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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time ♦ July 20, 2025



Jesus Visits With Mary and Her Sister Martha

In the Gospel of Luke, the episode with Mary and her sister Martha (10:38-42) occurs while Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem. The exact locale or name of their village is not given (cf. John 11:1; 12:1). The story begins: “a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home” (10:38). Then Mary is introduced as her sister, “who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying” (10:39). Both women are open and welcoming to Jesus and his word. - EWTN


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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, July 21

Monday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

Tuesday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

6 p.m. Mass:

Art+ & Betty Lampitt+ by Deacon Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

Wednesday, July 23

Wednesday of the 16th Week of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Baby Jamie Polling Baxter+ Dcn. Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

Thursday, July 24

Thursday of the 16th Week of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Pete & Pat Gibson+ by Janet Wilmsmeyer

Friday, July 25

Saint James, Apostle

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Joe & Chris Spanberger

Saturday, July 26

Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 a.m. Mass:

NO MASS

Saturday-Sunday, July 26- July 27

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: *Streamed*

Melanie Rees+ by Dcn. Michael & Mrs. Suanne Halbrook

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Sheridan Family+ by Chris & Susan Glass

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for the students, staff, teachers and families of St. Elizabeth Catholic School**

ALTAR FLOWERS

There is no memorial for flowers this week. Please consider a memorial offering by calling the office.

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

Reflections to help you prepare for Sunday Mass, the Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions, and prayers for our priests and military are all on our website at: stelizabethgc.org/pray

Read more about preparing for Sacraments and receiving other forms of pastoral care, like anointing or communion to the Homebound, etc. at stelizabethgc.org/pastoral-care

PARISH LIFE

DIOCESAN MISSION APPEAL

This weekend is our diocesan mission appeal. Father Efron Gaol from the Crosier Fathers & Brothers will be here to celebrate the Eucharist with us this weekend and share more about the Crosier Ministry in Indonesia. Please make him feel at home!

FLOCKNOTE SIGN UP

Each week, we send out a parish Flocknote, which includes the bulletin and other information about parish and community happenings. Please reach out to the parish office and share your email address and/or cell phone number so that we can add you to our distribution list. This is the best and most economical way for us to share information quickly and broadly. Thank you!

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5 RETURNS

Mark your calendar to join us in August for season 5 of The Chosen! We will

watch two episodes per evening and share some snacks and fellowship in the PLC while we do. Check the schedule, grab a friend and join us beginning Monday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

8/11- Episode 1 (Entry) & 2 (House of Cards)

8/18- Episode 3 (Woes) & 4 (The Same Coin)

8/25- Episode 5 (Because of Me) & 6 (Reunions)

9/8- Episode 7 & 8 (The Upper Room, Part 1 and 2)



AROUND THE AREA

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Please join us for a gathering hosted by the ladies of Holy Family Parish, 2606 Washington Ave., Granite City, on Tues., July 22nd.

Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Stephen Thompson @ 10.00 a.m., followed by the installation of the new Deanery Board. We will proceed to the meeting room for registration and a brief meeting regarding upcoming events. Fellowship and luncheon will follow. (A decision has been made by the Deanery Board, to suggest a \$5 donation to assist parishes hosting events to cover expenses). Reservations are requested by Thurs., July 17th for food purchase. Please notify Sue @ 618-304-2916 or email: schwegel-sue@gmail.com. Afternoon program: Jan Copeland will share the "Quilt of Valor" program honoring blankets to veterans.

Come share your friendship!

CATHOLIC CHARITES MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

This July kicks off our annual Summer Hunger campaign that helps to fund Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry Program. The Mobile Food Pantry reaches out to feed disadvantaged people facing poverty in rural communities across our 28-county diocese. Our 7 Mobile Food Pantry trucks deliver meat, fresh produce, dairy and nonperishable food items all year long to those in need. We humbly ask you to consider a gift to help us continue to feed God's children through our mission to "extend to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus." Every gift you give, no matter how small, makes a difference. Donate today at: https://cc.dio.org/ways_to_give/donate

Read about more going on here and nearby at stelizabethgc.org/news

FORMATION & KNIGHTS CORNER

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!

KNIGHTS CORNER In case some parishioners missed mass this weekend. I would like them to know that the 3rd & 4th degree each donated \$25,000.00 to St. Elizabeth's School and \$15,000.00 to church, for a grand total of \$80,000.00.

I would like to thank all the Knights & parishioners that help with the bingos, so these donations are possible.

