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Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Fifth Sunday of Lent ♦ April 6, 2025



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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 7

Monday of the 5th Week of Lent

No Mass

Tuesday, April 8

Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent

6 p.m. Mass:

Tim Scaturro+ by Carol McGee & Family

Wednesday, April 9

Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Polach+ by Rosemary Tomlovic

Thursday, April 10

Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Baby Jamie Polling Baxter+

by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbrook

Friday, April 11

Friday of the 5th Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Tim Domagalski by Norma Lesko

Saturday, April 12

Saturday of the 5th Week of Lent

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, April 12-13

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

In gratitude for 50 years of Marriage
by Bill & Karen Schwierjohn

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Arnold Willaredt+ by Janice Willaredt

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

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: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year A Readings for the Scrutinies:

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

In the first reading, Ezekiel prophesies that God will raise his people from their graves. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul promises that those who live in the Spirit will receive life through the Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead, and many people come to believe in him.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

Year A Readings for the Scrutinies:

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.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 4/7- Rev. Kevin Mann SJC 4/13- Rev. Thomas Donovan Rev. Rafal Pyrchla

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 4/5- Rev. John P. Diepenbrock Rev. John Driscoll Rev. Joseph O'Reilly 4/6- Rev. Herman Jungmann Rev. Patrick McElherene Rev. Timothy McKeogh Msgr. Michael Enright Rev. George E. Hobbs 4/7- Rev. Joseph Schmertmann Rev. Francis Gribbin 4/9 Rev. Robert Dentzman, O.F.M.



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 Dederda

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

SCRAP METAL TIME!

Do you have unused scrap aluminum or metal at your house? Are you preparing for Spring cleaning and want a useful way to recycle your metal? The Men's Club continues to collect scrap metal for recycling, using it to offset small expenses around the campus. Please help us to raise funds for the Church and School by donating your scrap metal. Call the parish office for dropoff information, or if you need large items like appliances (ground floor level) picked up from your home.

LADIES SODALITY PALM SUNDAY SWEET TREATS & BAKE SALE

Ladies, please start your ovens! Whatever delectable bakery items you choose to create this year will be greatly appreciated. We start setting up in the Harmony Room at Noon on Saturday, April 12. You can deliver

your bakery items at anytime after Noon on Saturday or before both Masses on Sunday, April 13. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Questions, please contact Bootsie & Carol.

LADIES SODALITY 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 6

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

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

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

Monday, April 7

Tuesday, April 8

7 p.m. - Columbus Home Meeting (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, April 9

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, April 10

6:30 p.m. - PTO (Cafeteria)

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

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

Friday, April 11

Lenten Friday - Day of Abstinence

3 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

Saturday, April 12

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

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Family Day

Sunday, April 13


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

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

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

AROUND THE AREA

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER St. Mary & St. Mark Parish is sponsoring a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner. Sunday, April 6, 11 a.m. to ???. All you can eat spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad, dessert, \$15 a plate. Wine & soda \$1, water & tea free. Join us for 10 a.m. Mass at St. Mary/St. Mark Church, followed by a tasty meal at Engelbert Hall.



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

Family day is approaching fast and we hope that many of you are planning to come together and have a great day of fun and togetherness. We have added a tug of war which we believe will be a lot of fun. All members of the parishes are invited and no r.s.v.p. is required. We are asking for prayers for good weather for the day. All of us knights are looking to meeting and making new friends throughout the parishes. 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 TRUTH about the Shroud of Turin with Fr. Robert Spitzer

The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths, and controversies - maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe. In this episode of the Chris Stefanick Show, Fr. Robert Spitzer offers amazing facts and stories about the Shroud.

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

"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary, 49). "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I will defend it as My own glory." (Diary, 48)



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!

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.

"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

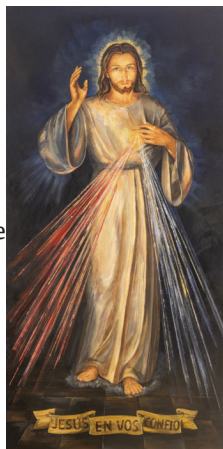
The First Friday Memorial is a special offering made by parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish, which lists your intentions for deceased loved ones in our bulletin, and these listed names are then remembered monthly at Mass each First Friday throughout the entire year. The Memorial names are printed each 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 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 9:1-3, 6-7

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

In Genesis we are told that God created us in His "image and likeness." When God created people of different sizes, he created them in his image. When God created people of different colors, he created them in his image. When God created people of different abilities: deaf, blind, autistic, ADD, dyslexic, and so on, he created them in his image. God does not make mistakes. When God created each human being he said, "It is very good." Every part of what makes them who they are is "very good." God has a plan to use each of us to build his Kingdom and he needs our unique looks, personalities, and abilities to do that. God made you exactly as you are so that "the works of God might be made visible" through you! Praise God for you, exactly as you are.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

What are some ways that God might be made visible through you?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

I wonder how the blind man felt when Jesus said that God would be made visible through him.

LIVING THE WORD

As a family, read the first story of creation, Genesis 1:1-31. Discuss words that you hear repeated and what they might mean. Discuss the difference between the creation of human beings and every other creation. What does this say about us? What does this say about you individually?

APPLICATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

NAME

CONTACT INFO (PHONE/EMAIL)

INTENTION

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THE GRANITE CITY OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Sue Haydee M. and Grayson M. were selected as the Granite City Optimist April Students of the Month. Sue Haydee and Grayson are members of Mrs. McGraw's sixth grade class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.

