

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter ♦ April 27, 2025



## Pope Francis

*Jorge Mario Bergoglio*

December 17, 1936 – April 21, 2025

*Next Saturday morning's First Saturday Mass will be offered, as usual, for our pre-arranged intention, but also as a Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. Please join us for Mass next Saturday morning for First Saturday and for Pope Francis.*

*8:15 a.m., Saturday, May 3*


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*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, April 28**

**Monday of the Second Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Tuesday, April 29**

**Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

6 p.m. Mass:

Peter J. Gibson+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

**Wednesday, April 30**

**Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Tim Scaturro+ by M. Elaine Foreman

**Thursday, May 1**

**Thursday of the Second Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Al Lesko+ by Norma Lesko

**Friday, May 2**

**Memorial of Saint Athanasius,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

**Saturday, May 3**

**Feast of Saints Phillip and James, Apostles**

8:15 a.m. First Saturday Mass:

Pope Francis+ and

Carl & Florence Schwierjohn+

by Bill & Karen Schwierjohn

**Saturday-Sunday, May 3-4**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

4:30 p.m. (Saturday) Vigil Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Carol Mathes & Sons

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Joe & Christina Spanberger

## 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.

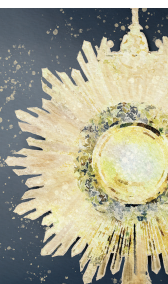
**Be with Jesus**

**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: 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.

## Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Peter and the Apostles are questioned and ordered by the Sanhedrin to stop teaching in Jesus' name. John has a vision of countless angels, living creatures, and elders crying in praise to the Lamb of God. In the Gospel, Jesus appears at the sea to Peter and other disciples. Jesus instructs them to cast their net over the right side and they have a great catch of fish. Then he serves them breakfast, asks Peter three times if he loves him, and instructs Peter to feed his sheep and follow him.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 4/26- Rev. Phillip Kraft 5/2- Rev. Leo Enlow 5/7- Rev. Jeffery Grant 5/8- Rev. Piotr Kosk 5/9- Rev. Dominic Rankin 5/10- Most Rev. Kevin Vann Rev. Christopher House 5/12- Rev. Dr. Alfred Tumwesigye

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 4/26- Rev. Joseph A. O'Brien Msgr. Robert John Plocki Rev. Bernard "Ben" Meyer 4/27- Rev. Joseph Jele Rev. Joseph McVeigh 4/28- Rev. Mauritius Klostermann



## 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 Stigite

Jim & Lisa Fensterman

Charles Dickey

Louise Harrison

Kenneth R. Jaimet

Ann Fabisher

Carol McGee

Karen Romeri

Ed Lyndsey

Czwornog & Ostrenga Families

Richard A. Willaredt

Lisa Dellamano

Rosalie Boyd

Jim Dittman

Pawlak & Sertich Families

Kierski Family

John & Theresa Straubinger

Carl Williams

Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Michael & Leona Bonach

Nancy Gray

Karen Winters- Weiland

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

Bill Loftus

Jim Alsop & Family

Dortch Family

Jones Family

Glen Hommert

Inez & Brian Foreman

Tony & Mary Bellue

Jesse & Loraine Gonterman

Lesko & Danheiser Families

Harbin & Jones Families

Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr.

Delores Brinker

Brinker & Soboleski Families

Pattie Jackson

Ida Gragg

Robert & Lorraine Joshu

Lee & Connie Hayes Family

Votoupal/Bursisk Family

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### 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 or after each Mass the next two weekends in the Gathering Space! Contact Andy Yurko (618-931-4669) for more details.

### ROSARY 13th OF EACH MONTH

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-October. Bring a chair. In case of rain, we will go to the Chapel.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED & RECEIVED!

Congratulations to our newest parishioners and members of the Catholic faith, who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil last Saturday night. Twelve new parishioners received Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion. Two additional new parishioners who had previously been baptized in another Christian tradition were received into the Church with a proclamation of faith, and received their Confirmation and first Holy Communion as well. Congratulations and welcome!



### PRAY THE LIVING ROSARY DURING MAY

We hope that you will consider joining with your fellow parishioners to pray a living rosary during the month of May. Below is the list of dates and times we will pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary:

May 4: 4 p.m. In Front Courtyard

May 11: After 8 a.m. Mass in the Gathering Space

May 18: 10 a.m. In Front Courtyard

May 24: 4 p.m. In Front Courtyard

## THIS WEEK

### 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

### Monday, April 28

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

### Tuesday, April 29

6:30 p.m. - Young Disciples Teens (PLC)

6:45 p.m. - Calendar Mtg (Harmony)

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Wednesday, April 30

6 p.m. - Respect Life Ministry Meeting (PLC)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, May 1

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

10 a.m. - National Day of Prayer (Granite City Civic Park)

### Friday, May 2

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Blood Drive (PLC)

### Saturday, May 3

*Harmony Cafe after all Masses*

### Sunday, May 4

*Harmony Cafe after all Masses*

**Scholarship Mass at 10:30**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Cub Scout Vendor Fair (Cafeteria)

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

## AROUND THE AREA

### A TASTE OF MEXICO FUNDRAISER

Holy Family Community Center, 2600 Washington Ave. 3-7 p.m., Saturday, May 17. \$15 a plate. Hard & soft shell tacos, tamales, enchiladas, mole, rice & beans.

