

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ January 26, 2025



## 6th Sunday of the Word of God

January 26, 2025

«I hope in your Word» (Psalm 119:74)


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Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames

Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

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*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, January 27**

**St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, January 28**

**St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest & Doctor of the Church**  
6:00 p.m. Mass:

Nancy Rosales+ by Dottie & Ken Brown

**Wednesday, January 29**

**Wednesday of the 3rd Wk in Ordinary Time**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Father Steve Sotiroff+  
by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbrook

**Thursday, January 30**

**Thursday of the 3rd Wk in Ordinary Time**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Carol Kleinschmidt

**Friday, January 31**

**St. John Bosco, Priest**

8:15 a.m. Mass:  
David Wiesehan Sr.+ by Larry & Cheryl Mangi

**Saturday, February 1**

**Saturday of the 3rd Wk in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, February 1-2**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass: ☪  
Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪ ☪

Clara Horbelt+ by St. Elizabeth Choir

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Sheridan Family+ by Chris & Susan Glass

## 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **Diane Vivod+ by Bret & Tracy Ware.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are in memory of **Mildred Noeth+ by Elaine & Floyd McInally.**

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

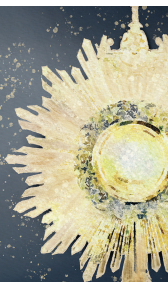
**Be with Jesus**

**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: 3rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the first reading, Ezra the priest-scribe reads from the book of the law, interpreting so that all could understand. He enjoins them, Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep. In the second reading, Paul writes that, in Christ, all are one body. Each part of the body has a purpose to fulfill. In the Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth. There he reads in the synagogue and announces that the passage is fulfilled in their hearing.

## Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ord. Time

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Malachi prophesies about the coming of the Lord's messenger and his mission to purify the Lord's people. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews explains that Jesus shared in our humanity in order to free us from the power of death and intercede for us as high priest before God. In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph bring the child Jesus to present him to the Lord in obedience to Mosaic Law.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 1/17- Rev. Augustine Koomson 1/18- Rev. John Renken 1/25- Rev. Don Roberts 1/27- Rev. Larry Anschutz Rev. Donald Blickhan 1/30- Rev. John Burnette

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 1/20- Rev. George Hensey Rev. George A. Monarque Rev. Roger Simpson 1/21- Rev. Henry Eggenstein Rev. Anthony Zurbonsen Rev. George Kenney Rev. Vitus Duschinsky, O.F.M. Rev. John P. Carberry



## 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 Stigite

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

### 150 CLUB MONTHLY WINNER

Congratulations to our 150 Club winner for the month of January, Kathleen Nelson #74.

### CHURCH DECORATION HELP

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our beautiful flowers and other decorations for the Christmas season. Your help is very much appreciated. If you can spare some time on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, after 10:30 a.m. Mass, please join us to restore the church for Ordinary Time. Thank you!

### SPECIAL NOTE

Please note that we plan to use incense in the liturgy at the 4:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. Masses next weekend for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

### 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](mailto:music@stelizabethgc.org).

### SENIOR LUNCHEON THANK YOU

The lunch after 10:30 mass last week, was attended by 32 parishioners. Our 2 seminarians, Dennis and Padrick gave us a detailed talk on their journey so far to becoming priests. We learned so much from them. We will have another lunch get-together next quarter. Thanks to all who attended!

### MENS CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join us in the cafeteria this Sunday, January 26th beginning at 1:30pm for our annual Men's Club Membership Drive. Nacho Bar and Brisket will be provided, but you can also bring something to share! Football, cards, food and fellowship! Men, grab a buddy and we will see you there!

### 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, January 26

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

1:30 p.m. - Mens Club Membership Drive (Cafeteria)

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

### Monday, January 27

### Tuesday, January 28

7-8:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Wednesday, January 29

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, January 30

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

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

### Friday, January 31

### Saturday, February 1

3rd Graders Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Cathedrals

### Sunday, February 2

10:30 a.m. Mass - Youth Mass & Celebration of First Communicants at St. Eliabeth

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

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

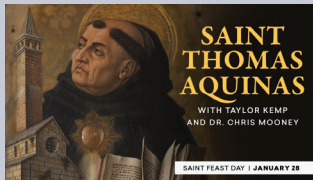
### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

The spelling bee took place on Saturday January 25th and was well attended. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced in next week's bulletin. Our next meeting for the 3rd degree is Tuesday, January 28th at 7:30 at the Columbus home. To those men of the parishes 18 years and older, how about coming to the meeting? They start at 7:30 p.m. and we have a nice meal afterwards. Call me if any of you have questions. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



Knights of  
Columbus

This Week on  
**FORMED**



**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Saints**

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.

