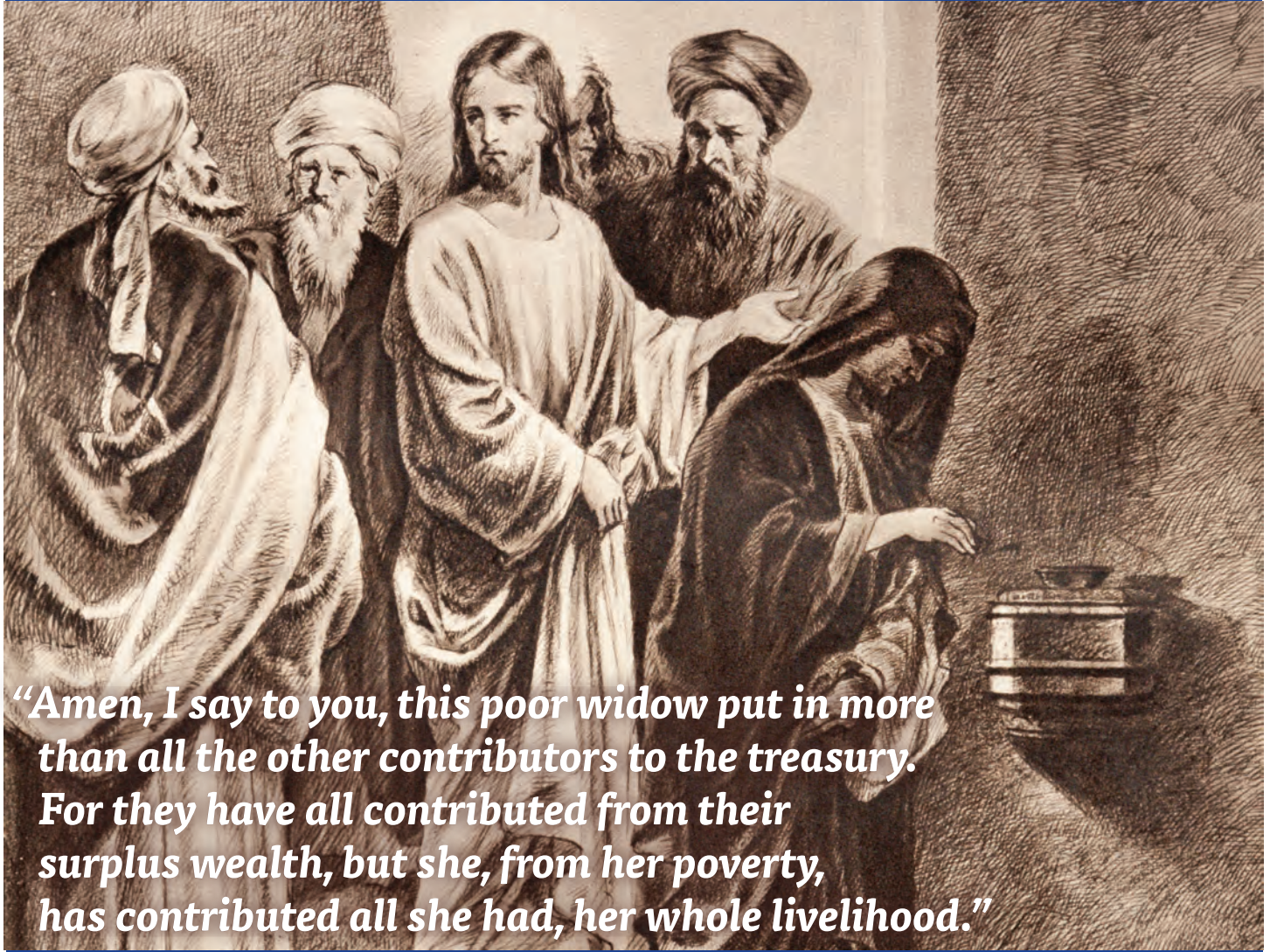


# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ November 10, 2024



**“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”**


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**Strong in Faith  
since 1871**

