

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection ♦ April 20, 2025

From our Pastor Father Alfred

As St. Paul writes: ***“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain”*** (I Cor 15:14). Knowing that ***“Jesus is Lord!, He is risen!”*** (Rom 10:9), makes us credible intentional disciples and stewards of the risen Jesus, and forms the basis for our Christian witness as it was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or “preaching”), of the Apostles. Here at Saint Elizabeth Parish and School, let our faith not be futile but be renewed by our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven – ***“an indication of what we can all hope for”***. I therefore want to wish you a joyful Easter season as you continue to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord, who is good and loves us in all the events of our lives. May we all continue to radiate the loving presence of the Risen Lord in our lives wherever we are, and to all those we encounter.

- Rev. Dr. Alfred Tumwesigye

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, April 21

Monday within the Octave of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, April 22

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6 p.m. Mass:

Tim Scaturro+ by Carol McGee & Family

Wednesday, April 23

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Premo Clay+ by the Knobloch Family

Thursday, April 24

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6 p.m. Mass:

Rich Caron+ by Claude & Carol Kessler

Friday, April 25

Friday within the Octave of Easter

Peter J. Gibson+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, April 26

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

4:30 p.m. (Saturday) Vigil Mass: ●

Harvey Kessler+ by Bootsie Schrenk

8:00 a.m. Mass:

Mary Konarcik+ by Janice Willaredt

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 all newly initiated Catholics, particularly our new parishioners.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are provided through our Easter flower memorials.

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



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: 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.

Next Sunday: Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

In the first reading, the Apostles performed many signs and wonders. Many who were sick came to them and they were all cured. In the second reading, John describes a vision he had on the island of Patmos. It was of the risen Christ, who declares himself alive forever. In the Gospel, the resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds and believe.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 4/21- Rev. Donald Wolford Rev. Steven Pohlman 4/23- Rev. Steven Arisman 4/24- Rev. James O'Shea 4/26- Rev. Phillip Kraft

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 4/19- Rev. Joseph Spaeth Rev. William McGuire Rev. Arthur Thies Rev. Frank O'Hara.



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

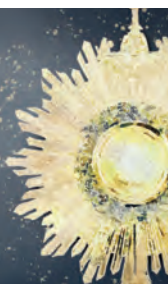
Be with Jesus

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



LADIES SODALITY THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for your support of our Palm Sunday Bake Sale! It was a big success! Many thanks to all who baked, helped with set up and sales, and those of you that stopped by to make a purchase. We pray that you all have a blessed Easter.

-Bootsie & Carol

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

Join us for the Parish Appreciation Dinner - ALL members of the parish are invited! Saturday, May 10 at 6 p.m., St. Elizabeth School Cafeteria. Cost is \$15 per person - grilled chicken or ribeye meal, entertainment, and fellowship! Tickets on sale at the Parish Office.

ROSARY 13th OF EACH MONTH

We will pray the rosary at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville, at 2:00 p.m. on the 13th of each month from May through October. Bring a chair. In case of rain, we will go to the Chapel.

Mark Your Calendars! You are invited to come to the ordination Mass of Deacons Ryan Kehoe and Charlie Delano to the priesthood on Saturday, May 24 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Deacon Kehoe ministered here at St. Elizabeth a couple of years ago as a seminarian. Join us at the Ordination of these 2 new priests for our diocese!

A poster for the "TOTUS TUUS" event at St. Elizabeth - Granite City. The poster features three photos of children at the top. The text reads: "TOTUS TUUS St. Elizabeth - Granite City Free To Attend JULY 6 - 11, 2025". Below this, it lists activities for "1-6 Graders" (Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 2:30 pm, Bring sack lunch) and "7-12 Graders" (Sunday - Thursday, 6:30 - 8:15 pm, Snack provided). A QR code is in the center, and the contact information "Email Dcn. Michael Halbrook at mhalbrook@dio.org" is at the bottom.

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Questions?
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THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 20

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

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

Monday, April 21

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Tuesday, April 22

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

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

7:30 p.m. - K of C 3rd Degree Meeting (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, April 23

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, April 24

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration;
Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

Friday, April 25

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Saturday, April 26

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Sunday, April 27

Divine Mercy Sunday

FMCHS Fund a Griffin Appeal at all Masses

2-3 p.m. - Holy Hour with Confessions,
3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet

NO usual Evening Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Happy Easter! We are still looking for some help on the 4th Friday of each month for 3 bingo workers. We have lost several workers due to aging, death and sickness. It is very important for us to continue this night of our bingo fundraising. If you can even do every other month it would help.