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**Mercy Minute**

"I again saw the child who had awakened me. It was of wondrous beauty and repeated these words to me, 'True greatness of the soul is in loving God and in humility! I asked the child, "How do you know that true greatness of the soul is in loving God and in humility? Only theologians know about such things and you haven't even learned the catechism. So how do you know?" To this he answered, 'I know; I know all things,' And with that, He disappeared." (Diary, 427))



**FORMATION**



**CELEBRATE WITH OUR THIRD GRADERS**

Next Saturday morning, our third graders of our school and parish will go on a pilgrimage with their families and friends to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their first Holy Communion, completing their Christian initiation.

You can watch the Mass at [spicathedral.org](http://spicathedral.org) at 10 a.m.

The students will be back at St. Elizabeth to celebrate their first Communion and receive Holy Communion again at St. Elizabeth at the 10:30 Mass next Sunday. Join us!



**COME LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH**

Anyone is welcome to join us any Thursday night as our OCIA team ("Order of Christian Initiation of Adults") meets to learn more about aspects of our faith.

January 30: Baptism & Confirmation

February 6: Eucharist

February 13: Penance & Anointing of the Sick

February 20: Matrimony & Holy Orders

**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!

**'He Loved Us': Pope Francis' new encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

"Dilexit nos," Pope Francis' fourth Encyclical, retraces the tradition and relevance of thought on "the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ," calling for a renewal of authentic devotion to avoid forgetting the tenderness of faith, the joy of serving, and the fervour of mission.

"He loved us", Saint Paul says of Christ (cf. Rom 8:37), in order to make us realize that nothing can ever "separate us" from that love (Rom 8:39)": Thus begins Pope Francis' fourth Encyclical, which takes its title from the opening words, *Dilexit nos*.

The Encyclical is dedicated to the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ: "His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us His love and friendship," the Pope writes in the introductory paragraph. "For 'He loved us first' (cf. 1 Jn 4:10). Because of Jesus, 'we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us' (1 Jn 4:16)." learn to love" (30).

You can read the full text at: [stelizabethgc.org/dilexit](http://stelizabethgc.org/dilexit)



St. Elizabeth School PTO Presents

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## \$35

MARCH 1, 2025  
5:30 PM

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT

Wyatt Yehling, son of Paul and Casey Yehling, passed his Eagle Board of Review on Thursday, December 12. He is a senior at Granite City High School and will graduate this spring. For his Eagle Scout project, Wyatt built two benches for the playground at Holy Family School and a raised planting bed for the Holy Family School Outdoor Classroom. The Eagle Scout Rank is the highest honor and achievement in the scouting program. Earning it takes years of hard work and dedication. Only six percent of youth who join scouting accomplish the Eagle Scout Rank. Congratulations, Wyatt.

## 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 4:14-27

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

In today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims that he is the one prophesied to save Israel, the Messiah sent from God to bring healing to the world. The prophet Isaiah's description of the restoration he brings resonates to this day: the poor are given hope, eyes are opened, the oppressed set free. It's a vision that's inspired centuries of sacrifice by missionaries, teachers, doctors, and others with hearts for change. Do you recognize the need for this healing in your own life, in your relationships, or in our culture in general? What would it look like for each of those to be restored to wholeness? And how have you invited Jesus into that ache?

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

If Jesus was on Earth now, what miracles would you hope he worked?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Did you hear what mighty things Jesus said he was sent to do? How do you think this made people feel when they heard this?

### LIVING THE WORD

Have each person pick a prayer intention that this Gospel (and particularly Isaiah's prophesy) reminds you of - maybe someone in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing, or an impossible situation that needs divine intervention to untangle. Whenever you see a crucifix or other image of Jesus this week, say a prayer for that intention.

# LOOKING TO HELP LIFE? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## GRANITE CITY OVERNIGHT WARMING LOCATIONS

We need to raise 40 volunteers for the new Granite City Overnight Warming Location in the next week.

After months of conversation and exploring the idea, Pastor Phil and the folks at Mt. Zion Church launched the Granite City OWL just before the winter storm hit last week. We didn't think it would happen this season, but the need and the opportunity were so great we knew it couldn't be passed up.

Since then a small group of volunteers have been there almost every night to offer sanctuary to their neighbors. If we want to keep this going, we need 40 new volunteers asap (and to get to 75 total volunteers in the next few weeks). We especially need overnight monitors who can cover 3 hour shifts on rotating teams.

**OWL Volunteer Application here: [bit.ly/serveOWL](http://bit.ly/serveOWL)**

We also need your help getting the Granite City OWL fully stocked. Can you help us purchase any of the items on the GC OWL Amazon registry? [www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2Y103AEF6ZCZC](http://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2Y103AEF6ZCZC)

You can also donate money here: [bit.ly/donateOWL](http://bit.ly/donateOWL). We are one team with three locations and we combine our fundraising efforts to ensure needs are met across the region.

