

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ February 16, 2025




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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik

Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames

Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
No Mass

Tuesday, February 18

Tuesday of the 6th Wk in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Carol Kleinschmidt

Wednesday, February 19

Wednesday of the 6th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Rosalie Boyd+ by Janice Willaredt

Thursday, February 20

Thursday of the 6th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charlotte Schuman+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, February 21

**Saint Peter Damian,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bobby Jones+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, February 22-23

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Clara Horbelt+ by Larry & Sue Ruder

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Deceased Members of the Dioneda Family+
by Lenie Allegre

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

There is no memorial for the 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp this week. Please contact the parish office to add a memorial for an upcoming week.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There is no memorial for the altar flowers this week. Please contact the parish office to add a memorial for an upcoming week.

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

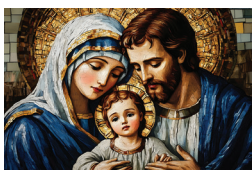
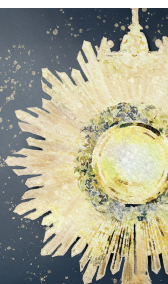
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7-8 pm



February is
dedicated to the
Holy Family

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February:
For vocations to the priesthood and religious
life:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community
might welcome the desires and doubts of those
young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mis-
sion in the priesthood and religious life.

This Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

In the first reading, the Lord says that those who trust in him are truly blessed. In the second reading, Saint Paul teaches the truth of the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Plain to a crowd, lifting up those who yearn for more in this world and decrying those who have found false fullness in the world.

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ord. Time

*1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;
Lk 6:27-38*

In the first reading, David spares the life of his enemy Saul, because Saul is God's anointed. In the second reading, Paul speaks of the first man, Adam, from earth and the last Adam, from heaven. He says, Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to love their enemies and be merciful as God is merciful, for they will be treated the same in return.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 2/10- Rev. Steven Thompson 2/11- Rev. John Sohm Rev. Rodney Schwartz 2/13- Rev. Robert Porter 2/15- Rev. Sunder Ery 2/17- Msgr. Jeffrey Goeckner 2/18- Rev. Joseph Simburger 2/19 Rev. Larry Brunette 2/25- Rev. Kenneth Steffen

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 2/9- Rev. Joseph Finnegan Rev. Ernest A. Burtle Rev. Leo J. McDonald 2/10- Rev. Frederick Lohmann 2/11- Msgr. John W. Spreen 2/12- Rev. John R. Nolan 2/13- Rev. John Lupton 2/14- Rev. Patrick Bourke.

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

SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

MARVIN WIEDEMER SCHOLARSHIP

The Marvin Wiedemer Scholarship is a monetary award to be submitted to the Catholic High School on behalf of the recipient. It is available to students graduating from St. Elizabeth School who plan to attend a Catholic High School in the following fall.

Required To Apply: Obtain an application form from the parish or school office.

1. The form should be completed and returned to the parish or school office along with:
2. A copy of your current transcript.
3. Deadline for submitting the application is Friday March 31, 2025.

REISKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Applications are now available at the Parish Office. Any college bound parishioner is eligible who: Graduated from St. Elizabeth School, Presently is a member of St. Elizabeth Parish, Is active in the Parish, Attends Mass EVERY WEEKEND, Has financial need.

Applications are due by Friday, March 31, 2025, no later than 4:00 p.m. Fr. Alfred and the Selection Committee will then review the applications and present their selection to the Pastoral Council. First time applicants will have preferential consideration and no one applicant will be awarded the scholarship more than two times.

LADIES SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors: Pick up your scholarship packet at the parish office. To qualify, you must be a St. Elizabeth graduate, attend mass at St. Elizabeth, and be planning to attend college or a technical school. This scholarship is not based on financial need; it is based on your church

and high school activities. Deadline will be April 15. Joyce Alexander, Scholarship Chairperson.

SCRAP METAL TIME!

Do you have unused scrap aluminum or metal at your house? Are you preparing for Spring cleaning and want a useful way to recycle your metal? The Men's Club continues to collect scrap metal for recycling, using it to offset small expenses around the campus. Please help us to raise funds for the Church and School by donating your scrap metal. Call the parish office for dropoff information, or if you need large items like appliances (ground floor level) picked up from your home.

