

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Third Sunday of Easter ♦ May 4, 2025



*“Peter... Feed my sheep.”*

**Statement of the Holy See - April 30, 2025**

*The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God.*

*For this reason, the Cardinals, conscious of the responsibility to which they are called, feel the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful. This is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 12:12).*

*Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time, it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he is the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what he is saying to the Church (cf. Rev 3:6).*

*May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession.*

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Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson  
Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik  
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames  
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

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*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, May 5**

**Monday of the Third Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Tuesday, May 6**

**Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter**

6 p.m. Mass:

Rosemary Cain+ by Maggie & Joe Groboski

**Wednesday, May 7**

**Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Diane Vivod+ by the Dimitroff Family

**Thursday, May 8**

**Thursday of the Third Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Premo Clay+ by Jim Bohn

**Friday, May 9**

**Friday of the Third Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Polach+ by Eric & Ann Smith

**Saturday, May 10**

**Saturday of the Third Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, May 10-11**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Mark Wiesehan+ by Marc & Kay Kamp

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Premo Clay+ by the St. Elizabeth Choir

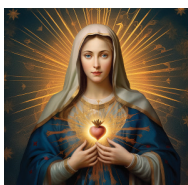
## 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for all newly initiated Catholics, particularly our fourteen new Catholics.**

## 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.



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: 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.

**Next 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.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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 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: 5/4- Rev. Charles J. Zwiesler Rev. Bartholomew Bartels Rev. James Walsh Rev. Raymond E. Rieck 5/5- Rev. Patrick Brady Rev. Richard W. Niebrugge



## 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

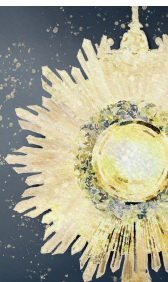
**Be with Jesus**

**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

### 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 this weekend 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.

### 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



**Mark Your Calendars!** 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!

## 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.

### 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.



## THIS WEEK

### 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)

### Monday, May 5

### Tuesday, May 6

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

7:30 p.m. - Mens Club (Cafeteria)

### Wednesday, May 7

8:15 a.m. - Mary Mass

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, May 8

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

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

### Friday, May 9

### Saturday, May 10

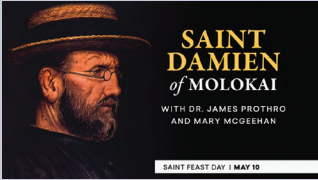
6 p.m. - Parish Appreciation Dinner (Cafeteria)

### Sunday, May 11

After 8:00 Mass - Living Rosary

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

## This Week on FORMED®



**St. Damien of Molokai**  
St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.

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

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

## 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)



## FORMATION

# FAITH & FELLOWSHIP KIDS

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1ST-8TH

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

**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

**REGISTER HERE:**

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

Questions?  
Email Dcn. Michael Halbrook at [mhalbrook@dio.org](mailto:mhalbrook@dio.org)

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

## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

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



# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**2025 - 2026**

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## 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 21:1-19

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Jesus' love and desire to bring us into relationship with himself are beautifully present in today's Gospel. First, we see Jesus' generous love for his friends in providing them with a miraculous catch of fish and in preparing breakfast for them. At the end of this Gospel passage, Jesus' poignant exchange with Peter to "feed my sheep" points to his care and concern for those will follow him throughout history. We are invited to put ourselves in Peter's shoes, as Jesus looks into his eyes and, knowing him to the core (with all his faults, struggles, and most recent denial) asks tenderly, "Do you love me?" Jesus' words are not an accusation but an invitation to respond in kind, to turn from the fear and shame of that night and embrace love himself in the morning light. How do we respond under Jesus' gaze?

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

What is the biggest way you've ever shown someone love, or someone has shown love to you?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

How does Peter show his love for Jesus? How do you think you would respond if Jesus asked you, "Do you love me?"

### LIVING THE WORD

Think of and commit to an extra-special act of love for God and others this week. Perhaps it's baking a treat for a neighbor, bringing a special donation to a food pantry, or picking out a bouquet to leave at your favorite statue at church.

## FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 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](http://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.

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.

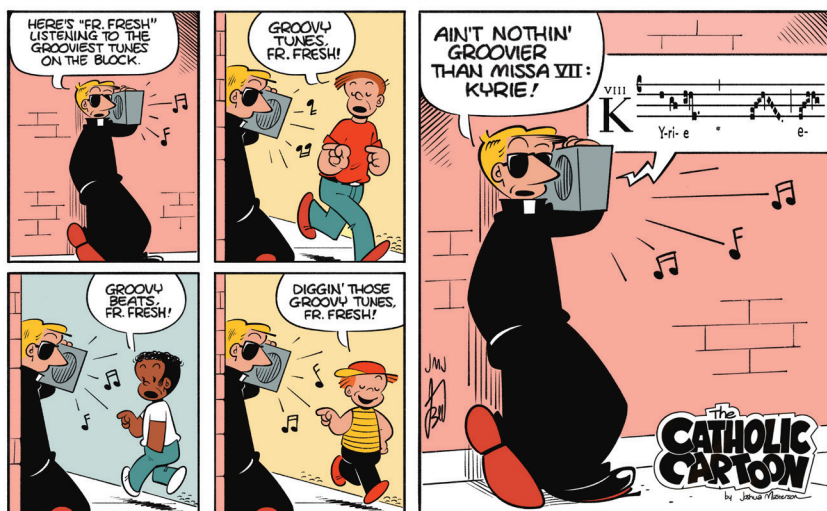
We are still in search of chairpersons for the picnic, please consider helping and getting involved. These are the areas in which we need help: • Dennis & Julie Wilmsmeyer will be stepping down from the Funnel Cake Booth after this year. We are looking for a new chairperson to shadow and take over this 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](https://stelizabethgc.org/picnic)

### The CATHOLIC CARTOON



**DIVE DEEP PODCAST:** What You Don't Know About the Papal Conclave. What happens behind the scenes at the Papal conclave? How does a pope actually get elected? Burning of ballots, verbalizing names, and politicking behind the scenes. Is all that true? Father Chris House breaks down how a pope is elected, what goes on during a papal election, and the rules and unwritten rules. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois!



## STEWARDSHIP

### Our Financial Stewardship May 4, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 43 Regular Income	\$4,511.00		
92 Envelopes, Average \$49.03			
Easter Offering	\$605.00		
6 Envelopes, Average \$100.83			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$50.00		
Loose	\$871.83		
One-Time Donations	-		
Online Giving	\$871.83		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,489.83</b>	<b>\$9,673.00</b>	<b>(\$3,183.17)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$385,357.99</b>	<b>\$415,939.00</b>	<b>(\$30,581.01)</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	\$120.00
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$55.00
Easter / Seminarians	\$130.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$279.00
Funeral Stipend	\$100.00

#### 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**

**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.

**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/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

**"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" -Jn 21:17**  
How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

**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.')

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