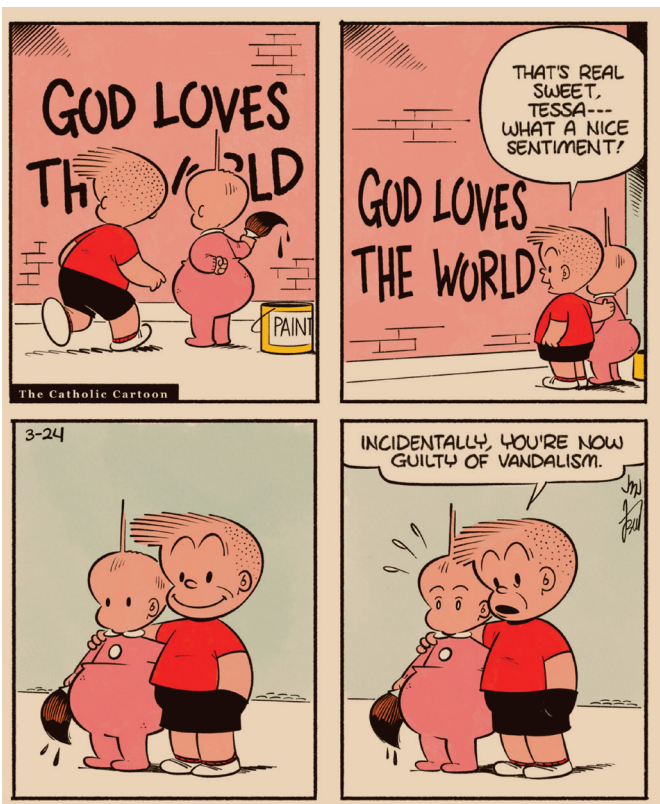


Grayson is 12 (soon to be 13) years old and is the son of Jason and Ashley. Grayson loves science and picks it as his best subject. His favorite science topic came up when they were studying wind powered electric generators. He learned that the locations of some wind generators had interfered with bird migrations. He is looking forward to learning more about birds and their migration paths and habits. Grayson's extracurricular activities include sports and hunting. He is a member of the Royals Boys' Volleyball team and plays second and third base for a Granite City Baseball team. He goes hunting with his family for duck, deer, wild turkey, goose, and pheasant. What they hunt, his family eats. He just had some pheasant and said it tastes just like chicken. When asked to predict what the world would look like in fifty years, Grayson says that there will be flying cars for everyone! In Grayson's future, he sees himself taking over his father's heating and cooling business.

Twelve-year-old Sue Haydee is the daughter of Olga. Sue Haydee's favorite subject is social studies, especially world history. Her most interesting topic so far has been the study of gods and goddesses of past cultures. After school, Sue Haydee likes to play with her cat, Mocha and her two chickens, Chicka and Olivia. These two birds are busy keeping the family supplied with eggs. Sue Haydee is a member of the Royals Girls' Volleyball team and plays soccer on a Fairmont City team. Her vision of the world in fifty years focuses on the number of animal species left on Earth. She predicts that this number will decrease due to an increase in the human population. As the number of people grows, more land will be needed to grow food and provide housing, leading to the destruction of many species' habitats. Sue Haydee would like to attend college to become a nurse. Her dream job would be to care for nursing home patients.



The CATHOLIC CARTOON by Joshua Morrison



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 Shepherd Society, your gift will secure financial support for these young men on their discernment journey.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship March 30, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 39 Regular Income	\$5,519.00		
96 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$57.49			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$10.00		
Loose	\$486.00		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$1,123.83		
TOTAL	\$7,228.83	\$9,673.00	(\$2,434.17)
YTD TOTALS	\$342,366.80	\$377,247.00	(\$34,880.20)

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	\$150.00
Mission & Ministry	\$120.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$95.00
Easter Flowers	\$275.00
Easter Offering	\$140.00
Votive Offering	\$259.00
Catholic Charities	\$70.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,078.00
Aid to the Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$30.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$75.00

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. February tithe: \$4,297.00

Seminarians	\$85.00
Other Parish Not Specified	\$120.00

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Printed Contribution Statements for calendar year 2024 are available at the parish office for parishioners who do not have a good email address in our Parish records. If we have a good email address for you on file, your Giving Statement was emailed to you on Friday, January 17, and would have come from "Pushpay". Please check your email for your statement. If you would like to help the parish save on paper, ink, envelopes and stamps (for those out-of-town donors who need to be mailed), and would like to have future Contribution Statements emailed to you instead of printed, please contact the Parish Office so we can update our records Thank you.

NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Please consider making your donation through Pushpay online giving. Your donation through Pushpay will help your dollar go further with our parish in comparison to giving by check or our previous online giving platform. The donations are additionally more secure than check giving and easier for administrative team processing of your giving statements at the end of the year.

Step One: Please select one of the following links to set up either a one-time gift or a recurring gift using Pushpay: One-Time Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabetchgranitecity>
Recurring Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabetchgranitecity?r=monthly> (After you set up your recurring gift, you will be prompted to complete the setup of your new account)

Step Two: Cancel scheduled gifts in Give Central

If you are currently not giving on-line and would like to make the transition, please take the above steps to start the online giving process. Thank you!

If you have questions or need help, please see Bret or Jackie in the parish office.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and the greater Church.

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



SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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