

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Second Sunday of Lent ♦ March 16, 2025



Lenten Mission: Discipleship, Evangelization, & the Beauty of Hope

Don't Miss our Lenten Mission Next Week!


As we journey through this sacred season of Lent, we invite you to join us for a special Lenten Mission on March 24, 25, and 26 from 6:30-7:30, here in the church. This time of reflection and renewal will help us deepen our faith, draw closer to God, and prepare our hearts for Easter. The theme for our mission is *Discipleship, Evangelization, and the Beauty of Hope*. Our speaker is Zip Rzeppa, a former sports broadcaster for KMOV. Refreshments will be served after the Wednesday presentation.


We encourage you to take this opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. Please feel free to invite family and friends. May this Lenten season be a time of grace and transformation for us all.


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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, March 17

Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop

No Mass

Tuesday, March 18

**Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass

Joseph Czwarnog+ by Ann Czwarnog

Wednesday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

No Mass

Thursday, March 20

Thursday of the 2nd Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Norman Danheiser+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, March 21

Friday of the 2nd Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Tim Scaturro+ by Carol McGee & Family

Saturday, March 22

Saturday of the 2nd Week of Lent

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23

Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Baby Jamie Polling Baxter+

by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbrook

8:00 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ & Terry & Kathy Mangi

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for our Elect as they move towards full communion with Christ's church at Easter.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are no flowers/memorials through the season of Lent.

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

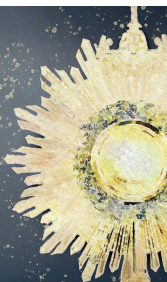
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7-8 pm



March is dedicated to Saint Joseph

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March: For broken families & families in crisis:

Pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

This Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

In the first reading, God makes a covenant with Abram, promising descendants as numerous as the stars and land for them to inhabit. Paul tells the Philippians to imitate him, conducting themselves not as enemies of the cross, but standing firm in the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured on the mountain; Moses and Elijah appear with him in glory.

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Year A Readings for the Scrutinies:

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

In the first reading, the people are thirsty and complaining. Moses strikes a rock with his staff, and God provides flowing water for the people to drink. Paul writes to the Romans that we have been justified by faith. In God's great love he sent Christ to die for sinners. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a woman by a well in Samaria. He speaks of living water and knows her past; she believes he is the Messiah.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 3/17- Rev. Pat Jakel 3/26- Rev. Daren Zehnle 3/27- Rev. John Nolan 4/2- Rev. Wayne Stock Rev. Robert Johnson 4/7- Rev. Kevin Mann SJC 4/13- Rev. Thomas Donovan Rev. Rafal Pyrchla

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 3/16- Rev. Joseph T. Murray 3/17- Rev. William F. Klasner 3/18- Rev. Albert Busch Rev. Alfred Zwiesler, O.F.M. 3/19- Rev. Lawrence Ryan Rev. Bernard Claus Rev. John A. Bleser Msgr Daniel W. Moriarty

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 Dedera

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

Czwarnog & 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

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.

LADIES SODALITY PALM SUNDAY SWEET TREATS & BAKE SALE

Ladies, please start your ovens! Whatever delectable bakery items you choose to create this year will be greatly appreciated. We start setting up in the Harmony Room at Noon on Saturday, April 12. You can deliver your bakery items at anytime after Noon on Saturday or before both Masses on Sunday, April 13. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Questions, please contact Bootsie & Carol.

LADIES SODALITY MARCH MEETING UPDATE

There will not be a meeting on Tuesday,

March 24th. We hope to see everyone at the Lenten Mission featuring Zip Rzeppa that evening in the Harmony Room.

THIS TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY'S DAILY MASSES

Daily Mass this Tuesday, March 18 will be at 8:15 a.m. instead of 6 p.m., so that Father can attend the annual priest gathering in Collinsville. Daily Mass on Wednesday, March 19 will be cancelled as Father will still be away. We will resume on Thursday, March 20. Pray for Father and the priests of our diocese as they gather.

150 CLUB UPDATE

We want to thank everyone who attended the banquet. We hope that you had a good time! Here is the list of winners:

March #150 - Maria Schulte
\$1000- #84 Luke & Melanie Hartwick
\$500- #100 Joe & Chris Spanberger
\$500- #46 Gary & Jeannie Wilbur
\$250- #113 Tom & Dorothy Voloski
\$250- #69 Norma Lesko
\$250- #15 Elizabeth & Ken Nussabaumer
\$250- #80 Eric & Denise Mooshegian

Just a reminder if you have not paid your dues yet they are due by April 1. Thank you all for your support.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 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, March 17

7 p.m. - Uganda Trip Informational Meeting (Harmony Room)

Tuesday, March 18

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

7 p.m. - School Board (Cafeteria)

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

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

Wednesday, March 19

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach (PLC)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, March 20

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

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

Friday, March 21

Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Elizabeth Church

8:15 a.m. - Honor Roll Mass

11 a.m. - School Early Dismissal

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry

Saturday, March 22

Women's Retreat (St. Paul Highland); Mens Prayer Breakfast (FMCHS)