CATHOLIC WOMENS PRAYER BREAKFAST MARCH 22

Women: You are invited to attend the Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 22 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland. Adoration begins at 7 a.m., then the Rosary at 7:30 a.m., then Mass at 8 a.m. with breakfast afterward, and then a talk by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. Pre-registration is required for the breakfast meal. The cost is \$30. Register before March 1 to reserve your spot and meal ticket. Proceeds benefit our seminarians. For more information, email: womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916. REGISTER AT: stpaulhighland.org.

MEN: SAVE MARCH 22 - NEWS COMING SOON ON A PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR YOU TOO

Men: Dads, sons, & grandpas - Save the date & watch for info soon on the Fr. McGivney Catholic High School Men's Prayer Breakfast, also March 22. All men are invited. This year's speaker is our own Deacon Michael Halbrook on "A Man's Guide to Happiness."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16

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)

Monday, February 17

President's Day

School & Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18

6:30-8 p.m. - Young Disciples (Harmony)

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

7 p.m. - K of C 4th Degree (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, February 19

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, February 20

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, February 21

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Applications for our scholarship program will be available in the near future. We are still seeking parishioners from all 3 parishes to volunteer as a substitute for our bingo nights which are Fridays and Sunday evenings. You will only be called if one of our regulars are ill or out of town. We hope and pray that all of you will have a great upcoming week. Make it a goal to try to help one person each day.

Queen of Hearts drawing is every Wednesday at 7:30p.m. Entries stop at 7 p.m. Grand prize is a minimum of \$1,800. Help support local charities. Drawing is in the lounge at the Columbus Home. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, 618-789-0337



This Week on **FORMED**

Father Michael McGivney
An American Blessed

Fr. Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

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

Go to signup.FORMED.org and select our parish name.

Mercy Minute

"Jesus complained to me in these words, Distrust on the part of souls is tearing at My insides. The distrust of a chosen soul causes Me even greater pain; despite My inexhaustible love for them they do not trust Me. Even My death is not enough for them. Woe to the soul that abuses these [gifts]." (Diary, 50)



FORMATION

COMING INTO THE CHURCH

If you or someone you know is not yet Baptized, received into the Catholic Church (including those who may have already been Baptized in another Christian tradition), or fully initiated with the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist, contact the parish office for more information. Someone from our pastoral team will be overjoyed to meet with you and discuss your path. Know of our prayers for you!

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.

- February 20: Matrimony & Holy Orders

COLLEGE STUDENTS: ENGAGE IN YOUR FAITH AT SCHOOL

The Newman community at your school would love to connect with you and help you continue your faith journey while away at college. To find out more about the Newman program at your school, visit newmanministry.com.

ATTENTION FAMILIES: VIDEO SERIES

Strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the Knights of Columbus called the "Mission of The Family." The videos can be found on the Knights of Columbus website for free: "The Mission of The Family" videos: kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html. The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS - DAY OF REFLECTION "Gifts from Friends We Never Wanted"

Presenter: Virginia Herbers. Monday, March 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shrine Visitors Center.

\$60 per person, lunch included

Unwelcome guests are not generally greeted with gratitude but occasionally they become unexpected friends bearing gifts we never would have asked for. This Lenten Day of Reflection will focus on a few of these surprising guests in our lives – disappointment, worry, failure – and the gifts they provide when they come visiting. Using a gospel figure as companion, we will engage these uninvited "friends" and learn something about ourselves and our God in the process.

Lenten Book Study

"Walk in Her Sandals- Experiencing Christ's Passion through the Eyes of Women", by Kelly M. Wahlquist

Tammi Mooshegian was fortunate to be able to go to the Springfield Diocesan Counsel of Catholic Women's retreat in Carlinville last year, along with Marilyn Hahn. One of their speakers, Kelly M. Wahlquist, gave a wonderful talk on the women of today and she is the founder of WINE: Women in the New Evangelization.

Tammi will be leading a book study on her book starting on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30pm. The books are available in the office for \$11.00. I will provide weekly questions for you to ponder as you read each section.

