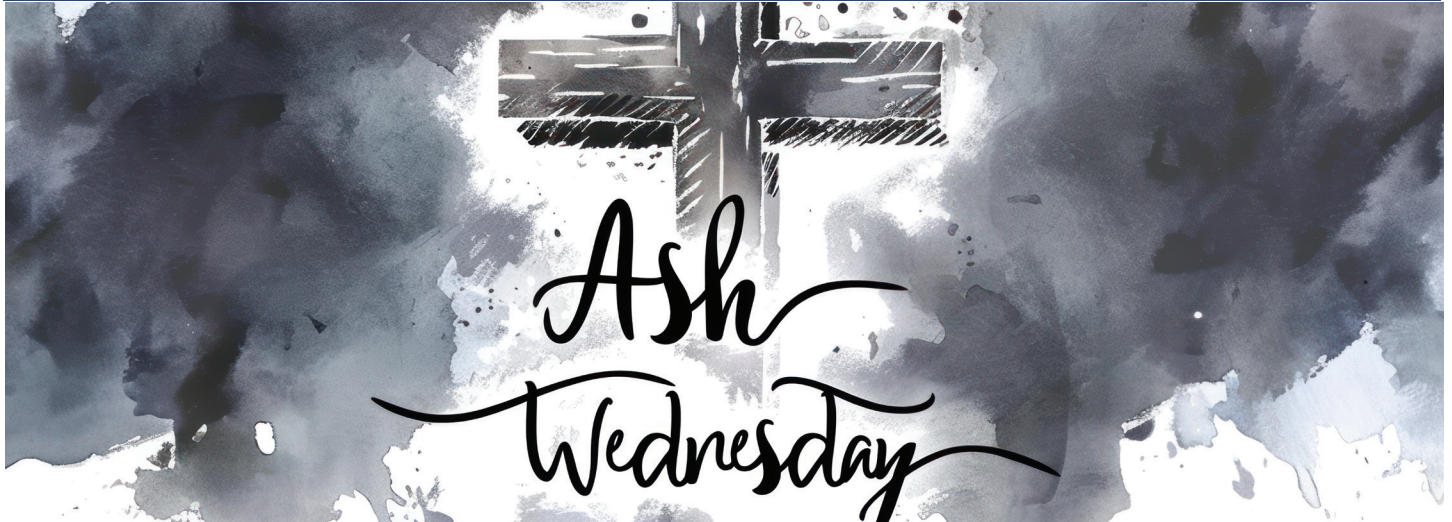


Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ March 2, 2025



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, when the Paschal Triduum begins.

This Wednesday at St. Elizabeth, Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:15 a.m. (with the school) and 6 p.m.

Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

Prayerfully consider what your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will include this year.

REMEMBER THE LENTEN REGULATIONS:

1. **ABSTINENCE** - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. **FASTING** - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.


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Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson
Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, March 3

Monday of the 8th Wk in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday, March 4

Tuesday of the 8th Wk in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Patricia Abrogast+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Baby Jamie Polling Baxter+

by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbrook

6 p.m. Mass:

Peter J. Gibson+ by Barbara Gibson

Thursday, March 6

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Robert Koziel+ by Stephen Dudak+

Friday, March 7

Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Marco Martinez+ by Olga, SueHaydee,

Lali, Junion & Javi Martinez

Saturday, March 8

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, March 8-9

First Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Rosemary Cain+ by Bootsie Schrenk

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Richard A. Willaredt+ by Janice Willaredt

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

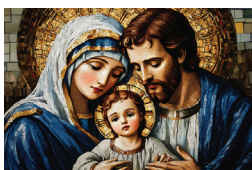
14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for the marginalized; the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill persons in our community.**

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.



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: 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.