Sunday, March 23

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

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

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SCAN ME



MEN'S PRAYER Breakfast



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 | SCAN QR CODE BY MARCH 19
or go to www.McGivneyGriffins.com



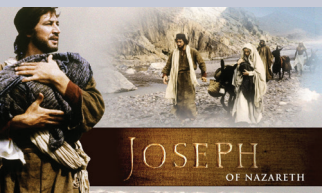
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

April 5th is fast approaching and we wanted to make sure parishioners from all 3 parishes are invited to attend and enjoy a nice family day at the Columbus Hall. Hours are between noon and 4 p.m. All food and beverages will be available with no cost to you. There will also be plenty of activities for kids and adults, such as, cornhole, volleyball, bocci ball, wheelbarrow races, magician, pony rides and petting zoo, just to name a few. No r.s.v.p. is needed. We look forward to meeting members from all 3 parishes.

Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, 618-789-0337



This Week on
FORMED



**Joseph of Nazareth:
The Story of the Man
Closest to Christ**

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie *Joseph of Nazareth*.

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

"When I went for adoration, I heard these words: "My beloved daughter, write down these words... Tell the world about My mercy and my love. The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them! My daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace"
- (Diary, 1074)



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!

KINGS HOUSE AT SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

"Creating SABBATH SPACE in our Lives" - 5-week Spring Video Study, featuring Fr. Ron Wolheiser, OMI

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

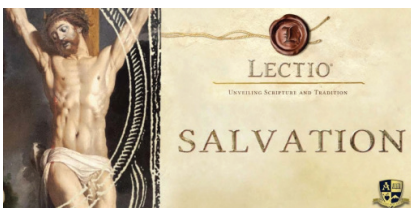
Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Do we take the time to rest, to ponder, to reflect on what is important to us and gives us joy?

Allow Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI to lead us on a journey of refreshing our souls by creating "Sabbath Space."

Cost: \$25 for series; \$5 per session

For more information, call 618-397-0584 or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/dean-video-spring2025/>



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.



RITE OF ELECTION

Congratulations to all of our newly-Elect (formerly Catechumens), who were sent from our parish's Rite of Sending last Saturday to the Rite of Election with Bishop Paprocki in Springfield last Sunday. We continue to pray with and for you all as you continue your journey to the Easter Sacraments!

YOUNG DISCIPLES

PLEASE join us Tuesday, March 18 from 6:40 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. in the PLC at St. Elizabeth for FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD and FUN. Bring a friend. Mass begins at 6 p.m., so come early for the Eucharist. Hope to see you there!



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

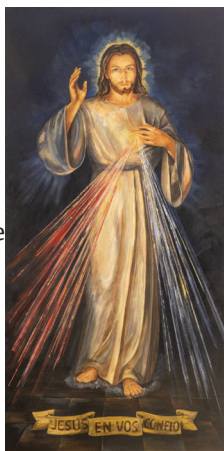
- Tuesday March 18th: The Gift of Prayer
 - Tuesday April 1st: The Gift of Maternity
 - Tuesday April 8: The Gift of the Holy Spirit and Conclusion
- I hope you will pray about joining us as we discuss this book and feed off each other's enthusiasm.

"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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 18, and ends on April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter. In the message to St. Faustina, Our Lord requested that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday through the whole Church. On that same day he canonized Sister Faustina as the first "Saint of the Jubilee Year of Mercy." After completing the Novena in 2005, Pope John Paul II died on the eve of Mercy Sunday. He was beatified on Mercy Sunday in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI and canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014.



Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us through the Novena, starting just after the Good Friday 3:00 p.m. liturgy, each day at 3:00 p.m. (at the church, or where you are), ending in the church at 3:00 p.m. on Divine Mercy Sunday.

"Our Lord spoke these words to St. Faustina, 'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.'" (Diary, 699)

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

MAY 2025 to APRIL 2026

It's Time to Sign-up for Our First Friday Memorials

The First Friday Memorial is a special offering made by parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish, which lists your intentions for deceased loved ones in our bulletin, and these listed names are then remembered monthly at Mass each First Friday throughout the entire year. The Memorial names are printed each week in our Sunday Bulletin. A yearly donation of \$60.00 is requested for these intentions to be listed.

This donation allows the names to be printed constantly in our bulletin, in the exact same way other bulletin ads are funded, and all the funds go to offset the cost of printing our bulletin. This is not a donation for a Mass intention since the money does not, and by Canon Law cannot, go into the Mass stipend account, as taking any money for large, so-called "collective intentions" (where multiple names are listed for the Mass intention) is explicitly forbidden. Father is happy to remember these names collectively once a month at Mass with no stipend involved. Your donation is a publishing/printing fee, ultimately paid to our printer in Godfrey, Illinois.

You are encouraged to attend this weekday Mass. You may list your intentions as one individual name: Mary Jones, or you may list family groupings: The Jones Family. You may NOT submit a litany of individual names or multiple families, as space will not permit. If you wish to continue having your past intentions remembered at these Masses, you will be asked to renew your donation each year. Please fill out this form below and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible with the requested donation.

