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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph ♦ December 29, 2024




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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 30

6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Tim Scaturro+ by Carol McGee & Family

Tuesday, December 31st

7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Pat Loftus

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Baby Jamie Polling Baxter+

by Dcn. & Mrs. Michael Halbrook

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 a.m. Mass:

Mark James+ by Lewis & Lois Glasgow

Thursday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,

Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Carolyn Campos+

by Bud & Charlotte Charbonnier

Friday, January 3

Christmas Weekday

8:15 a.m. Mass: First Friday Intentions

Saturday, January 4

Mem. of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Michael Treece Jr.

Saturday-Sunday, January 4-5

The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Diane Margherio+ by Norma Lesko

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☉

Olga Crippen+

by Bud & Charlotte Charbonnier

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 **the OCIA Catechumens and Candidates in our Parish.**

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

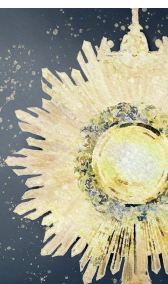
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7-8 pm



January is dedicated to the
Holy Name of Jesus

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:

For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

This Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

Sirach writes of the proper relationship between parents and children. In the second reading, Paul instructs the community on how to conduct themselves as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved. In the Gospel, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem as Mary and Joseph made their way home. They found him in the temple, and he said: Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Isaiah calls Jerusalem to rise up in splendor, for their light has come ... Nations shall walk by [it] and all shall gather and [proclaim] the praises of the Lord. Paul writes to the Ephesians that it has now been revealed ... by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ. In the Gospel, the Magi arrive in Jerusalem seeking the newborn king of the Jews. They follow a star to where he lay, bringing him gifts and paying him homage.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 12/29- Rev. Richard Chiola 12/31- Rev. Charles Edwards 1/3- Rev. Peter Harman 1/9- Rev. John Titus 1/17- Rev. Augustine Koomson 1/18- Rev. John Renken 1/25- Rev. Don Roberts

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 12/28- Rev. Timothy Smith Rev. Bernard H. LaBonte Rev. Richard Peradotto 12/29- Rev. Mike Carroll Rev. Joseph Postner 12/30- Rev. Charles Meagher Rev. Cornelius R. Horn Rev. Peter Mascari 12/31 Rev. Thomas J. Gough Rev. Edward G. Heitjan, C.S.V. Most Rev. Daniel J. Ryan

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Nolan Yehling- USAF, Whiteman AFB; Brandon Weidner- US Coast Guard, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; Kody Presswood- Staff Sergeant, US Space Force, Colorado Springs, CO; Nick Glasgow- USMC, CA

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

June 2024 to May 2025

Paula G. Koliste

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Mens Club

Gene Cassy

Jim 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

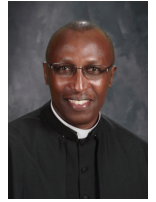
Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality





From our Pastor Father Alfred



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

“Gloria in excelsis Deo” (Latin for “Glory to God in the highest”)!

We break the silence of the penitential season of preparation (Advent), and we join the Angelic Choir to sing what the Angels sang the night our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. And the Shepherds heard them sing and never forgot it, we too may we never forget it even after “the 12 days from Christmas” are over until we sing it along with the angels in Heaven. Let us praise God saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.” (Luke 2:14). It is a time of rejoicing! Merry Christmas!

Meanwhile it is in this season of rejoicing that I fulfil my canonical obligation to have a month of vacation (Can. 533 §2; §3), during which time I take the long trip half-way the world to Uganda (21 hours, 40 minutes – flight duration), not only to visit my family and friends but also to have time for relaxation and physical refreshment that Canon Law gives clerics. This being a single priest parish, to make sure that the spiritual needs of the faithful here at St. Elizabeth Parish are taken care of during my absence, with permission and recommendation from the diocese, Reverend Father Sylvanus Mushabe, will be my substitute priest covering the Sacramental Ministry for the period of 5 weeks I am gone.

Reverend Father Sylvanus Mushabe, (43 years old), was born in Bigodi village, Kamwenge district to Mr. Deziderio Kalemire (RIP) and Mrs. Veneranda K. Tibanagwa. He is the 7th of Nine (9) children, 3 girls and 6 boys. He was ordained a Deacon on July 14, 2012, at Virika Cathedral and a Priest on July 20, 2013, at Kahunge Parish for Fort Portal Catholic Diocese in Western Uganda, by the Rt. Rev. Robert Muhiirwa, Bishop of Fort Portal. Father Mushabe is a professional teacher of Religion and Entrepreneurship, with a Master’s in Education Policy, Planning and Management, from Kyambogo University, Uganda. Currently, he works as a Parochial Vicar at Saint Micheal Catholic Church, Kahunge, in Kamwenge district, while serving as the Youth and Schools’ Chaplain in the same parish.