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

In the first reading, Moses explains to the people how they are to offer their firstfruits to the Lord. Paul explores the connection between faith, its profession, and salvation and justification. After his baptism, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert where he encounters the devil and resists his temptations.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 2/26- 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 3/3- Rev. Michael Pendergast Rev. William Neu Rev. John O'Donnell

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

June 2024 to May 2025

Paula G. Koliste

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Mens

Club

Gene Cassy

Jim Deder

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Binney Family

Kim Edgar

Chad Sigite

Jim & Lisa Fensterman

Charles Dickey

Louise Harrison

Kenneth R. Jaimet

Ann Fabisher

Carol McGee

Karen Romeri

Ed Lyndsey

Czwornog & Ostrenga Families

Richard A. Willaredt

Lisa Dellamano

Rosalie Boyd

Jim Dittman

Pawlak & Sertich Families

Kierski Family

John & Theresa Straubinger

Carl Williams

Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Michael & Leona Bonach

Nancy Gray

Karen Winters- Weiland

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

Bill Loftus

Jim Alsop & Family

Dortch Family

Jones Family

Glen Hommert

Inez & Brian Foreman

Tony & Mary Bellue

Jesse & Loraine Gonterman

Lesko & Danheiser Families

Harbin & Jones Families

Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr.

Delores Brinker

Brinker & Soboleski Families

Pattie Jackson

Ida Gragg

Robert & Lorraine Joshu

Lee & Connie Hayes Family

Votoupal/Bursisk Family

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

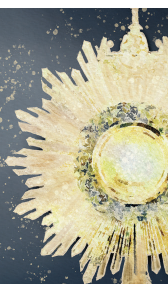
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7-8 pm



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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed next Saturday night.

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, March 2

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

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 3

Tuesday, March 4

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

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

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

Mass at 8:15 a.m., 6 p.m.

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, March 6

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

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

Friday, March 7

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

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry

Saturday, March 8

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings - Turn Clocks Forward 1 hour Saturday night

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

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



How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In 'How to Lent', you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.

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

"First Friday of the month. During Holy Mass, I became united with God. Jesus gave me to know that even the smallest thing does not happen on earth without His will. After having seen this, my soul entered into an unusual repose; I found myself completely at peace as to the work in its full extent. God can deal with me as He pleases, and I will bless Him for everything." (Diary, 1262)



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COMING INTO THE CHURCH

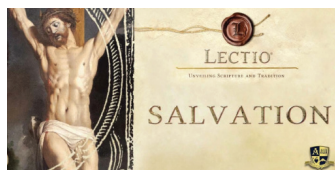
If you or someone you know is not yet Baptized, received into the Catholic Church (including those who may have already been Baptized in another Christian tradition), or fully initiated with the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist, contact the parish office for more information. Someone 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.

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



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 at 618-920-1792.



DIocese OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 40 years, and in some countries more than 70 years, communism ruled Central and Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union's many republics. The Soviet Union stretched from Eastern Europe across central Asia and beyond to the Pacific Ocean. One of its former republics is Tajikistan, in central Asia. Bordering China to the east and Afghanistan to the south, Tajikistan is today the poorest of the former Soviet republics.

The country's economic challenges - along with a population that today is 98% Muslim - make Tajikistan a true mission country for the Church, because Catholics are few and needs are great. In fact, the Church's presence is so small that the Tajikistan Church is not part of a diocese with its own bishop but is an independent mission of the pope, administered by priests from the Institute of the Incarnate Word, a missionary order from Argentina. Along with the institute's order of sisters, the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara, these priests faithfully serve the pastoral needs of the people through education

and accompaniment. Despite its small size and relative poverty, this community has fostered the first two priestly vocations and ordinations of two Tajik men, as well as the religious vocation of a Tajik woman who professed perpetual vows with the sisters.

With critical support from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the sisters continue their mission by educating the children and providing them with instruction, school supplies, school uniforms, and the food they need to develop intellectually, spiritually, physically, and socially. Guided by their faith and this material support, the sisters witness to Christ's love while carrying out their works of mercy. You can participate in their success by donating to this special collection when it is taken up in our diocese, either by contributing at Mass or through your parish's e-giving platform. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds online for the collection.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe..