Columbus home Queen of Hearts raffle is at \$2,000+ Queen of Hearts drawing is every Wednesday at 7:30 p.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**



The Resurrection: What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?

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

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

Mercy Minute

"Jesus looked at me and said, 'Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near.'" (Diary, 965)



FORMATION

YOUNG DISCIPLES

PLEASE join Tuesday, April 29 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!

YOUNG
DISCIPLES
SOCIETY

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, after a Holy Hour from 2-3 p.m. that day.

"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:

Place yourself in the position of the first, early-morning witnesses of Jesus' empty tomb. I imagine a mix of curiosity, anxiety, and fear coursing through their minds as they wait outside. Mary, only seeing the stone out of place before she runs and gets the others; John, bending down at the entrance and peering into the dark. Then Peter - brash, presumptuous Peter - barrels in and looks upon the empty burial cloths of the Lord, the friend, he'd just denied. I wonder if that memory is part of what compels Peter to go inside. Mary and John had stayed with Jesus at the foot of the cross until he died. Where had Peter been? It was night when the cock crowed; now he plunges into another darkness, unsure of what he'll find. Jesus' resurrection beckons us even - especially - in our deepest moments of shame and fear. Will we answer?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

What do you think happened there in the dark tomb when God raised Jesus to life?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

I wonder what Jesus' friends were thinking when they found the empty tomb. Do you think it would've been hard for you to believe that Jesus was alive again?

LIVING THE WORD

Feast today and continue the celebration this whole week of the Easter Octave! After the long preparation of Lent, it's time to celebrate Jesus' victory over death.

APPLICATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

NAME

CONTACT INFO (PHONE/EMAIL)

INTENTION



ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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2025 - 2026

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- Clubs - cheer, chess, coding, student council, speech, scholar bowl & more!
- Strong academic focus
- Spanish, Art, Music, & Technology classes
- State Accredited Catholic Education

618-877-3300 REGISTER NOW



www.stelizabethgc.org

6th & 7th grade enjoyed a field trip to Springfield last week to visit the State Capitol and the Lincoln Museum.



Lots of fun was had by all last Sunday at our Easter Egg Hunt & blessing after the 10:30 Mass.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy
Novena begins on
Good Friday, April 18,
2025 & ends on the
Sunday after Easter,
April 27, 2025

The church will be
open daily at 3:00pm

Use the pamphlets
provided in the
gathering space to
pray this Novena daily.



Feast of Divine Mercy
The Novena Closing

St. Elizabeth
Church-Granite City
Sunday, April 27, 2025

2:00 to 3:00 pm
Exposition,
Holy Hour &
Confessions

3:00-3:30pm
Blessing and
Veneration of Image
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction

Refreshments

I desire, Jesus told Sister Faustina, that these nine days you bring souls to the font of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces of these souls. Our Lord speaks: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My unconceivable 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 souls who approach the font of My mercy (Eucharist). Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. (Diary 699)

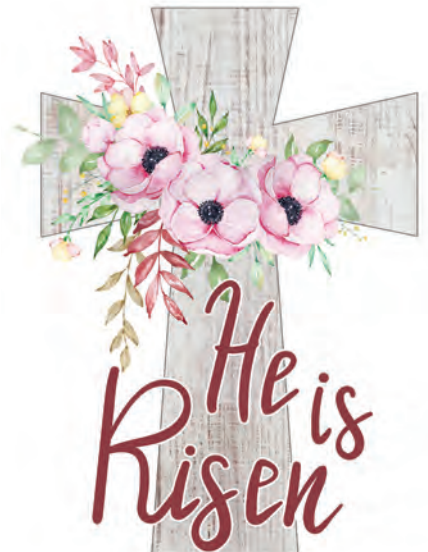
Easter Flower Donations have been made in Memory or Honor of:



Clay & Kokotovich Families
Joseph & Mildred Dallas
Paul & Margaret Kacera
John & Ethel Lerch
Quentin & Peggy Ritchie
Sr. Mary Lou Martin
Bob Martin
Kate Fogarty
Herb & Carol Martin
Bill Loftus
Mike & Emily Mejaski
Tom & Anna Loftus
Jim & Pat Scherrills
Jon & OdaLee Baumgardner
Richard & Anna Rosales
Joseph & Nancy Rosales
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Veinot Family
Rodney Family
Pritchard Family
Stackhouse Family
Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman
Larry & Jean Hahn
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Karen Rotter
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Ann Jackstadt
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Ronald & Angela Briggs
Katherine Thrasher
Francis Thrasher Jr.
Roy Thrasher Sr.