Forward taken from the book study guide: Walk in Her Sandals is chock full of reflections by women on the last days of Jesus. But the point of it all, as the subtitle makes clear, is not so much to read what other women think, as is to use their reflections as a springboard to experiencing more fully those mysteries of faith yourself. Sarah Christmyer, Catholic Author, Bible teacher and speaker. She blogs at ComeIntoTheWord.com

- Wednesday February 26th: Introduction and The Gift of Receptivity

- Tuesday March 4th: The Gift of Generosity (Ash Wednesday is March 5th)

- Tuesday March 11th: The Gift of Sensitivity

- Tuesday March 18th: The Gift of Prayer

- Tuesday April 1st: The Gift of Maternity

- Tuesday April 8th: The Gift of the Holy Spirit and Conclusion

I hope you will pray about joining us as we discuss this book and feed off each other's enthusiasm.

"Walk in Her Sandals is a devotional tapestry, richly woven from the poignant threads of women's intimate experiences in Jesus" - Sonja Corbet, Catholic Speaker, radio host and author of Unleashed.

If you have questions please contact Tammi M at 618-920-1792.



YOUNG DISCIPLES

Join us Tuesday, February 18, 6:30-8:00 in the Harmony Room at St. Elizabeth for Fellowship, Faith, Food and Fun. Bring a friend. If you'd like to you may come early for 6:00 pm Holy Mass. Hope to see you there!

**YOUNG
DISCIPLES
SOCIETY**

**LENTE
MISSION**

FEATURING

ZIP RZEPPA
*Former KMOV Sportscaster
THEME: Discipleship, Evangelization & Hope

**Disciples
&
Stewards**

6:30PM, MARCH 24, 25 & 26
Childcare available
Reception in Harmony
Room after Final Evening

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 6:17, 20-23

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

In their paradoxical promises, the Beatitudes reveal a central truth about the human condition: sorrow and joy are inextricably linked. Sadly, many lives seem heavily weighted with the first. In the Beatitudes, Jesus speaks blessings to those who suffer, yet without promising to alleviate their suffering in this life. Sounds like a tough sell, doesn't it? So why have these promises resonated since the day that Jesus spoke them? I think it's because we recognize that, with or without Jesus, we will know sorrow; and yet there was something about his presence that told the crowd that he knew their pain, too. What compelled them to place their hope in someone who shares in their suffering? What compels your hope in Jesus?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

When's a time you've felt left out, or have noticed that others have something that you don't?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Jesus told the people that those who were poor, hungry, sad, and excluded should rejoice, because they would have a great reward in heaven. Does that make sense to you? I wonder what he meant.

LIVING THE WORD

When you pray as a family this week, pay special attention to those undergoing suffering right now, perhaps someone your family knows, or those vulnerable to the winter weather.

SERVICE

ABL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER 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 or 618-855-9774.



MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES 24th ANNUAL HELP ON THE MOVE FUNDRAISER

Catholic Charities will be hosting their 24th annual Help On The Move fundraiser on Saturday, April 15, 2025 starting at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at Julia's Banquet Center, 101 Eastgate Plaza in East Alton, IL. The evening will include dinner, drinks, DJ music, a \$10,000 raffle, and activities. The event will include the presentation of the 2025 Community Service Awards. Dinner tickets are \$50 each. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or buy 2 and get 1 free. Tickets may be purchased on our website cc.dio.org or by calling 618-462-0634.

ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH & MASS FOR LIFE

Illinois Pro-Life March and Mass for Life takes center stage in Springfield, and you are invited to the experience it all – On Tuesday, March 25, you are invited to join thousands of pro-life advocates, being a joyful witness to life and raising your voice for the voiceless at the Illinois Pro-Life March. The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. at the Sangamon Auditorium on the campus of the University of Illinois Springfield, celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. You must register for the Mass by going to dio.org. After the Mass, there is a rally at the capitol at 1 p.m. and then a march around the capitol at 2 p.m.





ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THE GRANITE CITY OPTIMIST STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Vera W. was selected as the Granite City Optimist January Student of the Month. Vera is a member of Mrs. Brooke James's fourth grade class. She will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in her name.