Feel free to call the Parish Office at 877-3300 during business hours which are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding those who are remembered each First Friday.

Please clearly mark your envelope or the memo line on the check - First Friday Memorials and return by May 19, 2025.

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 9:28b-36

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

When is the last time you felt you were in the presence of God? On a retreat? In the grandeur of nature? Holding a newborn baby? (Or maybe you're not sure you've ever felt this way.) Today we hear about the transfiguration, when Peter, James, and John have an encounter with Jesus in all his glory. After hearing the voice of God, even Peter is stunned into silence. I'm guessing few of us are mystics hearing commands from God the Father, but how can we practice placing ourselves in God's presence every day? Whether it's meditation, reading Scripture, journaling, or taking the time to seek and soak in beauty, Lent calls us to deeper prayer. We don't need to manufacture a spiritual high or only count powerful, emotional moments as closeness to God. We can start by simply quieting our minds and remembering whose we are.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Imagine that Jesus invited you to go somewhere special with him. What would you hope to do?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

How do you think Peter, James, and John felt when they saw Jesus in dazzling white and standing in glory on the mountain? Why?

LIVING THE WORD

Place some sacred art - even just a holy card, or an image you find online and print - or a votive candle in a noticeable place in your home such as on your dinner table or a coffee table. Let it be a reminder that God dwells with your family.

APPLICATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

NAME

CONTACT INFO (PHONE/EMAIL)

INTENTION



St. Elizabeth School Announces the Granite City Optimist Students of the Month



Rachel W. and Finlay M. were selected as the Granite City Optimist February Students of the Month. Finlay and Rachel are members of Mrs. Cheryl Wegner's fifth grade class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.

Finlay is eleven years old and is the son of Harry and Melissa. His favorite subject is science, and his favorite topic so far is the one they are covering now – space. Ask Finlay about the asteroid that has a 1.3 % chance of hitting the Earth in 2032. He is keeping track of all the details. After school, Finlay shoots baskets at home to help him be at his best as a member of the St. Elizabeth Royals Basketball team. He also plays basketball for a Granite City Park District team. If Finlay could travel back in time, he would like to visit the 1980's. He has heard that during this time period, malls were the place to be. People went to the mall to meet friends and enjoy the crowds and the bright and exciting atmosphere. As far as future careers, Finlay would like to play basketball in the NBA. His dream job would be to be a member of the Boston Celtics team.

Ten-year-old Rachel is the daughter of Steven and Michelle. Math is Rachel's favorite class because it is easy for her to understand and come up with successful results. During her free time, she likes playing outside with her neighbors and competing with her family members on board games. Rachel also takes dance classes and is a member of the Royals Basketball team. She is very proud of the fact that last year her basketball team came in second in the fourth grade basketball tournament. Rachel picked 1925 as the year she would like to visit. This was a time in history when many of our modern devices like phones and televisions were developed, and it would be fun to look at how they have changed over time. Rachel has not decided on a future career yet. She is keeping her options open.

The Granite City Optimist Organization is an international society dedicated to helping the youth of the world. For more information about the Granite City Optimists, contact Paul Hellrich at 618 407-3011. The Optimists are always looking for new members who would like to aid in their mission to help the youth of the community. Come join us!

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.



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship February 23, 2025

| March 2, 2025 | Actual | Goal | Over/(Short) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Week 35 Regular Income | \$11,015.00 | | |
| 120 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$91.79 | | | |
| Building Repair/Maintenance | \$475.00 | | |
| Loose | \$448.00 | | |
| Online Giving | \$994.93 | | |
| TOTAL | \$12,932.93 | \$9,673.00 | \$3,259.93 |
| YTD TOTALS | \$315,095.66 | \$338,555.00 | (\$23,459.34) |

Other Gifts:

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| Tuition Assistance | \$737.00 | Votive Offering | \$54.00 |
| Special Projects | \$225.00 | Catholic Charities | \$170.00 |
| Mission & Ministry | \$1,135.00 | Catholic Relief Services | \$65.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$175.00 | Aid to Church Ctrl/East Eurpe | \$100.00 |
| First Offering | \$10.00 | Other Parish Not Specified | \$315.00 |
| Funeral Stipend | \$100.00 | | |

| March 9, 2025 | Actual | Goal | Over/(Short) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Week 36 Regular Income | \$4,483.00 | | |
| 94 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$47.69 | | | |
| Building Repair/Maintenance | \$65.00 | | |
| Loose | \$449.00 | | |
| Online Giving | \$1,486.42 | | |
| TOTAL | \$6,483.42 | \$9,673.00 | (\$3,189.58) |
| YTD TOTALS | \$321,579.08 | \$348,228.00 | (\$26,649.92) |

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 | \$160.00 | Votive Offering | \$97.80 |
| Special Projects | \$90.00 | Aid to Church Ctrl/Est Europe | \$440.00 |
| Mission & Ministry | \$55.00 | Other Parish Not Specified | \$25.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$40.00 | | |

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

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.

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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.

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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