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki

Explore opportunities to learn more about your faith at stelizabethgc.org/formation



Bits from Bishop

What you wear matters

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Imagine if the bishop or priest celebrating Mass came out wearing shorts, tank top, and flip-flops! Most people would be shocked and would not hesitate to voice their objections. So why does there seem to be a different standard for the laity attending Mass? Yes, the celebrant is ordained to the ministerial priesthood, but all the baptized belong to the common priesthood of the Christian faithful. Both the clergy and laity come to offer sacrifice at Holy Mass and receive Our Lord in holy Communion. The clergy have prescribed vestments, but the laity should also show respect for God in His house of worship by dressing appropriately with proper reverence, not as if they are going to the beach or a picnic.

Most of our churches are air-conditioned, so summertime heat should not be an excuse. Even if the church is not air-conditioned, a person can wear cooler clothing while still being dressed modestly.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has this to say about dressing properly for Mass: "To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament [i.e., The Eucharist], the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest" (CCC 1387).

What does dressing "modestly" or "properly" or "appropriately" mean in practice? There is a dress code for St. Peter's Basilica in Rome that must be followed by all visitors, irrespective of age or gender, so we can look to their dress code for guidance.

According to the website, A Guide to the St. Peter's Basilica Dress Code, "Roman Catholic Churches have always had a dress code, dating back to the earliest centuries. ... During Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, men and women are required to cover their knees and shoulders. Men can wear trousers and shirts, while women can wear long skirts or dresses, both of which must cover the knees. Women are allowed to wear hats for Mass, however, men must take their hats off before entering the Church."

The following are listed under "What to wear to St. Peter's Basilica":

Shirts or blouses that cover your shoulders: Plain T-shirts, formal shirts, or full-sleeved blouses or tops are permitted.

Trousers or skirts that cover your knees: Pants that cover your knees and long skirts or dresses can be worn inside the Basilica.

The following are listed under "What not to wear to St. Peter's Basilica":

Sleeveless shirts or tops: Avoid wearing anything sleeveless or with straps or anything too tight.

Low-cut tops: Low-cut tops or crop tops that expose your chest or stomach are strictly forbidden.

Shorts or skirts that are above the knee: Do not wear mini-skirts or shorts that don't cover your knees.

Obscene or offensive tattoos: If you have any offensive tattoos, make sure you cover them up before you head into the Church.

The above should be considered minimum standards. Of course, people may voluntarily choose to dress even more formally, if they wish. For example, it would be a great sign of respect for a man to wear a suit and tie in church. Some women choose to follow the traditional custom of wearing a head covering such as a mantilla or a lace or silk liturgical veil.

We have just completed our three-year National Eucharistic Revival, intended to promote a greater understanding and respect for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Dressing properly for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a great way to express in a concrete and practical way that we do believe that Jesus Christ is really present at Mass and to show our love and esteem for Our Lord and Savior as He comes into our hearts in holy Communion.

May God give us this grace. Amen.

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Extra Extra!



THURSDAY

JULY 31

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Swim from 7 - 9 p.m.

WILSON PARK, Granite City
Pavilion #5



Blessing Bag Needs

We are running low on a few ingredients for our Blessing Bag ministry. If you wish to help, you can contribute to Charitable Outreach through the weekly collection, or drop items like small bottled water or feminine hygiene products in the gathering space, or the PLC.



Saint Elizabeth School

JOB OPENING

part-time
music teacher

2025-2026

email your resume to
mwilliams@stelizabethgc.org
to find out more information!

A photo of three young boys in school uniforms playing drums. One boy is in the foreground, and two are behind him.

Future Events

July 28- School Uniform Swap
July 31- Picnic Pool Party (Wilson Park)

August 8 - Back to School Pool Party
(Paddlers)

August 14 -FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

August 17 - Men's Club Breakfast

August 26- School Picture Day

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Help Wanted

We appreciate that we are able to stream the 8 a.m. Mass each week. It would be wonderful to have a few more who can help with this ministry to our homebound. Contact the Parish Office for details!

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



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



Read more about the school & the weekly newsletter at stelizabethgc.org/school

STEWARDSHIP

July 13, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 2 Regular Income	\$6,089.00		
86 Envelopes, Average \$70.80			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$250.00		
Loose	\$417.00		
One-Time Donations			
Online Giving	\$760.98		
TOTAL	\$7,516.98	\$11,193.00	(\$3,676.02)

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	\$235.00
Special Projects	\$70.00
3rd Degree Knights Church	\$15,000.00
3rd Degree Knights School	\$25,000.00
4th Degree Knights Church	\$15,000.00
4th Degree Knights School	\$25,000.00
Other Parish Offerings	\$120.00

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.
June 2025 Tithe: \$3,636.00

More about more ways to give time, talent, & treasure at stelizabethgc.org/stewardship

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.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 20

Diocesan Mission Appeal from Crosier Fathers & Brothers @ Masses

Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

Alton Deanery CCW Mass & Gathering 10:00 a.m. (Holy Family)

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 -8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, July 24

Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:30 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 27

Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." Colossians 1:25

We are all called to evangelize - to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

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