Please welcome Reverend Father Sylvanus Mushabe, and avail him the utmost hospitality, this being his first time to experience a snow season. Thank you, Father Sylvanus, for your availability to share your priestly ministry and gifts with us.

Lastly, on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, issued a Decree of Conclusion of the appointment of, the Reverence George Chukwunwendu Okoli, as Parochial Vicar of St. Elizabeth Parish, Granite City, Illinois due to inability to make a passage to the United States. It is unfortunate that the immigration delays have prevented Fr. Okoli from his assignment at Saint Elizabeth Parish, and our excitement to meet him in person. We continue to pray for him and his priestly ministry.

With gratitude and appreciation to each one of you, may you have a blessed, happy and exciting New Year 2025. We continue to meet at the Eucharist table during Holy Mass in Union of Prayers.

Rev. Dr. Alfred Tumwesigye.



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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please make note of the holiday hours for the school and parish office. The parish office will close at Noon on December 31 and be closed on January 1, New Years Day. We will reopen at 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 2. School resumes on Monday, January 6.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Please join us for our another fun-filled event on Saturday, January 11, 2025! Tables of 8 are only \$160 if purchased and paid for prior to January 3rd (\$200 thereafter). ONLY 35 tables available. Sodas and snacks will be provided. Please call Loretta Joyce in the School office at (618) 877-3300 to reserve your table or become a sponsor. All net proceeds will go to assist the school with education and school improvements. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. You must be 21 or older.

If you have never played, or haven't played in a long time....it is a blast! We look forward to another fun evening!

Thank you!

The St. E School Trivia Committee

CONSIDER JOINING OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

As we begin the new calendar year, 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! Join us for rehearsals Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the church. Any questions, please email Marla at music@stelizabethgc.org.

RED WORSHIP BOOKS

You may have noticed a few things that are different inside the church. We have recently added banners to the columns near the altar. The new 2025 Breaking Bread Hymnals are in the pews since Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. At the same time, we removed the red hymnals called Worship from the pews. Over time, these books were used less frequently in our liturgy, but many of them were purchased years ago by parishioners who were able to memorialize loved ones with them. If you know of a book you purchased, or that a friend or family member has, please contact the parish office. We have a list of them, and we can make sure that you get your copy. If you are interested in a spare, plain copy of this book, we have quite a few of those as well. Call Bret for more details.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 29

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

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

Monday, December 30

Parish Office closes at Noon

Tuesday, December 31

Parish Office closes at Noon

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1

Parish Office closed

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 2

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

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

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

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

Holy Day of Obligation:

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

6 p.m. Vigil (New Year's Eve) or
9 a.m. New Year's Morning



Mercy Minute

"Today at midnight, I bid good-bye to the old year 1936 and welcomed the year 1937. It was with fear and trembling that, in this first hour of the year, I faced this new period of time. Merciful Jesus, with You I go boldly and courageously into conflicts and battles. In Your Name, I will accomplish everything and overcome everything. My God, Infinite Goodness, I beg of You, let Your infinite mercy accompany me always and in all things." (Diary, 859).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We hope everyone had a wonderful blessed Christmas and now looking forward to the new year. The kids Christmas party a lot of fun and Santa and his elves were the hit of the party. The attendance was a little low as we learned that many of the students were ill. One of the elves asked what Christmas song would you kids like to sing. One little boy yelled out Old McDonald, so instead of farm animals they filled it in with Christmas characters. We here at the Knights wish you all a Happy New Year. Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



Knights of
Columbus



Christmas Flower Offerings

Donations were made to the purchase of our Christmas Flowers in memory/honor of the following:

