

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ February 23, 2025



The Golden Rule (Lk 6.31)

12 "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

The Narrow Gate (Lk 13.24)

13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. 14 For the gate is narrow and the road is low who leads to life, and there


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Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson
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 24

Monday of the 7th Wk in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday, February 25

Tuesday of the 7th Wk in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Joe & Kathy Kleinschmidt

Wednesday, February 26

Wednesday of the 7th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Robert Butler+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, February 27

Thursday of the 7th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Polach+ by Joe & Rose Krystopa

Friday, February 28

Friday of the 7th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bob Kozierek+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

Saturday, March 1

Saturday of the 7th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Gene Williams+ Bud & Charlotte Charbonnier

Saturday-Sunday, March 1-2

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Merry Trtanj+ by Lois Glasgow

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Deceased Members of the Trtanj Family+
by Dr. Albert Trtanj

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for Police, Fire, EMS, and other first responders.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are **in memory of Dale Fletcher+ by Darlene Fletcher.**

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

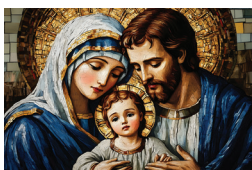
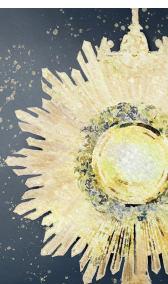
Be with Jesus

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 mission in the priesthood and religious life.

This 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.

Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ord. Time

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Today's first reading warns of the power of speech to reveal one's faults. In the second reading, Paul explains that Jesus has defeated sin, the cause of death. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to stop judging others, and says that every tree is known by its own fruit.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 2/25- Rev. Kenneth Steffen 3/2- Rev. Angel Sierra 3/3- Rev. Hyland Smith 3/9- Rev. Brian Alford Rev. Dominic Vahling 3/10- Rev. Michael Trummer 3/15- Rev. Mark Schulte 3/16- Rev. Samuel Bagyo Jr. 3/17- Rev. Pat Jakel 3/26- Rev. Daren Zehnle 3/27- Rev. John Nolan

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 2/23- Rev. Charles Flori Rev. George Hamilton 2/24- Rev. Louis Elbow 2/25- Rev. K.J. Withoff Rev. Roger Schoenhofen, O.M.I. Rev. George Morelock 2/26- Rev. Timothy M. Moloney 2/28- Rev. Thomas Cusack Rev. P.J. O'Reilly Rev. E.J. Cahill Rev. Thomas E. Cusack 3/2 Rev. John A. Mark Rev. P.J. Kerry

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 Dederia

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Binney Family

Kim Edgar

Chad Sigite

Jim & Lisa Fensterman

Charles Dickey

Louise Harrison

Kenneth R. Jaimet

Ann Fabisher

Carol McGee

Karen Romeri

Ed Lyndsey

Czwornog & Ostrenga Families

Richard A. Willaredt

Lisa Dellamano

Rosalie Boyd

Jim Dittman

Pawlak & Sertich Families

Kierski Family

John & Theresa Straubinger

Carl Williams

Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Michael & Leona Bonach

Nancy Gray

Karen Winters- Weiland

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

Bill Loftus

Jim Alsop & Family

Dortch Family

Jones Family

Glen Hommert

Inez & Brian Foreman

Tony & Mary Bellue

Jesse & Loraine Gonterman

Lesko & Danheiser Families

Harbin & Jones Families

Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr.

Delores Brinker

Brinker & Soboleski Families

Pattie Jackson

Ida Gragg

Robert & Lorraine Joshu

Lee & Connie Hayes Family

Votoupal/Bursisk Family

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

Hospitality: To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;

Prayer: To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer;

Formation: To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and

Service: To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

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.

150 CLUB UPDATE

Don't forget the upcoming 150 Club Dinner, Saturday, March 8th at the Columbus Home. Doors open at 5:30pm. If you haven't received your tickets in the mail, please reach out to Andy & Joann Yurko 618-931-4669 or Dennis & Debbie Krystopa.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 23

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

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

Monday, February 24

Tuesday, February 25

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

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

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Book Study - Session One (Harmony)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, February 27

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

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

Friday, February 28

11 a.m. - ARC Blood Drive (PLC)

Saturday, March 1

Sunday, March 2

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

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We noticed that there has been a lot of parishioners or members of their families that have passed from this life and would like to give our condolences and sympathy and prayers for them and their families and friends. Our next 3rd degree meeting is this coming Tuesday, February 25th. Men, how about coming to the meeting and enjoy the comradery at 7:30. Columbus home Queen of Hearts raffle is at \$2,000+ 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



Knights of
Columbus

This Week on
FORMED
**DISCERNING
GOD'S WILL**
FR. LARRY RICHARDS



Discerning God's Will

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories.

