

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fourth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 11, 2025

H A P P Y Mother's Day



Habemus Papam! Pope Leo XIV

O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built
upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles,
look with favor, we pray, on Leo our Pope
and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and foundation
of unity in faith and of communion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.


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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, May 12

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, May 13

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

6 p.m. Mass:

Melvin Byrd+ by Dorothy Byrd

Wednesday, May 14

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ed Szczepanik+ by Jim Bohn

Thursday, May 15

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Premo Clay+ by Janice Dittman

Friday, May 16

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Patricia Abrogast+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, May 17

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, May 18-19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Joe & Nancy Rosales+

by Rosales & Baldwin Family

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Mark Wiesehan+ by Marc & Kay Kamp

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 Mothers, especially for those who have lost a child.**

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.

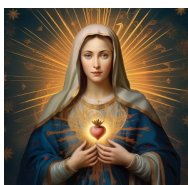
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7-8 pm



May is
dedicated to the
**Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God**

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May:

For working conditions:

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

This Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Paul and Barnabas speak to the people in the synagogue. At first the people are receptive, but later some Jews are filled with jealousy at seeing the crowds. Consequently, Paul and Barnabas evangelize the Gentiles, who are delighted and glorify the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice and that he and the Father are one.

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:34

Paul and Barnabas visit the early Christian communities, encouraging them to persevere in faith and appointing elders to lead them. John shares a vision of the new Jerusalem prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. In the Gospel, after Judas has left, Jesus tells his friends that all will know they are his disciples if they love one another as he has loved them. That is his new commandment.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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 5/24- Rev. David Peters 5/28- Rev. Scott Snider

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 5/10- Rev. John Sandrock Rev. Herman Schaefermeyer Rev. John Crosson Rev. Valerius Messerich, O.F.M. Rev. Donard Paulis, O.F.M. Rev. Joseph Kromernaker Rev. Barry Harmon 5/11- Msgr. Daniel F. Daly



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

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

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.

PRAY THE LIVING ROSARY

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 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, May 11

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

Monday, May 12

**Happy 50th Birthday
Father Alfred!**

Tuesday, May 13

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

7:30 p.m. - Columbus Home Meeting (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, May 14

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, May 15

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration;
Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.
8th Grade Graduation Mass

Friday, May 16

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

Saturday, May 17

6 p.m. - Parish Appreciation Dinner (Cafeteria)

Sunday, May 18

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



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This May, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Fifty percent of collected funds stay in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the other 50 percent support communications projects in the United States and around the world.

Through *Catholic Times*, social media, videos, podcasting, and other digital methods, our diocese is taking advantage of several communication outlets to spread the news of our diocese, teach the faith, and provide hope and encouragement to people no matter where they are in their faith life.

Followers on the diocesan social media channels have exploded over the years. Our channels have far more followers than most dioceses our size, and several that are two to three times as big as our diocese and several archdioceses. For example, our Facebook page has nearly 12,000 followers (we had about 3,000 followers six years ago). In 2020, our YouTube channel had under 500 subscribers. Today, it is approaching 18,000 subscribers! This shows that the content our curia team is producing is engaging, inspirational, and educational, and people want to consume it because it is helping them.

For example, a search on YouTube for "How to go to Confession," has a video from our diocese in the top five for answering that question, with more than 165,000 views. *Dive Deep*, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, has listeners all over the world, and was endorsed by EWTN which placed *Dive Deep* on their podcast central webpage. *God is Alive, Part 2*, a documentary produced by our communications team that features incredible stories in the Midwest, premiered this spring to wide praise. The documentary comes on the heels of the popular *God is Alive* (part 1) documentary, which came out two years ago.

With your generosity, we can continue creating engaging content and bring people closer to our faith or even back to our faith. Parishioners can donate online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections or use their second collection envelope. You can also mail your donation to your parish office. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cc. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Two of our members have passed last week, Phil Achenbach and Allen Jenness. Both of these men contributed so much to our council for decades. The 4th degree honored them with full regalia at their funerals. May they rest in peace in presence with our Lord. 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.



Knights of
Columbus

This Week on **FORMED**



The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima

In 1917, three children in Fatima, Portugal, saw the Blessed Mother, shared her message, and witnessed the miracle of the sun dancing in the sky. Their faith inspired the world. Experience this miracle in this great film the entire family will enjoy.

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.