Koliste, Gushleff, Krizak, Milcic, Thomas, Arnold, Notbury, & Baker Families	Karen Rotter Dennis Caffrey Carolyn Campos	Clark & Duffy Families Baumann/Szczepanik Families
Mark James Abigail Yount Pamela Holten Sandra Bray Terry Wallace Dennis Almos Jim Alsop	Deceased Members of the Campos Family Tony & Mary Bellue Anne Miller Jack Folkerts Dennis Folkerts	Danny & Alice Newton Rodney Family Veinot Family Katherine Thrasher Francis Thrasher Jr. Gary Lofink
Mr & Mrs. Berto Cerutti Mr. & Mrs Tom Ganz Bill Loftus Mejaski & Loftus Family Members Rose & Henry Kolenda Michael & Molly Kolenda Henry Kolenda Jr. Joe Allegre Jr. W. Randall Smith Edna DuFrain Billy Adams Nancy & Jim Gray Schmid Family Sheppard Family Dave & Ann VanHorn Carole Snider	Joseph & Mildred Dallas Paul & Margaret Kacera Harry Dortch Family Gene Jones Family Deceased Members of Al & Maxine Czeriejewski Ralph Lickenbrock Sr. Virginia Lickenbrock Kenneth Justice Loretta Justice Douglas Conrad The Weckman & Wilbur Families and Friends Lawrence Jaros Jim Dittman Melvin Wilmsmeyer Helen Klenklen Lloyd Cann June Cann Poneta/Arth Families	The Domagalski Family Patricia Thrasher Laura Mullen Soderberg John & Jamie Kindle Sylvia Vilmer Bob & Abby Rotter Matthew Dittrich Billy Adams Nancy & Jim Gray Mathes Family Pogorelac Family Tony & Mary Bellue Anne Miller Jack Folkerts Dennis Folkerts Mr & Mrs. Edward Krawiecki Mr & Mrs Eckert Mueller Don Mueller Mr & Mrs. Edward Kowalczyk
John & Theresa Straubinger Melvin Wilmsmeyer Helen Klenklen Glen Hommert Robert & Lorraine Joshu Ronald & Angela Briggs Judy Modrusic Jerry Thompson Murray & Christine Ahlers & Family Venditto Family Chilcutt Family Raymond John Loftus Thomas Joseph Loftus William Charles Loftus Paula Rae Loftus Borg Patricia Ann Loftus Fultz Bob & Abby Rotter	Ralph & Bertha Wesbecher Norma Kessler Vi & Frank Kessler Louis & Neva Jackstadt Richard & Dorothy Kerch Ann Jackstadt Van Dyke Ed & Sharon Rickert Lyerla & Rees Families John Kulasza Bill Loftus Mike & Emily Mejaski Tom & Anna Loftus Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman Larry & Jean Hahn Mike & Daisy Knezevich	Mr & Mrs. Edward Krawiecki Mr & Mrs Eckert Mueller Don Mueller Mr & Mrs. Edward Kowalczyk Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gula Ralph & Arlene Haldeman Bill Buster John & Lorene Gadwell John Love Brother of Donna Jones Parents of Lee & Donna Jones Mildred Noeth Jim Noeth Patricia Noeth Gonwa

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:

Luke 2:41-50

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Once, while trying to make a stressful decision involving my kids - one of those times when no option seems satisfactory, and outcomes are out of your hands - I was gently reminded in the context of prayer that "our children are not our own." I think we know, rationally, that this is true. We see it whenever our children exercise their free will, grow personalities different from ours or, most painfully of all, experience suffering. I wonder how Mary and Joseph felt about this before, during, and after losing Jesus in Jerusalem. Knowing children don't belong to you doesn't mean your heart is not entwined with theirs. There's a reason this story is considered one of Mary's Seven Sorrows! Like Mary and Joseph, we hope to find our children in the Father's house. We set them on their way the day they were baptized, and we journey with them, pilgrims together.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Have you ever been lost, or afraid of getting lost? How did it make you feel?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

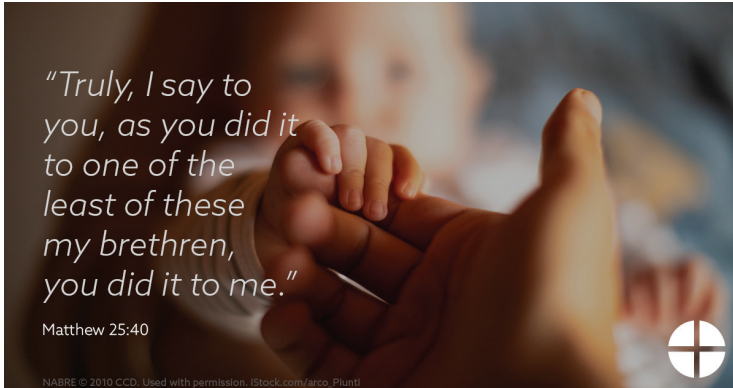
How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they couldn't find Jesus? Did Jesus seem scared? I wonder why?

LIVING THE WORD

Find a way to practice being pilgrims as a family: visit a different parish for Mass or a few minutes of prayer or light a candle in front of sacred art you normally walk by.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid." - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities; Prayer for Radical Solidarity respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity



WHAT HAPPENS WITH ASSISTED SUICIDE?