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Holy Family/St. Mary- St. Mark/St. Elizabeth

ASH WEDNESDAY



MARCH 5, 2025

Services at

Holy Family School- 8:30AM (Mass)
Holy Family Church- 12PM (Ash Service)
6PM (Mass)

St. Elizabeth Church-
8:15AM (Mass)
6PM (Mass)



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 6:39-45

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

With a lifelong struggle against pride and judgmentalism, this passage hits close to home for me (and I suspect I'm not the only one.) Where does it leave us, so talented at finding metaphorical splinters, even-or especially-in our loved ones' eyes? I've realized that Jesus doesn't deny that the splinter is there, or deny the pain that sin causes in others' lives. He knows how hard it is when someone close to us isn't living up to the greatness we know they're capable of. Still, Jesus reminds us of our shared capacity for sin; if we have humility, we'll realize "there but for the grace of God go I." At times, we will have to offer correction to our family members, even as we struggle with our own flaws. Let's be honest with one another and with ourselves.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Do you think people like to be corrected? What makes it easier?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

What do you think is harder: correcting other people, or correcting yourself? What did Jesus say to do?

LIVING THE WORD

When you pray together this week, include a time to ask for forgiveness and acknowledge the times you didn't love well. Model for your children how to be honest about your own failings: "I was impatient today, please forgive me."



Go Royals!



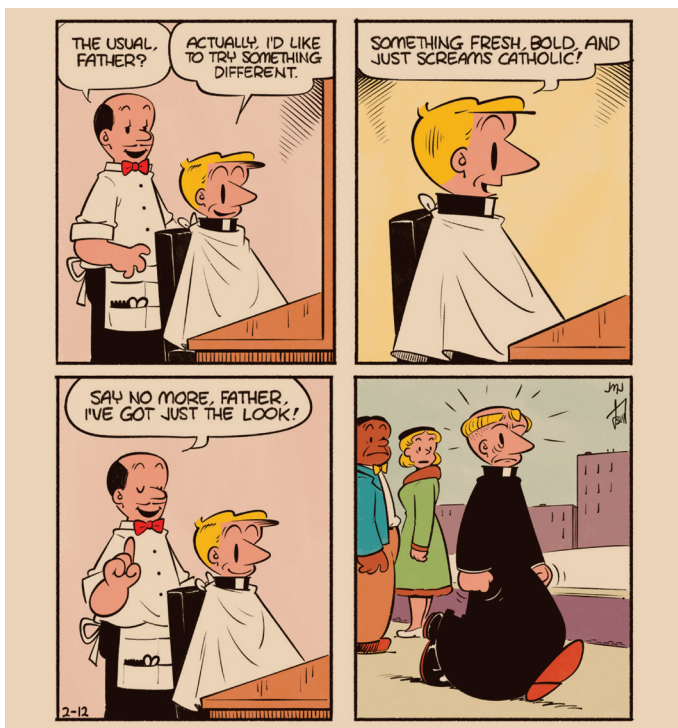
SERVICE

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

Saturday, April 15, 2025 starting at 6:00 p.m. 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, including 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. cc.dio.org or 618-462-0634.

ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH & MASS FOR LIFE

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.



LENTEN MISSION

FEATURING
ZIP RZEPPA
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THEME: Discipleship, Evangelization & Hope

Disciples & Stewards

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

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship February 23, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 34 Regular Income	\$3,733.00		
83 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$44.98			
Building Repair/Maintenance	-		
Loose	\$437.00		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$817.25		
TOTAL	\$4,987.25	\$9,673.00	(\$4,685.75)
YTD TOTALS	\$302,162.73	328,882.00	(\$26,719.27)

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	\$300.00
Votive Offering	\$43.00

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

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - Luke 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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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