

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time ♦ July 27, 2025



Lord, Teach Us To Pray

The gospel of Luke this week offers profound insights into prayer, beginning with the disciples' request for Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus responds with the Lord's Prayer, a model of humble petition and reliance on God for daily needs, forgiveness, and deliverance from evil. He then emphasizes persistence in prayer through the parable of the persistent friend, assuring us that even a reluctant neighbor will respond to tireless knocking. Finally, Jesus offers the comforting promise that if earthly fathers give good gifts to their children, how much more will our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.


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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, July 28

Monday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

Tuesday, July 29

Saints Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

6 p.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Barb Shambro

Wednesday, July 30

Wednesday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lee Hayes+ by Rosemary Tomlovic

Thursday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Pete & Pat Gibson+ by Janet Wilmsmeyer

Friday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, August 2

Saturday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Forgotten Souls in Purgatory+ by Carol McGee

Saturday-Sunday, August 2- August 3

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Robert Jones+ by Norma Lesko

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

John Straubinger+ by the Straubinger Family

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 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

WHEELS FOR FATHER GODWIN

Father will be in search of a reliable vehicle while he is here with us. Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know has a vehicle for sale or donation that they may be willing to offer.

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.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

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 sched-

AROUND THE AREA

WHEN MENTAL HEALTH HITS HOME

"Innovative Approaches to Support and Recovery" Presenters: Joe Harper, LCSW; Jayme Swanke, PhD, LCSW, CADC; Kelly Jefferson; Mint Green

Friday, August 22, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM This annual and unique conference is for family members and friends who journey with people with mental illness and for professionals in the mental health field. Cost: \$50.00 per person, including lunch. Additional \$35.00 for IL CEUs For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/illness>

ONE DAY MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

RETREAT Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience that will enrich couples' understanding of the spirituality of marriage and introduce them to a personal couple prayer they can continue at home. This one-day marriage enrichment retreat entitled, "God Chose You for Me," is an experience

designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples. Dates and locations for this special enrichment in 2025 include:

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)

MARRIED 50 YEARS OR MORE?

Let Us Celebrate You! – Bishop Thomas John Paprocki invites all couples who have been married 50 years or more to a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. This celebration honors your beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage. A light reception will follow Mass. RSVP by September 9 at dio.org/events, or contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or (217) 698-8500. Let us honor your milestone of faith and love!

designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples. Dates and locations for this special enrichment in 2025 include:

Saturday, August 16 – Sacred Heart Parish in Valley Park, MO

Saturday, September 20 – St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon, IL

This special one-day enrichment is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. To register, go to: stl-wwwme.org/communitynews.php



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

FORMATION & KNIGHTS CORNER

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? JOIN US FOR OCIA

Do you have a child over the age of 7 who hasn't been baptized? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but haven't celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Are you seeking relationship with Christ and have questions? Contact our DRE, Chris Spanberger (cspan@stelizabethgc.org) for more information about OCIA & PSR

KNIGHTS CORNER .

Greetings,

Over the past 3 weeks the 3rd & 4th degree combined have donated \$80,000 each to St. Elizabeth and Holy Family as well as \$15,000 St. Mary/St. Mark Parish.

Please take time to thank a Knights of Columbus bingo worker. Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki

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



THURSDAY

JULY 31

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Swim from 7 -9 p.m.

WILSON PARK, Granite City
Pavilion #5



THANK YOU KNIGHTS

We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donations totaling \$80,000 to the Parish and School. The hard work of your members and your generosity help to further our mission, which states:

"As the Roman Catholic parish of St. Elizabeth, striving to become saints, we commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition."

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



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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Stewards*

Extra Extra!

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!

2025 Picnic Update



Hello Everyone,

Hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying your summer vacations, family time and relaxation. I just wanted to share feedback about our picnic fundraiser campaign from this year.

These are things we introduced this year; Sowing the Seeds of God's Kingdom Tent, Raffle Booth, New Beer Vendor, Chili & Cheese Hot Dog, 2025 Picnic Ferris Wheel Cookie, New Kids' Games, VIP Band Seating, and a New Ordering System. All innovations were great opportunities for revenue, profit, accountability, and spiritual growth moving forward. I'm always looking for new ways to improve our picnic each year, so please feel free to send me any of your ideas @ tcdomo@charter.net.

We had a mixed genre of music entertainment this year from Swing, Yacht, Mexican, Voices, Local Cover Band with special guest Fr. Alfred on vocals/tambourine. If you did not come out and enjoy your favorite band or special guest, you missed an opportunity to listen to notable talent.