From our Pastor, Father Alfred

The Dear Beloved St. Elizabeth Parishioners and School Parents praised be Jesus Christ. I share with you the joyful news that the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, has blessed the family of God at St. Elizabeth with the appointment of a parochial vicar Rev. Fr. Godwin Tindyebwa Muhangi, who will bring to us additional priestly ministry and service to our parish/school community, the tri-cities and the Springfield diocese as well. Along with other appointments in our diocese, they will be published in this weekend's edition of Catholic Times. REV. EREND GODWIN TINDYEBWA MUHANGI, a priest of the Archdiocese of Mbarara, Uganda, with the consent of his Archbishop, is appointed PAROCHIAL VICAR OF SAINT ELIZABETH PARISH, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS. His official appointment is effective July 1, 2025. Fr. Godwin is currently in Uganda and working hard to schedule his visa appointment interview. Please pray for him and other priests of our diocese in this time of transition.

Secondly, this weekend we have the yearly parish appreciation dinner event. I want to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to each of you that make our community a shining example of what it means to be *"...Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then, gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues."* (1 Corinthians 12:27-28). We gather with hearts full of gratitude to express our deepest appreciation for your unwavering faith, generous support, and dedicated service to our parish and school here at St. Elizabeth. Your commitment to our shared faith and the building of God's kingdom is a true inspiration to us all.

If you cannot be physically present at the dinner, know that we thank God for the blessings He has bestowed upon our parish through your faith, generosity, and commitment. Your tithes and offerings, your volunteer hours, and your presence in our community are not just acts of service, but acts of love that reflect God's love for us and for one another.

We are truly blessed to have you as part of our parish/school family, and we thank God for each and every one of you. We encourage you to continue this important work, to be faithful stewards, intentional disciples in our parish and Catholic school, and to live out your call to be a light in this world. PLEASE, PRAY FOR ME, AS I CELEBRATE A FABULOUS 50TH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 12, 2025.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,
Fr. Alfred Tumwesigye and Parish Pastoral Leadership Team

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.

ORDINATION - MAY 24

Come to the Ordination of Deacons Ryan Kehoe & Charlie Delano to the priesthood on Saturday, May 24 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral 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!

Mercy Minute

"The flower which I lay at the feet of the Mother of God for May is my practice of silence." (Diary, 1105). "Silence is a sword in the spiritual struggle. A talkative soul will never attain sanctity. The sword of silence will cut off everything that would cling to the soul. We are sensitive to words and quickly want to answer back, without taking any regard as to whether it is God's will that we should speak. A silent soul is strong; no adversities will harm it if it perseveres in silence." (Diary, 477)



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP KIDS

MAY 28TH
JESUS AND MARIO KART
WEAR COLORED SHIRT THAT MATCHES YOUR FAVORITE MARIO KART CHARACTER

JUNE 25TH
COLOR MY WORLD
WEAR CLOTHES & SHOES THAT CAN GET DIRTY/STAINED & BRING A TOWEL

JULY 30TH
WHERE'S JESUS?
WEAR COMFY CLOTHES & SHOES

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1ST-8TH

LAST WEDNESDAY OF MAY, JUNE, JULY 6PM-8PM ST. PAUL ROOM

REGISTER HERE:

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Carrie Albaugh: 618-654-2339 x210
chenrichsalbaugh@stpaulhighland.org

TOTUS TUUS

St. Elizabeth - Granite City

Free To Attend

JULY 6 - 11, 2025

1-6 Graders
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 2:30 pm
Bring sack lunch

7-12 Graders
Sunday - Thursday
6:30 - 8:15 pm
Snack provided

Questions?
Email Dcn. Michael Halbrook at mhalbrook@dio.org

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.

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!

APPLICATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL NAME

CONTACT INFO (PHONE/EMAIL)

INTENTION

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 10:27-30

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

While few of us have daily experience with sheep, we can easily grasp the concept of staying close to the one who makes us feel safe and whose voice we recognize. In fact, that's one of the foundational lessons of childhood! As parents, we see this when the child most likely to dart away in public comes crying back after they've tripped or had a brief flash of feeling lost. In healthy relationships, there's an invisible tether of trust and love between parent and child, shepherd and sheep. It's not about dominance and blind submission, but a relationship born out of trust in the one who has proven his goodness. Children are keenly aware of their dependence, but as we grow older our experience with the world fractures our trust and the image of the Good Shepherd becomes more difficult to hold on to. Do you recognize his voice? What would it take for you to believe that he holds you tenderly in his hands?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

What does a shepherd do for his sheep?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Who are Jesus' sheep? How can they learn to recognize his voice?