Sandra Drullinger
Gary Lofink
Bauman & Szczepanik Families
Paula Gushleff Koliste
Dr. Barry Koliste
Deceased Family members of Koliste,
Krizak, Milcic, Gushleff, Thomas,
Notbahr, Baker & Grundon
John Kulasza
Patsy Bohn
Glenn Gibson & Son
Bill Schrenk
Ralph & Berth Wesbecher
Frank & Vi Kessler
Norma Kessler
Bob Niemeyer
Bill Loftus
Mejaski & Loftus Family
Lawrence Jaros
Deceased Members of the Dortch
Family
Deceased Members of the Jones Family
Andy Mathes
Pogorelac Family
Rose & Henry Kolenda
Henry & Betty Kolenda
Theresa Gulash
Grandma's
Sr. Angelita
Thomas Loftus Sr. Family
Eli Louis Brandichas
Karen Ann Bridich
Ralph & Bertha Wesbecher
Ralph Lickenbrock Sr.
Virginia Lickenbrock
Kenneth Justice
Loretta Justice
Doug Conrad
Teresa Marzluf Johnson
Kathryn Yureck Ash
Marie Pranaitis
Robert Mier
Deceased Members of the Weckman
and Wilbur Families and Friends

Parents of Craig and
Kathleen Nelson
James Alsop
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ganz
Mr. & Mrs. Berto Cerutti
John & Theresa Straubinger
Howard C. Welsch
Deceased Family Members of
Al & Maxine Czerniejewski
Mark James
The Lupardus and Mooshegian
Deceased Family Members
Billy Adams
Jim & Nancy Gray
Edward & Lucy Krawiecki
Eckert & Mildred Mueller
Don Mueller
Ed & Helen Szczepanik
Ceil Kowalczyk
Parents of Donna & Lee Jones
Thomas Cronoge,
Brother of Donna Jones





PICNIC NEWS - JUNE 6-7-8

Hello Parishioners!! It is that time again for our annual parish picnic, and we are planning to make it come together.

The picnic committee would like to thank our eighth-grade students for their interest in and drawings for the Annual Picnic T-shirt contest. I saw nice drawings already and the winning students design will be available this year for pre-orders in May. Check out future bulletins for more information.

The Picnic Committee will sponsor our May 3rd and 4th Harmony Café. We have exciting plans for you all to stop by for fellowship, food, treats, and of course a Ride bracelet raffle and picnic tickets. Please stop by for our "Picnic" themed Harmony Café!!

Our Music line up for this year is exciting and ready to put on a variety of music genres!

- Friday night we will have yacht rock music with "The Yacht Rockers Band" featuring Captain Joseph and the crew!
- Saturday afternoon we will have "Voices" featuring Dennis Gillam formerly GTO.
- Saturday night will be "Rae's Creek Band" featuring Scott & Mechelle with all local band members from Granite City.
- Sunday afternoon and closing out our picnic will be "Sweetie and The Toothaches," featuring Sweetie (Emilie) and her 7- or 8-piece swing band!

We will be having dinners on all 3 days again:

- Friday - BBQ Pork Steak featuring our impressive cooking ladies of our parish!
- Saturday - Cabbage Rolls (Pigs in the Blanket) featuring the family recipe from the Ruesing family!
- Sunday - AYCE Fried Chicken featuring our St. Elizabeth Famous recipe from famous Chef Jim and team.

Come out and plan to have one of your favorite meals or all three! Carry outs available.

We would like to welcome our newest Chairpersons that have answered God's call for Stewardship with our parish picnic.

- Mike and Amy Hanfelder (school parents) have become our new Margarita/Daquiri Booth chairpersons for 2025. Please welcome them and support their booth with your talent and schedule hours in their booth. Welcome Mike and Amy!!
- Alberto and Evangelina Rios (school Parents) as Co-Chairs to our Mexican Food Booth for 2025. They have been working and helping Rosa Luna for years already. This is a high gross profit booth for our picnic, please consider supporting them in this booth, especially at their peak times in the evenings. Welcome Alberto and Evangelina! We also will have "free shuttle service" again this year for those of you needing assistance getting to and from your vehicles parked in our designated handicapped parking areas.