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*



# PRAYER & LITURGY

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, November 11**

**Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, November 12**

**Memorial of Saint Josaphat,  
Bishop and Martyr**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Lee Hayes+ by Larry & Sue Ruder

**Wednesday, November 13**

**Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,  
Virgin**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Michael Gulash+ by Norma Lesko

**Thursday, November 14**

**Thursday of the 32nd Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ann Fabisher+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Friday, November 15**

**Friday of the 32nd Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Terry & Beth Ravanelli

**Saturday, November 16**

**Saturday of the 32nd Wk in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, November 16-17**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Joseph Leo Bugnitz+ by Bret & Tracy Ware

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Richard A. Willaredt+ by Janice Willaredt

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

## 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **all of our beloved friends and family who have died.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are in memory of and to remind us to remember in prayer

**Joseph Leo Bugnitz+ by Bret & Tracy Ware .**

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



## 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: 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.

## Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Daniel prophesies of a great prince, Michael, arising as a guardian of the people. Some of the dead will awaken and live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. In the second reading, the author writes of the one[who] offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the days after that tribulation, when they will see "the Son of Man coming in the clouds" with great power and glory.



## 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. Jeffry Holtman

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 11/10- Rev. Adam Pennartz, 11/11- Rev. John J. Morris, 11/12- Rev. James Sullivan, 11/13- Rev. William Michael



## 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

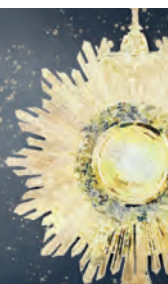
**Be with Jesus**

**Adoration**

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

**Holy Hour**

Sundays 7-8 pm



## 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

### NOTE OF THANKFULNESS FROM GRANITE CITY 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

We would like to thank everyone who came out to pray at the abortion facility in Granite City during our 40 Days for Life campaign. Every campaign God continues to bring more and more people out to the sidewalk to pray. This campaign was truly a testimony to that fact!

All of the prayer hours were covered for 40 straight days for 12 hours a day in a prayerful and peaceful manner and lives were saved!

Fruits of these 40 days:

1. 11 Babies were saved during the 40 days!  
2. 1,657 hours were peacefully prayed! This is the second most hours prayed in a campaign!

3. Over 70 hours were prayed by our clergy and religious brothers and sisters, the most of any campaign we've had!

4. This is the eleventh campaign in Granite City. The total number of babies saved during those campaigns is 133 and the total number of hours prayed is 17,719.

These campaigns are absolutely impressive! Once again our prayer partners are awesome and are the focus of a successful campaign.

Christ reminds us that he is with us as we go forth in our lives, both in our trials and the blessings he provides.

Please continue to pray for an end to the demand for abortion where we live and the healing of those impacted by abortion. Thank you!!!

### PRAY FOR MEN OF OUR PARISH

We had the wrong date! 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.

### 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!

### UPCOMING MINISTRY TRAININGS

Trainings for all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) for this year are coming soon. EMHC training will be this 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.

### CELEBRATING OUR PATRONAL FEAST, THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

On the feast of the patron of a particular church, it can be celebrated as a Solemnity in that place - with all of the appropriate elevated liturgy and with special prayers and readings for the day. It can even be celebrated that way on a Sunday in Ordinary Time (but not if it falls on a Sunday in Advent, Lent, or Easter, or on another higher-ranked liturgical day).

Our parish's patronal feast day, the Solemnity of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, is on November 17, which falls next Sunday. As such, we'll be celebrating the feast as a Solemnity at all Masses next weekend.

In addition, we'll be welcoming several new members into our parish and into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the 10:30 Mass. Join us as we receive them and as they receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and first Holy Communion!