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

"My daughter, let three virtues adorn you in a particular way: humility, purity of intention and love. Do nothing beyond what I demand of you, and accept everything that My hand gives you. Strive for a life of recollection so that you can hear My voice, which is so soft that only recollected souls can hear it..." (Diary, 1779)



FORMATION

COMING INTO THE CHURCH

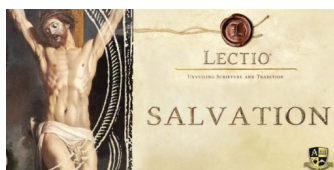
If you or someone you know is not yet Baptized, received into the Catholic Church (including those who may have already been Baptized in another Christian tradition), or fully initiated with the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist, contact the parish office for more information. Someone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

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Join us Tuesday, March 4, 6:30-8 in the Harmony Room for Fellowship, Faith, Food and Fun. Bring a friend. You may come early for 6 pm Holy Mass. Hope to see you there!



What does "Salvation" mean? In this video series, Scripture scholar & theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical answer. St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 155 N. Main St., Glen Carbon. Sunday 9:35 a.m. or Monday 7 p.m. or Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 10 Sessions, March 2-May 13. \$10 study guide cost. Contact Paula: faithformation@stcparish.org or 618-288-3200.

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 1nd: 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 at 618-920-1792.

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

MEN'S PRAYER



GUEST SPEAKER!

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 - 8:30AM
FATHER MCGIVNEY HIGH SCHOOL GYM

JOIN US FOR MASS AT 8:30AM IN THE MCG CHAPEL WITH BREAKFAST CATERED BY EDLEY'S

GUEST SPEAKER:
DEACON MICHAEL HALBROOK

\$20 PER PERSON | RSVP BY MARCH 19

LENTEN 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 6:27-38

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

When each day comes with refereeing bickers or convincing siblings to share, Jesus' words about turning the other cheek, giving generously, and loving our enemies might seem like a pipe dream. They're challenging enough for adults, but children too are called to virtue. It's easy to speak tenderly in the middle of a sweet moment, but when we're exasperated, do we speak to one another in the same tone with which we'd want to be addressed? When a family member needs correction, do we react punitively and out of anger, or is our discipline just? (Justice, by the way, is understood by the Church to be the act of giving to others what they are due- and Jesus here has some words about what we owe even our enemies). What does mercy look like in our families?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Have you ever heard the Bible verse, "Do to others as you would have them do to you?" What does that mean? Is it easy?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

How did Jesus say his followers ought to live? What sounds the hardest to you?

LIVING THE WORD

Copy Luke 6:31 and display it somewhere visible in your home until you all have it memorized: "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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.





Congrats to our 7th & 8th graders who took part in the Luke 18 Retreat at St. John Newmann last weekend!



Our 7th graders enjoyed a shadow day at Father McGivney Catholic High School in Glen Carbon, featuring some of our St. Elizabeth Royals alumni hosting them as guides for the day.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

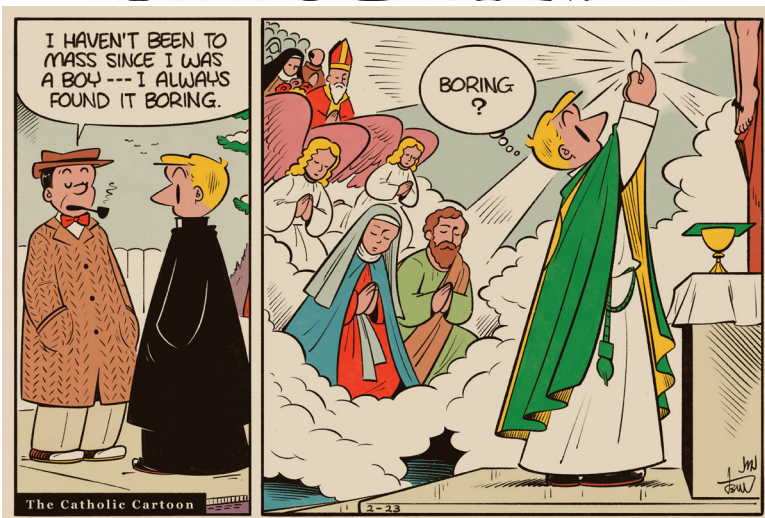
If you are giving on-line, or are not getting envelopes, please take note of the following Diocesan and Parish Special Collections. Remember to log in to your PushPay account every month to check on any upcoming Special Collections. If you are receiving envelopes, we strongly encourage you to use them 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 Morrison



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 16, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 32 Regular Income	\$4,990.00		
82 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$60.85			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$25.00		
Loose	\$355.00		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$721.47		
TOTAL	\$6,091.47	\$9,673.00	(\$3,581.53)
YTD TOTALS	\$297,175.48	\$319,209.00	(\$22,033.52)

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	\$305.00
Special Projects	\$15.00
Mission & Minist./Formation	\$5.00
Votive Offering	\$48.00
1st Offering	\$10.00
Catholic Times	\$50.00
Other Parish, Not Specified	\$120.00

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/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

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back" - Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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



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