Chauffers fire up your smiles and Laughter.

I would like to personally "Thanks" all our returning chairpersons for answering the call, your continued support and commitment to our annual 3-day parish fundraiser. You are an asset to our parish family.

Volunteer sign-ups will be available before and after all masses starting on the weekends soon. Those of you who choose to sign up electronically will be able to do so on Monday evenings through Friday evenings each week. These two sign-up procedures will be available up until the start of the picnic. Thank you for signing up as early as possible to relieve the worry of our chairpersons from not being able to successfully run their booths without adequate volunteers. Check upcoming bulletins for times and dates.

We are still in search of chairpersons for the picnic, please consider helping and getting involved. These are the areas in which we need help:

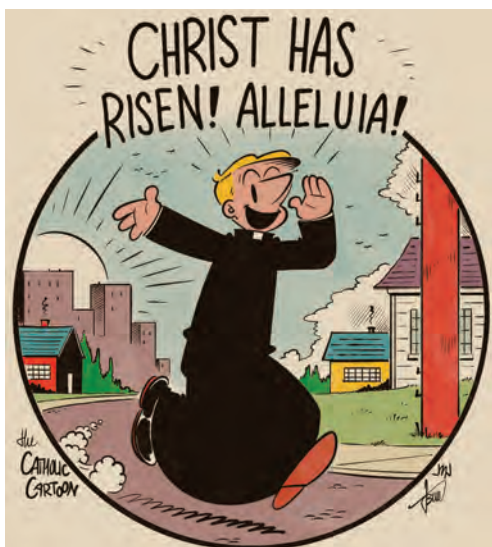
- Dennis & Julie Wilmsmeyer will be stepping down from the Funnel Cake Booth after this year. We are looking for a new chairperson to shadow and take over this booth for Picnic 2026. Please consider helping Dennis and Julie with this booth this year and step into this stewardship for the good of our parish. Please consider.
- Co-chairperson to help Paul Hellrich with the Parking Lot. This is a vital part for our visiting patrons to leave their vehicles in an organized parking lot, reducing liability damage to vehicles and patrons.

Please send an email to tcdomo@charter.net to let me know your interest. I would love to hear from you.

Picnic Chairperson,
Tim Domagalski

PICNIC SIGN UP LINKS!

It is time to begin scheduling workers for our annual Parish Picnic on June 6-8, 2025. Please use the links at this page to sign up for shifts and as mentioned in the message from our Picnic Chairman, if you are interested in being a chairperson or have other questions, please reach out: stelizabethgc.org/picnic



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 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.

May 4: Catholic Home Missions (3rd Sunday of Easter) – Funds from this appeal, approved by the USCCB in 1997, help expand and strengthen the presence of the Church in the United States and its dependencies through the support of basic pastoral services in areas struggling to provide such necessities on their own. The appeal allows Catholics to help support local communities where Catholics are few, the Church is fragile, and pastors struggle to keep mission parishes afloat.

May 25: Catholic Communication Campaign (6th Sunday of Easter) – The essential mission of the CCC is contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. 50% of this collection is sent to the national office and 50% is retained in the diocese for use in local communication projects. From the national office portion, grants are made following recommendations by the USCCB Communications Committee.

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FUND A GRIFFIN!

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025



EVERY GIFT COUNTS

Join us next week to hear from Father McGivney Catholic High School students as we kick off our Annual Appeal.



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship April 13, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 41 Regular Income	\$5,657.00		
88 Envelopes, Average \$64.28			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$345.00		
Loose	\$678.60		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$628.12		
TOTAL	\$7,308.72	\$9,673.00	(\$2,364.28)
YTD TOTALS	\$370,571.49	\$396,593.00	(\$26,021.51)

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	\$240.00
Special Projects	\$45.00
Mission & Ministry	\$45.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$40.00
Easter Flowers	\$65.00
Easter Offering	\$60.00
Funeral Stipend	\$100.00
Seminarians	\$45.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$20.00

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. March tithe: \$3,851.00

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

“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” - Acts 10:38

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

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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