A doctor prescribes lethal drugs that can be sent through the mail to a person wishing to end his or her life if diagnosed with a terminal illness. There is no requirement that a doctor or anyone be present with a person in case something would go wrong upon consumption of the drugs. The person may take hours to die. Assisted suicide is not dignified, it is deadly. **Tell your state legislators: Vote NO on SB 3499** - assisted suicide. Visit ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

YEAR-END GIVING RESOURCES & REMINDERS

STOCKS:

Consider donating stock as a way to continue supporting St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and School. Stock giving allows you to save your cash, avoid capital gains, and maximize your impact. You may also receive a tax deduction for the full value of the gift. Visit our secure stock giving site at bit.ly/ParishStock which makes stock giving easy and secure by providing the correct transfer form, helping you fill out the necessary fields, and providing clear instructions for submitting the form to your brokerage. For specific questions about how stock giving may impact your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.

QCDs:

Give to St. Elizabeth from your IRA- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), also known as IRA Charitable Rollovers, are the savviest way for those age 70½ or older to use their IRAs to maximize their charitable impact. And, if you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), an IRA gift can help you meet your RMD without increasing your taxable income. Visit bit.ly/ParishQCD to learn more about this giving option and to initiate a QCD gift to St. Elizabeth. For specific questions about how IRA giving may impact your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.

BEQUESTS:

Have you documented your final wishes? Creating your estate plan is an act of care that can help you protect your loved ones, communicate healthcare and financial decisions about the future, and establish a legacy that honors your Catholic faith. Our new estate planning tool at www.freewill.com/diocesefspringfield can help you write your legal will for free and makes it easy to make a sustaining gift to your parish home, ensuring the ministry of St. Elizabeth continues for generations to come. For specific questions about how estate planning may impact your personal situation, consult a tax advisor or lawyer.

YEAR-END GIFTS DUE BY DECEMBER 31st

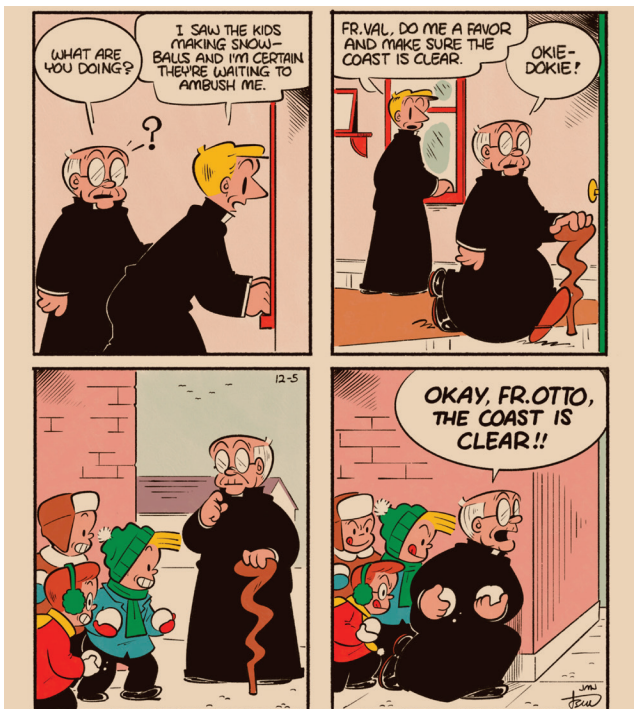
Don't forget if you would like to receive a 2024 tax deduction for your gifts, they need to be post-marked to your community by December 31st, 2024. Credit card gifts and ACH online donations need to be made online and time-stamped by midnight, December 31st.

For any questions regarding year-end giving, reach out to Jackie at 618-877-3300.

CHARITABLE OUTREACH

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!

The CATHOLIC CARTOON by Joshua Macerone



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship December 22, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 25 Regular Income	\$6,938.00		
89 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$77.96			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$0.00		
Loose	\$447.51		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$761.27		
TOTAL	\$8,146.78	\$10,947.00*	(\$2,800.22)
YTD TOTALS	\$216,480.24	\$273,675.00	(\$57,194.76)

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	\$200.00
Altar Flowers	\$100.00
Christmas Offering	\$80.00
Christmas Flowers	\$85.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$60.00
Votive Offering	\$72.00
Catholic Childrens Home	\$35.00

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. November tithe: **\$3,795.00**

**In the next week or two, the Parish Stewardship goal will be re-calculated. The original goal had a Parochial Vicar in the budget. Unfortunately, Fr. George will not be coming to St. Elizabeth Church, and our weekly goal can be decreased and a year-to-date re-calculation will be available.*

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/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, please see Bret or Jackie in the parish office.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” - 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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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