

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ♦ April 13, 2025



## Holy Week & The Triduum: The Holiest Days of the Church Year

At the heart of our Christian faith is the fact that God sent his Son, born as a man Jesus Christ, to undergo his passion and death and to rise from the dead, to atone for our sins and to open for us the gates of eternal life. That is what we celebrate every Sunday, but most especially this week of the Church year.

The summit of the whole Church year is the Easter Triduum, from the evening Mass of Holy Thursday through Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday. In three days, it is liturgically one event unfolding Christ's Paschal Mystery.

Lent ends and the Triduum begins at the start of the Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer II (Vespers) on Easter Sunday night.

Mass begins as usual on Holy Thursday with an Entrance Antiphon. But it doesn't end on Holy Thursday. Rather than a

blessing and dismissal, the liturgy continues with a Solemn Procession, taking the remaining Blessed Sacrament to a place of repose. We are invited to come for quiet prayer and adoration until Midnight, recalling and entering into Jesus' prayer in his Agony in the Garden.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion is the only day during the Church year on which there is liturgy but no Mass. The Triduum continues with a solemn entrance in silence, in which ordained ministers fall prostrate upon the floor at the hour our Lord died on the cross. The proclamation of the Passion from the Gospel of John, veneration of the cross, and reception of the Eucharist remaining from Holy Thursday are part of this portion of the Triduum.

The Triduum continues with the Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter. We bless the Paschal Candle for the year, proclaim Scriptures

recalling all of salvation history, proclaim Jesus's Resurrection, and welcome new Catholics with the Sacraments of Initiation.

The Triduum continues for one more day, through the remaining Masses of Easter Sunday morning in which we continue the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, and through Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Easter Sunday. That concludes the Triduum.

The Easter season then continues for fifty days until Pentecost. These are days of heightened ongoing celebration of the single most important things that have happened in human history.

It's tempting to end this column with the "A" word that we've avoided all Lent but will get to sing again at the Easter Vigil, but it's not time yet. In the meantime, praise to Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory!

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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, April 14**  
**Monday of Holy Week**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, April 15**  
**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Pete & Gloria Fields

**Wednesday, April 16**  
**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Tim Scaturro+ by Carol McGee & Family

**Thursday, April 17**  
**Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper** ☩  
6 p.m. Mass:  
Sam Shambro+ by Janet Wilmsmeyer

**Friday, April 18**  
**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**  
3 p.m. Liturgy, no Mass Memorial

**Saturday, April 19**  
**Holy Saturday** ☩  
**NO 4:30 Mass,**  
**but 3 p.m. Confessions are available**  
8 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter:  
Charlie Polach+ by Rosemary Tomlovic

**Saturday-Sunday, April 19-20**  
**Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**  
8:00 a.m. Mass ☩  
Betty Lampitt+ by St. Elizabeth Choir  
10:30 a.m. Mass:  
Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

## 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for the students, staff and teachers and the families of St. Elizabeth Catholic School.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

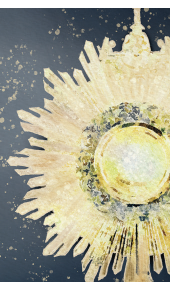
There are no flowers/memorials through the season of Lent.

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



April is  
dedicated to  
the Holy Eucharist

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April: For the use of new technologies:

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## This Sunday: Palm Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56  
Jesus proceeds to Jerusalem, where he is welcomed as a king with shouts of joy praising God for his mighty deeds. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies of one who does not shield his face from buffets or spitting, knowing he will not be put to shame. Paul writes that Christ humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death on a cross. In the Gospel, Jesus celebrates Passover with his friends, speaks of his imminent betrayal, and after hours of interrogation and torture, is handed over to be crucified.

## Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
In the first reading, Peter speaks about Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. He recounts his appearances to chosen witnesses, whom he commissioned to preach in his name. Paul urges the Colossians to focus on what is heavenly. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene discovers the tomb empty and tells Simon Peter and another disciple who run to the tomb and see the burial cloths.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 4/13- Rev. Thomas Donovan  
Rev. Rafal Pyrchla 4/14- Rev. Thomas Gallenbach  
4/15- Rev. Louis Schlangen 4/16- Rev. Paul Having  
4/18- Rev. Joseph Havrilka 4/21- Rev. Donald Wolford  
Rev. Steven Pohlman

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 4/13- Rev. Andrew Smith  
Rev. Michael Costello 4/14- Rev. Francis Kelly 4/14- Rev. John Freeman 4/15- Rev. Leopold Moczgamba  
Rev. John Moroney.