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, November 10

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

4:30 p.m. - Class of '71 Reunion Meeting (PLC)

6-7 p.m. - EMHC Training (Church)

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

### Monday, November 11

**Veterans Day**

**School & Parish Office Closed**

6:30-8 p.m. - *Eternal Rest* study series, week 2 of 4 (PLC Library)

### Tuesday, November 12

6 p.m. - Safe Social Network Presentation (Cafeteria)

7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus (Columbus Home)

7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Wednesday, November 13

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, November 14

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

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

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

### Friday, November 15

### Saturday, November 16

### Sunday, November 17

**Solemnity of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, our parish patronal feast**

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

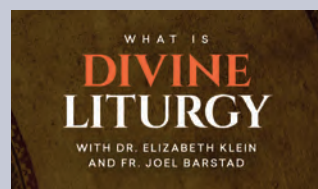
This election week, we thank everyone that took the time to exercise your right to vote. This is one of our fundamental rights of freedom in our country. We are also asking for prayers that more men, young and old, will join our council so that we may continue to support the community and our parishes,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



Knights of  
Columbus



## This Week on **FORMED**



### What is the Divine Liturgy? | Catholic Rites

Byzantine Catholic Church, as they discuss the nature of Byzantine piety, Divine Liturgy, and the similarities and differences between the Eastern and Latin rites. Learn about the importance of icons, chanting, veils, and the reception of leaven bread and other key features of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy.

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:

"O merciful Jesus, stretched on the cross, be mindful of the hour of our death. O most merciful Heart of Jesus, opened with a lance, shelter me at the last moment of my life. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of unfathomable mercy for me at the hour of my death, O dying Jesus, Hostage of mercy, avert the Divine wrath at the hour of my death." (Diary, 813).



## FORMATION

### COMING INTO THE CHURCH

If you or someone you know is not yet Baptized, received into the Catholic Church, or fully initiated with the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist, contact the parish office for more information. Someone from our pastoral team will be overjoyed to meet with you and discuss your path. Know of our prayers for you!



### 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! Mondays, November 11, 18, & 25, from 6:30-8 each night. 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...

How Evangelization Happens (§134-44), continued...

37. Certainly, our families, parishes, associations, schools, hospitals, charitable works, and institutions give a powerful witness to the faith. But do they share it? Does their living faith lead to the conversion of minds and hearts to Jesus Christ? Does the fire of the Holy Spirit blaze in them? This plan and strategy aims to make Catholics in the United States, individually and as a Church, better sharers of God's Good News.

In Sharing the Gospel with Others

38. The Holy Spirit also evangelizes through our attempts to reach those who have given up the practice of their Catholic faith for one reason or another and those who have no family of faith. Many in our Catholic community know family members, friends, and neighbors who do not have or practice faith.

39. Millions of Catholics no longer practice their faith. Although many of them may say they are Catholic, they no longer worship with the community and thereby deprive themselves of the gifts of word and sacrament. Some were never formed in the faith after their childhood. Some have drifted away because of one or another issue. Some feel alienated from the Church because of the way they perceive the Church or its teaching. Some have left because they were mistreated by church representatives.

40. As a community of faith, we want to welcome these people to become alive in the Good News of Jesus, to make their lives more fully a part of the ongoing story of salvation and to let Christ touch, heal, and reconcile them through the Holy Spirit. We want to let our inactive brothers and sisters know that they always have a place in the Church and that we are hurt by their absence—as they are. We want to show our regret for any misunderstandings or mistreatment. And we want to help them see that, however they feel about the Church, we want to talk with them, share with them, and accept them as brothers and sisters. Every Catholic can be a minister of welcome, reconciliation, and understanding to those who have stopped practicing the faith.

41. Our plan also asks Catholics to reach out to those who do not belong to a faith community and to invite them to consider the power of the Gospel of Jesus, which the riches of the Catholic Church can bring into their lives. Perhaps this may seem the most difficult of all the tasks evangelization asks of us. Yet if we have once seen the joy of those received into the Church at Easter, if we have ever experienced the growth of those going through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, if we have ever seen someone thrilled with the Gospel for the first time in his or her life, we know that this is, in truth, one of the sweetest gifts of the Spirit.

## LEARNING & LIVING OUR FAITH

### In an interesting twist, Monday, December 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation this year

by Deacon Michael Halbrook

This year, December 8th, the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, falls on a Sunday, but the celebration of that feast is moved to the next day, Monday, December 9. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

When most Solemnities in the General Calendar of liturgical days fall on a Sunday, they are automatically moved to the next day, the Monday. That's the case this year with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It falls on Sunday, December 8, but it is superceded on that day by the celebration of the Second Sunday of Advent; therefore, it is moved to Monday, December 9.