My experience of the last two years of how weather affects our picnic has been a little challenging. In 2024, hot and dry weather led to increased sales of cold refreshments and fewer food items. In 2025, cooler and rainy weather led to higher food sales, but fewer cold refreshments sold. With that said, our food category did better in 2025 than 2024 while our drink category showed a decrease in sales. Overall, our picnic was down about 35k in gross revenue from last year due to the rain on Friday and Saturday. The band on Friday was able to play the entire evening which held the crowd with us throughout the evening. But unfortunately, on Saturday night, our biggest day, the story was different when the band had to take down their equipment 2 hours early because of rain entering the stage and causing safety issues for our musicians. The big crowd left with them. I want to personally thank all the "chairmen and volunteers" who stuck it out in the rain and continued to serve the die hard community that hung in there with us.

Our bottom line is better than I thought it was going to be based on our sloppy weather. But I can safely say that we will profit over \$100K again this year. I should have an exact figure within a couple of weeks to publish in an upcoming bulletin. We have not received all submissions yet.

I am also happy to announce that I had the opportunity to sign another three (3) year contract with our current ride operator, Fun-Time Shows. This means, as a parish family and team, we have another three-year commitment of planning to continue our parish picnic and carnival. I am sure there is speculation and concern for me continuing my leadership role as the general chairperson of our picnic. I am happy to say confirm that I will continue to lead this wonderful team of parishioners as your picnic chairperson and to fulfill this 3-year contract.

I would like to remind everyone that our "Appreciation Picnic & Pool Party" for all team volunteers and parishioners will be on Thursday, July 31st at Wilson Park at Pavilion #5 from 5p-10p. (private pool session, 7p-9p). Pavilion #5 is located behind the Ice Rink, and you may enter by Old Niedringhaus school on 29th Street. We will be serving Sloppy Joe's, hot dogs, chili/cheese nachos, potato salad, baked beans, chips, cupcakes, cookies, water, and soda. Remember that Wilson Park is a "no alcohol" permitted property.

Thank you all for your commitment, support, and prayers for our ongoing efforts to make this parish fundraiser successful each year!

Best regards,

Tim Domagalski
Your Picnic Chairperson



First Friday Memorials

**Next Friday, August 1,
please join us at 8:15
a.m. Mass to pray for
the souls listed below.**

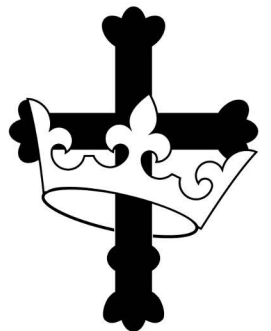


Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Men's Club

**June Bernaix & Family
John & Theresa Straubinger
Carl Williams
Francis Thrasher Jr.
Katherine Thrasher
Czwornog & Ostrenga Families
Angela & Ronald Briggs
Jim Alsop & Family
Bill Loftus
Dortch Family
Jones Family
Czwornog & Ostrenga Families
Glen Hommert
Kierski Family
Becherer & Sheridan Families
Glen Hommert
Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman
Jim Dittman
Pawlak & Sertich Families
Jim Deder
Art & Betty Lampitt
Cheryl Mangi**

**Melvin C. Wilmsmeyer
Helen Klenklen
Paula Koliste
Lesko/Danheiser Families
Rev. John Deken
Michael & Leona Banach
Joseph & Victoria Krystopa
Richard A. Willaredt
Lisa Dellamano
Rosalie Boyd
Delores Brinker
Brinker & Soboleski Families
Groboski & Dallas Families
Bursik- Votoupal Family
Richard & Clara Horbelt
Premo Clay
Quentin & Peggie Ritchie
John & Ethel Lerch
Reg & Mary Mennerick
Ross & Judy Halbrook
Marv Weidemer
Emilio Campos**

**Please contact Bret in the parish
office for more information on how to
add your loved ones to this list.**



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STEWARDSHIP

July 20, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 3 Regular Income	\$4,799.00		
95 Envelopes, Average \$50.52			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$60.00		
Loose	\$543.00		
One-Time Donations	\$3,000.00		
Online Giving	\$1,165.92		
TOTAL	\$9,567.92	\$11,193.00	(\$1,625.08)

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
Special Projects	\$20.00
Crosier Fathers & Brothers	\$1,546.00

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

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

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 27

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

Monday, July 28

Tuesday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 30

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, July 31

Picnic Pool Party- 5:00- 10p.m. (Wilson Park)

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

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

Harmony Cafe

Father Godwin's Ordination Anniversary!!

First Saturday Mass-8:15 a.m.

Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Sunday, August 3

Harmony Cafe

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

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

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