## 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  
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 Joshua  
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

**Don't miss this year's Sweet Treats!**

**Stop by the Harmony Room after all Masses this weekend.**



### 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 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.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 13

**Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Sweet Treats & Bake Sale after all Masses!**

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

11:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

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

### Monday, April 14

### Tuesday, April 15

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

### Wednesday, April 16

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, April 17

**Holy Thursday**

No Adoration

### Friday, April 18

**Good Friday -**

**Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

Divine Mercy Chaplet after 3 p.m.  
Liturgy

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry (Cafeteria)

### Saturday, April 19

**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil**

1 p.m. - Blessing of the Easter Foods (Church Gathering Space)

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet; and Father will hear Confession as usual

### Sunday, April 20

**Easter Sunday**

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

## AROUND THE AREA



Mary Magdalene at the cross.  
Matthijs Wulfraet (1690)

*All Things New*

Prayer Service of Scripture, sacred music, and silent reflection, reflecting on the Passion of Jesus Christ through the eyes of those that encountered Him on the road to Calvary.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH | 2PM  
SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH  
207 VANDALIA ST, COLLINSVILLE

The Father McGivney Choirs  
Ms. Dani Boulanger, Director  
Mrs. Taylor Boulanger, Organist

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Last weekend we did have our family day inside the gym due to all the rain. We had about 45 attend. The children really enjoyed all of the activities, especially the tug of war and pinata. It was such a joy to see them have such an enjoyable time, along with the parents and grandparents. Hopefully this is something we can build on when we support another one. 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.



This Week on  
**FORMED**



**Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage**

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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

Go to [signup.FORMED.org](http://signup.FORMED.org) and select our parish name.

**Mercy Minute**

"Good Friday. At three o'clock, I saw the Lord Jesus, crucified, who looked at me and said, I thirst. Then I saw two rays issue from His side, just as they appear in the image. I then felt in my soul the desire to save souls and to empty myself for the sake of poor sinners. I offered myself, together with the dying Jesus, to the Eternal Father for the salvation of the whole world. With Jesus, through Jesus and in Jesus is my communion with You, Eternal Father.

On Good Friday, Jesus suffered in His soul in a way which was different from [His suffering on] Holy Thursday." (Diary, 648)



**FORMATION**

**YOUNG DISCIPLES**

PLEASE join Tuesday, April 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 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!



**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/deanvideo-spring2025/>

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SAVE THESE SUMMER DATES!**



Totus Tuus in Granite City July 6-11

Hosted at St. Elizabeth this year!

More info this Spring.



**Holy Week & the Triduum at St. Elizabeth**

**April 12-13: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

After all Masses: Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday

**THE HOLY TRIDUUM**

The holiest "Day" of the Year: 1 liturgy over 3 days

**Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday**

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m.**

Silent Adoration until Midnight; Night Prayer at 11:45 p.m. After Mass, for Adoration or Night Prayer, enter the doors at the end of the hall nearest the Harmony Room.

**Friday, April 18: Good Friday**

Reminder: See "Good Friday Fast" below

Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m.

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.**

Followed by the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena

**Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday**

Blessing of the Easter Foods at 1 p.m., Church vestibule Stop by with baskets of Easter foods: Ham, breads, eggs, butter, for a brief blessing of the first foods of the Easter season.

Divine Mercy Novena Day 2 at 3 p.m., Church

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter at 8:00 p.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 20**

**Masses: 8 a.m.\* & 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday**

Divine Mercy Chaplet each day at 3 p.m., in the Church.

Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7-8 p.m. (Church)  
Sunday Vespers concludes the Holy Triduum

**Good Friday Fast Reminder**

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat. Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt. The USCCB stresses that "common sense should prevail" and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

Lent ends at the beginning of the Triduum (Evening Mass on Holy Thursday), but Lenten fasting and personal commitments usually continue until Easter. Papal document *Paschalis Solemnitatis* recommends this in order that we "with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection."

## 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 19:36-40

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Although the crowd's shouts of exuberant praise of Jesus on Palm Sunday will devolve into shouts of "Crucify him!" by Good Friday, we join them in praising the Lord on this day. In fact, we take up the crowd's chorus every time we go to Mass and sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." In today's Gospel, the Pharisees complain to Jesus, hoping he'll restrain the crowd's unseemly demonstration. But Jesus replies that if the crowd weren't crying out, the stones would. Praise of the Lord is good, and not just for those who will never turn around and deny Jesus. The entire world, even now in its brokenness, was created to give glory to God, and our families are part of that. What could that look like in our homes?

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

What are different ways we can offer God praise?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Did Jesus stop the crowds from waving their palms and giving him praise? Why?

### LIVING THE WORD

Keep your blessed palms in a safe, visible place at home as a reminder of how our whole lives can and ought to give Jesus praise. If you're up for a challenge, look up videos of how to fold your palm into a cross or flower.

### APPLICATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

#### NAME

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#### CONTACT INFO (PHONE/EMAIL)

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#### INTENTION

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**DIocese OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we look forward to this year's liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, through which the Lord draws us more fully into the mystery of His death and resurrection, I am writing to ask your financial support for two special collection opportunities to be taken in all our parishes during these coming days - the Holy Land Collection and the Seminarian Collection. These collections will be taken up correspondingly during the Good Friday service, and then the Easter Vigil Liturgy and Easter Sunday Masses.

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The Holy Land Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides information and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your promotion of this important collection is essential.

The Seminarian Collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have 11 seminarians. You can take a personal role in their formation with a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

With best wishes and prayers for a blessed Holy Week and Easter, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

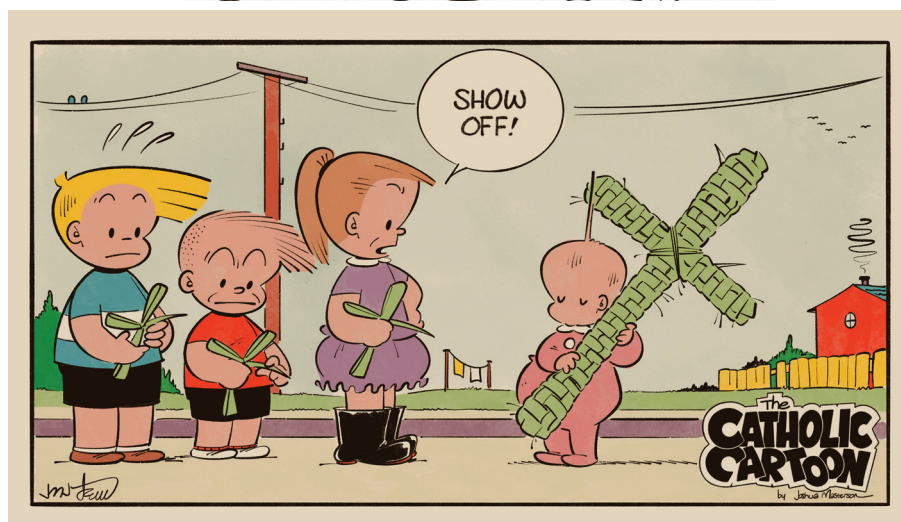
**UPCOMING SPECIAL & SECOND COLLECTIONS**

If you are giving online, 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.

April 17: CRS Rice Bowl (Holy Thursday) - This appeal provides funding for many third world self-help projects promoting agricultural, nutritional, educational growth and self-sufficiency. 75% is remitted to Catholic Relief Services for overseas projects, and 25% may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs.

April 18: Holy Land (Good Friday) - This collection assists in the care and maintenance of Holy Sites, as well as assisting Christians who remain - often in difficulty - in the lands where Jesus lived.

April 20: Seminarians (Easter Sunday) - This collection helps form and educate the future priests of the diocese. In partnership with generous benefactors in the Good Shephard Society, your gift will secure financial support for these young men on their discernment journey.



# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship April 6, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 40 Regular Income	\$11,067.00		
113 Envelopes, Average \$97.94			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$658.50		
Loose	\$641.00		
One-Time Donations	\$7,650.00		
Online Giving	\$879.47		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,895.97</b>	<b>\$9,673.00</b>	<b>\$11,222.97</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$363,262.77</b>	<b>\$386,920.00</b>	<b>(\$23,657.23)</b>

Weekly and YTD Goals are calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and what is required to break even.

### Other Gifts:

Tuition Assistance	\$2,294.00
Special Projects	\$693.50
Mission & Ministry	\$258.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$115.00
Easter Flowers	\$125.00
Easter Offering	\$375.00
Votive Offering	\$45.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$55.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$80.00

### Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithes to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income. February tithes: **\$4,297.00**

Seminarians	\$115.00
Other Parish Not Specified	\$120.00

## FUND A ROYAL

Please prayerfully consider a contribution to our Tuition Assistance fund here at St. Elizabeth. These contributions are restricted and go directly to our school to help student families who apply for assistance. Catholic education is an essential ministry for the parish and we hope to never have to turn anyone away for inability to pay. Thank you for all you do and please consider a contribution to this ministry.

## 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

**“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” - Luke 22:34**

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so as not to cause disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

**My Parish Prayer** Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is - am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be. Bless my journey Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.



## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you can also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

**Infant & Child Baptism:** For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at [stelizabethgc.org/baptism](http://stelizabethgc.org/baptism) at least a month before your desired date. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office.

**Matrimony:** To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact the parish office to set up initial appointments and preparation at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

**Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults:** Contact the parish office.

## PASTORAL CARE

**Entering the Church:** If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

**Communion to the Homebound:** If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

**Declarations of Nullity:** In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.')

Advocates are available for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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