You might be thinking, in recent years, when a Holy Day of Obligation like this has moved to Saturday or Monday our bishops in the United States have informed us that the obligation to attend Mass was lifted.

Since 1992, the norms of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which has the authority to adapt the universal laws of the Church for specific circumstances in the United States, have stated that when certain holy days fall on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted - removing an "undo burden" for the faithful to attend Mass on Sunday AND on Saturday or Monday.

Recently, though, at the request of various bishops, Bishop Paprocki wrote to the Dicastery for Legislative Texts at the Vatican, in his capacity as Chairman of the USCCB's *Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance*. On behalf of the bishops, he posed the question: "If a Holy Day of Obligation in the Advent, Lent or Easter season falls on a Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, does the obligation to attend Mass still apply?" The Dicastery for Legislative Texts replied affirmatively; the obligation remains even when the Solemnity is transferred because the Solemnity itself is a day of obligation.

As a result, this year, in the United States (as it is in most of the world), the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, and will be a Holy Day of Obligation.

This is in addition to the regular obligation to attend Mass on Sunday.

We are adding one Mass here at St. Elizabeth on Monday, December 9, at 8:15 a.m. Other options in the area include:

- 6 p.m. at Holy Family, Granite City
- 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon (after Reconciliation at 6 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Edwardsville

Please consider these sections of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which apply:

§2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor.\* Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

§2185 On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body. Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health.

\*Canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law allows a parish priest, in individual cases, for a just reason and in accordance with the prescriptions of the diocesan Bishop, to give a dispensation from the obligation of observing a holyday or day of penance, or commute the obligation into some other pious works. If you're legitimately unable to attend Mass and fulfill your obligation on Monday, December 9,



## 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 12:38-44

**REFLECTING ON THE WORD:**

In a very real sense, living up to the demands of family life requires us to give all we have, our whole livelihood. There's no holding back your heart. Healthy families are generous in sharing love and affection among all their members, and part of our joy in life is seeing how the little acts of kindness and sacrifices we make for one another bring joy to those we love. If family life stretches our muscles in terms of generosity, self-gift, and unlimited love, do we practice those same movements in our relationship with God? How do our human loves open us to a deeper relationship with a perfect Father?

**ON THE WAY TO MASS**

Why do you think it matters to God what we give him?

**ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS**

Why do you think the poor woman gave away her money? Do you think there are other ways to please God with our sacrifices, besides money?

**LIVING THE WORD**

This week, come up with a small, meaningful sacrifice for your family-maybe giving up a sweet in school lunches, or a certain amount of screen time. Next Sunday, bring a flower or a drawing from your children depicting this sacrifice, and leave it at one of the statues or holy images in the church as a reminder that our sacrifices are an act of love for God.



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**DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a population of over 1.1 million inhabitants, the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has tens of thousands of people in our midst living in poverty. These men, women and children seldom make the headlines. However, their needs are real and deserve our prayer, action, and financial support.

Our annual Diocesan Collection for Justice and Hope (DCJH) will be taken the weekend of November 23-24, 2024. This collection gives Catholics an opportunity to reach out in solidarity to those who suffer and lack basic human necessities. All funds donated during the DCJH collection are granted to organizations that give realistic hope to the poor to break out of the cycle of poverty.

Like all Catholic ministries, the DCJH grant program reaches out to the broader community, without regard to race, ethnicity or religion. This campaign seeks to address the Gospel command to care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25), and also address the systemic injustices that contribute to poverty.

Please give generously to this DCJH collection and, when possible, reach out in service and solidarity to those organizations that help the poor among us.

May God bless you and reward you with peace, joy, and hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



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:



**Family Life Center**  
**EFFINGHAM**  
Pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, STI testing, and comprehensive education for parents before/after birth, etc.



**A Beacon of Light**  
**MARYVILLE**  
Outreach to women who lack support and/or need assistance with pregnancy related services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasound, counseling, and education, etc.



