday, December 10: Fr. Jason Schumer  
Wednesday, December 11: Fr. Christian Malewski

### 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.



### A BEACON OF LIGHT (ABL) PREGNANCY CENTER PIZZA HUT DINE-TO-DONATE

A Beacon of Light (ABL) Pregnancy Help Center is hosting a Pizza Hut Dine-to-Donate event. If you mention ABL when ordering from the Collinsville Pizza Hut on December 10, 2024, 20% will go back to support the mission of ABL. Dine-in, take-out, pick-up and drive thru options are available during open hours on this date, but you must mention ABL to ensure that the order is credited. Thank you for your support, and you can find/follow the event on our Facebook Page as well at <https://www.facebook.com/ablpregnancyresource.org> for updates and more information.

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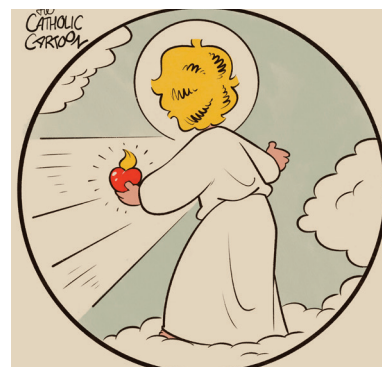
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Support ABL on **December 10, 2024**, by ordering from Pizza Hut at 608 N Bluff Rd. in Collinsville.

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Scan here for more information and to let us know that you plan to participate!

### The CATHOLIC CARTOON by Joshua Morrison



**L**ord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice, and all good things. Protect us, O Lord our families and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One.

Amen

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**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.



### REFLECTION: EVERY SUICIDE IS TRAGIC

As the Church, we recognize that suicide is a tragedy that ends one life and devastates the loved ones left behind. Those who promote physician-assisted suicide try to draw a distinction between those with a mental illness who want to end their lives and those with a terminal illness who express the same wish. This is a dangerously false distinction with far-reaching consequences.

Assisted suicide abandons vulnerable individuals at the moment when they are most in need of our love, care, and support. Even among terminally ill patients, a request to die is nearly always a cry for help, indicating that some aspect of their condition has not been adequately attended to. Those requesting to end their lives typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they tragically believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, "Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?"

Society's acceptance of assisted suicide sends the false message that under especially difficult circumstances some lives are not worth living. Every suicide is tragic, no matter the circumstances. Nothing diminishes the sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. We don't discourage suicide in our society by assisting suicide. We are called to affirm the dignity of human life in all stages and circumstances. Those who are suffering need to be assured of the goodness and value of their lives and provided with authentic care and support.

Reflection adapted from "Every Suicide is Tragic."  
<https://www.usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic>

## 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, rain ponchos, scarves.* Please drop donations in the bins in the gathering space or at the PLC. Contributions can be made through envelopes or online. Thank 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!

### Celebrando los Domingos para las Familias Católicas

**ESCUCHAR LA PALABRA:** Juan 18:33b-37

#### REFLEXIONAR SOBRE LA PALABRA:

Con la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, la Iglesia corona el año litúrgico. La semana pasada escuchamos que el rey regresará con "gran poder y gloria". Esta semana vemos a ese rey manso y solo frente a un gobernador que ni siquiera entiende por qué se lo han llevado. Está claro que la verdad es un sello distintivo del reino de Jesús, de los ciudadanos del reino, Jesús dice: "Todo el que es de la verdad escucha mi voz". ¿A dónde los lleva seguir la verdad? ¿Cuánta importancia dan ustedes a ser reconocidos por sus valores? ¿En qué áreas se sienten ustedes tentados a aferrarse al poder?

#### CAMINO A MISA:

¿Qué hace un auténtico rey? ¿Cómo se comporta?

#### CAMINO A CASA:

Jesús le dijo a Pilato, "Mi reino no es de este mundo". ¿De qué tipo de reino estaría hablando Jesús? ¿En qué son diferentes?

#### VIVIR LA PALABRA:

De preferencia hoy, u otro día de la semana, regálense un postre extraespecial, digno de la realeza, al menos en la opinión de su familia, para celebrar el reinado de Jesús en sus vidas. Hagan una oración sencilla pidiéndole que reine en el corazón de cada uno de la familia y que la ayude a seguir su voz de verdad.

# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship November 17, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 20 Regular Income	\$5,672.00		
101 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$56.16			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$225.00		
Loose	\$523.44		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$971.91		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,392.35</b>	<b>\$10,947.00</b>	<b>(\$3,554.65)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$175,314.94</b>	<b>\$218,940</b>	<b>(\$43,625.06)</b>

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	\$100.00
Special Projects	\$5.00
All Souls Day	\$20.00
Calvary Cath. Cemetery E'Ville	\$125.00
Votive Offering	\$119.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope	\$3.00
Other Parish Not Specified	\$40.00

### 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. October tithe: **\$3,588.00**

### NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Please consider making your donation through Pushpay online giving. Your donation through Pushpay will help your dollar go further with our parish in comparison to giving by check or our previous online giving platform. The donations are additionally more secure than check giving and easier for administrative team processing of your giving statements at the end of the year.

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/stelizabegranitecity>

Recurring Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabegranitecity?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

**"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" - John 18:36**

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

## 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](http://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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