## A BEACON OF LIGHT (ABL) PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS



A Beacon of Light (ABL) is seeking compassionate and dedicated volunteers who align with our mission to join our team at the center. Volunteers have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact by assisting in various areas, including working in the boutique, accepting donations,

and supporting clients. If you have skills in phone answering and basic computer tasks, we would love to hear from you! Flexible hours are available to accommodate your schedule and availability. Join us in providing hope and support to those who need it most. Your time and talents can make a difference! Thank you for prayerfully considering joining our team.

To apply, contact Kristi at [khofferber@ablpregnancyresource.org](mailto:khofferber@ablpregnancyresource.org) or 618-855-9774, or scan the QR code to complete the digital form.



**SCAN HERE**



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

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is right around the corner! Looking for a top-notch, faith-based education for your child? Check out St. Elizabeth School for their Pre-K through 8th grade education at our open house this Sunday, January 26th! All are welcome.

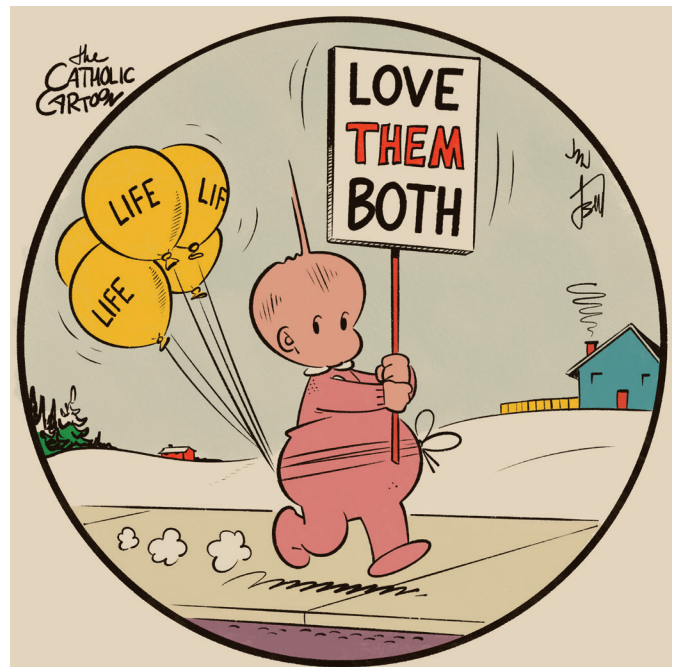
**Open House**  
Sunday  
January 26th  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Enter through the school's main entrance

- ✓ Meet our teachers
- ✓ Meet our principal
- ✓ Tour our classrooms
- ✓ See class projects

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# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship January 19, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 29 Regular Income	\$5,060.00		
93 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$54.41			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$50.00		
Loose	\$484.24		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$975.37		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,569.61</b>	<b>\$9,673.00</b>	<b>(\$3,103.39)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$251,003.45</b>	<b>\$280,517.00*</b>	<b>(\$29,513.55)*</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	\$215.00
Special Projects	\$60.00
Mission & Ministry	\$20.00
Altar Flowers	\$50.00
Votive Offering	\$85.00
First Offering	\$80.00
Catholic Times	\$265.00
Church in Latin America	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Other Parish Not Specified	\$20.00

### 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.  
December tithe: \$5,695.00

*\*Our previous Weekly Goal was based on St. Elizabeth Church having a Parochial Vicar for the Fiscal Year 2025. Since Fr. George is unable to come to the United States, we have re-calculated our Weekly Goal minus the expense of a Parochial Vicar and have restated the YTD Goal Totals and Shortage based on this new set of facts.*

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Printed Contribution Statements for calendar year 2024 will be available in the Gathering Space for parishioners who do not have a good email address in our Parish records. If we have a good email address for you on file, your Giving Statement was emailed to you on Friday, January 17, and would have come from "Pushpay". Please check your email for your statement. If you would like to help the parish save on paper, ink, envelopes and stamps (for those out-of-town donors who need to be mailed), and would like to have future Contribution Statements emailed to you instead of printed, please contact the Parish Office so we can update our records. Thank you.

## 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.

**Step One:** Please select one of the following links to set up either a one-time gift or a recurring gift using Pushpay: One-Time Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabethgranitecity>  
Recurring Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabethgranitecity?r=monthly> (After you set up your recurring gift, you will be prompted to complete the setup of your new account)

**Step Two:** Cancel scheduled gifts in Give Central  
If you are currently not giving on-line and would like to make the transition, please take the above steps to start the online giving process. Thank you!

If you have questions or need help, please see Bret or Jackie in the parish office.

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared." -Nehemiah 8:10** Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part - to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

**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. Bless my journey Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.



## 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.

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