### CUB SCOUT PACK 103 VENDOR

**FAIR** Join us for the 4th annual Spring Fling Vendor Fair supporting our cub scout pack. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday, May 4, on the St. Elizabeth Cafeteria. Free entry, free parking, food trucks, vendors.

**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!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Members of all 3 parishes, we want to remind you that the Friday and Sunday evening bingos are primarily to support all 3 parishes. These are our main sources of income to support all 3 parishes and both schools. We greatly desire to keep supporting these causes but need some help. The 4th Sunday evening bingo team has lost several volunteers due to sickness or loss of life. We are in need of a couple of volunteers, once a month on that Friday to help out. We also encourage for parishioners and family to come out and support those to days of the week. God bless you all and hope you have a blessed Easter. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, 618-789-0337.



This Week on  
**FORMED**



**Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**

In this Easter season, join Fr. Dave Pivonka in the Wild Goose, a 14-part series on living a life inspired by and with the Holy Spirit. Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II

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**

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion..." (Diary, 1320)



**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!



**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. We would love to meet with you and discuss your path!



**TOTUS TUUS**  
St. Elizabeth - Granite City  
Free To Attend  
**JULY 6 - 11, 2025**

<p><b>1-6 Graders</b> Monday - Friday 9:00am - 2:30 pm Bring sack lunch</p>	<p>Questions? Email Dcn. Michael Halbrook at <a href="mailto:mhalbrook@dio.org">mhalbrook@dio.org</a></p>	<p><b>7-12 Graders</b> Sunday - Thursday 6:30 - 8:15 pm Snack provided</p>
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**WATCH LOCAL DOCUMENTARY, GOD IS ALIVE, Pt II**  
You can now watch the documentary, *God is Alive, Part II*, incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in the Midwest. This one-hour documentary will get you inspired, move you to hope, and fall in love with faith in a whole new way. *God is Alive, Part II* will take you to Gower, MO, Edwardsville, Ashland, and Chicago to show you miracles still happen, God is alive not matter the circumstances, and including God in your life is what will make the difference. Go to [dio.org/documentary](http://dio.org/documentary) to watch.

**ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL**

Remember: Catholic education starts at Sunday Mass!  
School families, don't forget to continue submitting your Mass cards at Sunday Mass.



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## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Join us for to conclusion of the Divine Mercy Novena this Sunday, April 27. Holy Hour with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2-3 p.m. (with Confessions offered). Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3 p.m. Jesus, I trust in you.



“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)



**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO OUR SEMINARIANS** This weekend is the last weekend that our seminarians are with us for this school year. We’re grateful for the time that Seminarians Dennis Trickey and Padrick Mulligan have had with us this year, and especially for their help with our ministry to the sick and the homebound, which was a key part of their focus this year. Know of our gratitude for you, and of our continued prayers as you continue your formation for the holy priesthood.

## 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:

John 20:19-21, 24-28

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

“Peace be with you,” Jesus tells his disciples. Why is this so important for him to stress not just once but multiple times in this passage? It seems clear that Jesus’ peace is meant to be a hallmark of Christian life - a peace bestowed by the breath of the Holy Spirit that bears witness to the presence of the resurrected Lord in our midst. It’s a peace offered even when we openly doubt or hold back, wary that this gift could be for us. Does this feel true in your daily life? When have you felt most at peace, and what robs you of it? What actions are within your power to take to protect that peace?

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

What does peace feel like to you? What helps you feel peaceful?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Why do you think Thomas didn’t believe that the other apostles had seen Jesus? How did he feel when Jesus came the second time?

### LIVING THE WORD

Think of one practical way you can work on cultivating peace in your home and implement it in your family’s life together this week.

### APPLICATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

#### NAME

#### CONTACT INFO (PHONE/EMAIL)

#### INTENTION



## 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.

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](mailto:tcdomo@charter.net) to let me know your interest. I would love to hear from you.

Picnic Chairperson,  
Tim Domagalski

**PICNIC SIGN UPS:**  
[stelizabethgc.org/picnic](http://stelizabethgc.org/picnic)



"Jesus, I trust in You."



## FUND A GRIFFIN!

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

**330**  
STUDENTS

**~40%**  
Receive Financial Aid  
or Discounts

**\$1,898**  
NEEDED PER STUDENT



### HELP US CLOSE THE GAP

Support Father McGivney Catholic High School  
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Make a Gift: [McGivneyGriffins.com](http://McGivneyGriffins.com)



# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship April 20, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 42 Regular Income	\$820.00		
17 Envelopes, Average \$48.24			
Easter Offering	\$5,738.00		
101 Envelopes, Average \$56.81			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$50.00		
Loose	\$763.60		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$1,580.67		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,951.67</b>	<b>\$9,673.00</b>	<b>(\$721.33)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$379,473.16</b>	<b>\$406,266.00</b>	<b>(\$26,792.84)</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	\$210.00
Special Projects	\$30.00
Mission & Ministry	\$15.00
Holy Thursday / Charitable	\$447.00
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$538.00
Easter / Seminarians	\$2,149.00
Votive Offering	\$181.20

### 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. March tithes: **\$3,851.00**

### UPCOMING SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTION 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.

**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

**“Jesus said to him, ‘Have you come to believe because you have seen me?’**

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” - John 20:29**

It has been said that “seeing is believing.” A steward’s actions are guided by faith and those actions serve as a model for others who need to see to believe.

**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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