Vera is nine years old and is the daughter of Leanne and Austin. Science is Vera's favorite subject, and geology has been the science topic she has enjoyed the most so far. She finds it interesting that rocks are classified into three categories: sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic. Because she is so busy, Vera thinks that the best thing she does after school is catch up on her sleep. She is a member of the St. Elizabeth Royals Volleyball team and participates in gymnastics. With the beginning of the new year, her resolution is to earn all A's in the second semester of the school year. Vera would like a future career as actor in the theater hoping someday to see her name up in lights on the Broadway stage.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

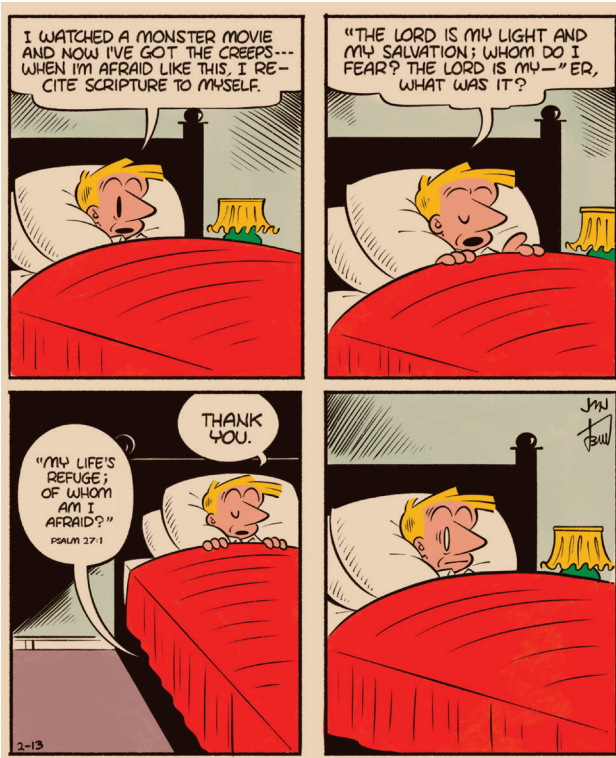
If you are giving on-line, or are not getting envelopes, please take note of the following Diocesan and Parish Special Collections. Remember to log in to your PushPay account every month to check on any upcoming Special Collections. If you are receiving envelopes, we strongly encourage you to use them to make sure your contributions are properly reported to your account. Please contact the Parish office if you are currently not receiving envelopes and would like to start using them for all your contributions.

March 5: Aid to Church in Central/Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday) - This collection was established after many countries became independent following the fall of the Soviet Union. This area obviously requires additional support. The collection channels aid through the bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church -- training seminarians and lay leaders, reaching out to young people, reviving Catholic charities, and renewing programs of catechesis and evangelization.

March 16: Catholic Charities (2nd Sunday of Lent) - The special collection for Catholic Charities provides assistance to each of the local branches of Catholic Charities throughout the diocese.

March 30: Catholic Relief Services (4th Sunday of Lent) - This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic legal Immigration Network

The CATHOLIC CARTOON by Joshua Robinson



St. Elizabeth School PTO Presents

Casino Royale

TICKETS

ON SALE NOW

\$35

MARCH 1, 2025

5:30 PM

FOREVER AFTER
BANQUET & EVENT CENTER

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship February 9, 2025

| | Actual | Goal | Over/(Short) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Week 32 Regular Income | \$5,860.00 | | |
| 103 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$58.89 | | | |
| Building Repair/Maintenance | \$910.00 | | |
| Loose | \$452.50 | | |
| One-Time Donations | \$4,400.00 | | |
| Online Giving | \$900.80 | | |
| TOTAL | \$12,523.37 | \$9,673.00 | \$2,850.37 |
| YTD TOTALS | \$291,084.01 | \$309,536.00 | (\$18,451.99) |

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:

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Tuition Assistance | \$170.00 |
| Special Projects | \$910.00 |
| Mission & Minist./Formation | \$90.00 |
| Votive Offering | \$45.00 |
| 1st Offering | \$10.00 |
| BINGO Profit | \$12,000.00 |
| Other Parish, Not Specified | \$55.00 |

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. January tithe: \$2,971.00

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/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

"Blessed are you when people hate you... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man" - Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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 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.

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