LIVING THE WORD

One way to better recognize Jesus' voice is to memorize his words in Scripture and let them imprint deep in your heart and your children's hearts. Commit John 10:27 to memory, repeating it together every day as a family: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."



FUND A GRIFFIN!

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025



Our motto at FMCHS is "Serving a Culture of Life." Last year, our students gave 8,700+ volunteer hours as they lived their faith and modeled the teachings of Jesus Christ. Help us continue our mission of a Catholic education and raising disciples.

HELP US CLOSE THE GAP

Make a Gift:
McGivneyGriffins.com





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.

Please don't forget about set-up and tear-down the picnic. If you can't work at the weekend for some reason or another, we can surely use a lot of help the entire week before and on Sunday night after the picnic has ended. We will start on Saturday May 31st at 7:00am setting up the Fish Tank and moving supplies to the school breezeway from the picnic barn. Then we will be working all week from 6:00am to 3:00pm. Monday and Tuesday are our biggest workload days of the week. Please try to help on those 2 days or all if possible. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers on those days. Believe it or not but what goes up.....must come down and we need all volunteers to be available for teardown on Sunday night starting immediately after the picnic ends at 7:00pm. Please consider helping when and wherever you can. Thank you in advance.

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 "Rea'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's Jim and Lesa.

**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. Chauffeur's 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.

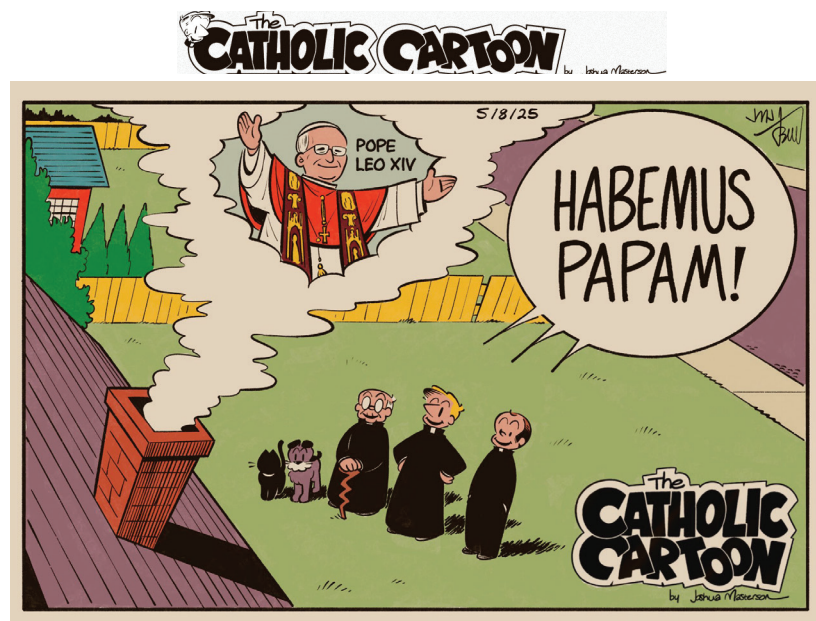
We are still in search of chairpersons for the picnic, please consider helping and getting involved. These are the areas in which we need help.

- 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.
- 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 UPS: stelizabethgc.org/picnic



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship May 4, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 44 Regular Income	\$10,475.00		
72 Envelopes, Average \$145.49			
Easter Offering	\$200.00		
4 Envelopes, Average \$50.00			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$406.00		
Loose	\$592.50		
One-Time Donations	\$3,000.00		
Online Giving	\$1,311.47		
TOTAL	\$15,984.97	\$9,673.00	\$6,311.97
YTD TOTALS	\$401,142.96	\$425,612.00	(\$24,469.04)

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	\$979.00
Special Projects	\$436.00
School	\$2.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$313.00
Mission & Ministry	\$236.00

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**

USING GENERIC DONATION ENVELOPES When using a generic donation envelope, please use your complete name, address and Envelope #, if known. Due to multiple parishioners with the same last name, posting contributions becomes more difficult and could result in donations being posted to the wrong parishioner's account. Thank you for your help!

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/stelizabeghgranitecity> Recurring Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabeghgranitecity?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

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit" - Acts 13:52

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

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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