**Ss. Peter and Paul**  
**Helping Hands**  
**ALTON**  
Food and utility assistance household/furniture goods Cleaning/hygiene supplies, etc

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



Our Tuesday, Election Day, our students cast their votes! All students voted for a presidential candidate, but preschool, Kindergarten, and first grade held their own special classroom elections. Thank you to Mrs. Jones and her civics students for running our school election.



## JOIN US - SPECIAL PRESENTATION NOVEMBER 12

Today's parents are facing monumental challenges with technology, safety, social media, and an unprecedented crisis in teen mental health. Ben Tracy, a leading expert on the impact of technology on this generation, provides guidance for parents to reduce online risks. His presentations, fueled by stories gathered from speaking at schools nationwide, are both passionate and authentic. They offer actionable steps to help you better navigate the digital age.

Ben is currently running across America to further advocate for youth online safety. He is running a marathon every day for 120 days straight and speaking at schools along the way.

All are welcome to join us when Ben is here. He is 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.

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- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE •

120 MARATHONS - 120 DAYS - 1 MISSION - KEEP KIDS SAFE ONLINE



## More from our School...

### FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to all the students who earned Honor Roll

**5th grade:** Jonah B.; Zac C., Eloise D., Abby H., Sam S., Sander S. & Rachel W.; **6th grade:** Gabby B., Max G., Alex J., Abby K., Ava L., Javdyel R., & Leo T.; **7th grade:** Jazmine B., Andrew H., Hayden H., & Henry; **8th grade:** Jordyn D., Jackson D., Charlie G., Natalie J., Henry M., Lilly M., Selah R., Isabel S., & Simon W.

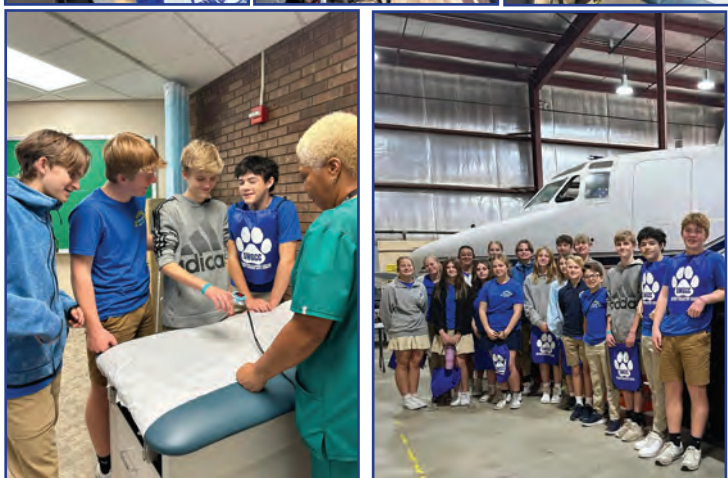
### Top Community Service award for 1st Quarter:

Ben Wilmsmeyer

### GRANITE CITY CANDY CANE PARADE

St. Elizabeth's School will again be having a float in the parade this year. More details will come out later. If you have ANY left-over Halloween candy, please send it to school so we can use it in the parade.

Last Friday, our 8th graders went to SWIC. They visited the aviation, medical assistant, avionics, med-surgical, and machine shop departments.



On Tuesday, our 6th graders journeyed to Wood River for our deanery vocations retreat at Holy Angels church.



## VOCATIONS

### 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](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





## 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.



### ONE NIGHT ONLY, THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12!

#### One night theatrical release of documentary film of former FOCUS missionary, Servant of God Michelle Duppong

This Tuesday, November 12, join audiences across the country for a one-night-only theatrical release of this heartwarming documentary film on the life of former FOCUS missionary and Servant of God Michelle Duppong and her unwavering faith and joy in the face of a courageous battle with cancer.

#### Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story

Story is the story of Servant of God Michelle Duppong, who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by His love. The film, directed by Danny Anderson, tells the story of Michelle's beautiful and faith-filled life, especially during her diagnosis, treatment, and death. Showings at 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. at AMC Edwardsville, and at 7 p.m. at Marcus O'Fallon.

**View the trailer & get tickets at [stelizabethgc.org/focus](http://stelizabethgc.org/focus)**



### 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!

### 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?

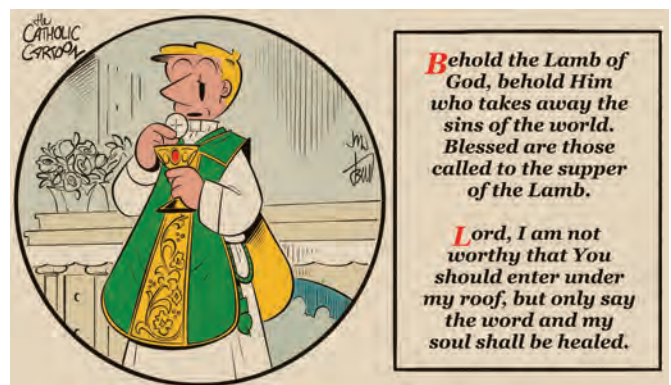
You and your friends and neighbors can be part of our Life Runners team regardless of religious affiliation.

For more information, contact Deacon Michael at [mhalbrook@dio.org](mailto: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!

### Celebrando los Domingos para las Familias Católicas

**ESCUCHAR LA PALABRA:** Marcos 12:38-44

#### REFLEXIONAR SOBRE LA PALABRA:

En un sentido muy real, para estar a la altura de las exigencias de la vida familiar hay que dar todo. No hay que escatimar el amor generoso. Las familias sanas son generosas al compartir amor y afecto entre sus integrantes; parte de la dicha de vivir es ver cómo los gestos de bondad y sacrificio de uno alegran a quienes amamos. Si la vida familiar nos estimula los músculos de la generosidad, del darse y del amor sin límite, ¿practicamos estos mismos ejercicios en nuestra relación con Dios? ¿Cómo nos abre nuestro amor humano a una relación más profunda con un Padre perfecto?

#### CAMINO A MISA:

¿Por qué creen ustedes que a Dios le importa lo que le entregamos?

#### CAMINO A CASA:

¿Por qué piensan que la viuda pobre dio todo su dinero? ¿Creen que hay otros modos de agradar a Dios, aparte de nuestros sacrificios y de nuestro dinero?

#### VIVIR LA PALABRA:

Hagan un sacrificio pequeño pero significativo para su familia durante esta semana; por ejemplo, abstenerse de un dulce en los almuerzos escolares o reducir el tiempo frente a la pantalla. El próximo domingo lleven una flor o un dibujo de sus hijos que represente este sacrificio y déjenlo en una de las estatuas o imágenes sagradas en la iglesia como recordatorio de que nuestros sacrificios son un acto de amor a Dios.



## STEWARDSHIP

### Our Financial Stewardship November 3, 2024

|                                  | Actual              | Goal                | Over/(Short)         |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Week 18 Regular Income           | \$9,090.00          |                     |                      |
| 111 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$81.89 |                     |                     |                      |
| Building Repair/Maintenance      | \$381.00            |                     |                      |
| Loose                            | \$485.00            |                     |                      |
| One-Time Donations               | \$4,500.00          |                     |                      |
| Online Giving                    | \$2,480.45          |                     |                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$16,936.45</b>  | <b>\$10,947.00</b>  | <b>\$5,989.45</b>    |
| <b>YTD TOTALS</b>                | <b>\$162,077.10</b> | <b>\$197,046.00</b> | <b>(\$34,968.90)</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             | \$527.00    |
| Special Projects               | \$301.00    |
| Mission & Mnstry./Formation    | \$141.00    |
| BINGO Profit                   | \$12,000.00 |
| All Saints Day                 | \$1,024.00  |
| All Souls Day                  | \$459.00    |
| Calvary Cath. Cemetery E'Ville | \$742.00    |
| Votive Offering                | \$91.00     |
| World Mission Sunday           | \$70.00     |
| Campaign for Justice & Hope    | \$75.00     |
| Other Parish-Not Specified     | \$567.00    |

#### 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/stelizabetchgranitecity>

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

**"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." - Mark 12:43-44**

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

## 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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