

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time ♦ August 3, 2025



**Interested In Becoming Catholic? Join us for O.C.I.A. PSR or O.C.I.C this Fall - More details inside!!**

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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? Were you baptized in another faith tradition and considering becoming Catholic? Are you seeking relationship with Christ and have questions? Take a look at this week's edition of 'Extra Extra' inside for more details about our Faith Formation Ministry and how you can get help learning more about our faith and preparing to receive the Sacraments!

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## PRAYER & LITURGY

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, August 4**  
**Saint John Vianny, Priest**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, August 5**  
**Tuesday of the 18th Week of Ordinary Time**  
6 p.m. Mass:  
Mary Lesko+ by Norma Lesko

**Wednesday, August 6**  
**The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:  
Lee Hayes+ by Rosemary Tomlovic

**Thursday, August 7**  
**Thursday of the 18th Week of Ordinary Time**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:  
Cheryl Jones+ by Bob & Betty Stegemeier

**Friday, August 8**  
**Saint Dominic, Priest**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:  
John Konkovich+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

**Saturday, August 9**  
**Saturday of the 18th Week of Ordinary Time**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:  
NO MASS

**Saturday-Sunday, August 9- August 10**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. (Saturday) Vigil Mass:  
Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth  
8:00 a.m. Mass: \*Streamed\*  
Jerin Holder+ by Richard P. Willaredt & Bonnie Byrd  
10:30 a.m. Mass:  
Reg & Mary Mennerick+ by Deacon Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for the repose of the soul of Steve Schwartz+ by Dan, Cheryl, Danielle & Ciara Folkerts**

### ALTAR FLOWERS

There is no memorial offered 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](http://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](http://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.

### HARMONY CAFE THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is a special Summer Harmony Cafe, hosted by our Ladies Sodality. Please join us for mass and then fellowship with us in the Harmony Room afterwards to more formally meet and welcome Father Godwin, who will also be celebrating his ordination anniversary on August 2nd! We hope for a full house to celebrate!

### THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

Are you yearning to better understand the events of Holy Week?

-Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

-His cleansing of the Temple

## 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

-The Last Supper

-The betrayal of Judas- all set within rising tension from Jewish and Roman leaders

Season 5 of The Chosen puts an emphasis on trusting God versus trusting human institutions.

Please consider joining us on Monday evenings, starting August 11, at 6:30 in the PLC. Light snacks will be provided.

### 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](http://dio.org/events), or contact Gracie Ortiz at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto: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](http://stl-wwwme.org/communitynews.php)



Read about more going on here and nearby at [stelizabethgc.org/news](http://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](mailto:cspan@stelizabethgc.org)) for more information about OCIA & PSR

### KNIGHTS CORNER .

Greetings,

I would like everyone to pray for the children & families in our community as they are preparing for school to start.

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



Explore opportunities to learn more about your faith at [stelizabethgc.org/formation](http://stelizabethgc.org/formation)



# Faith Formation Is Alive @ St. Elizabeth!



Faith formation has long been at the heart of the Catholic Church's mission- to proclaim the Gospel, teach the faith, and form disciples of Christ. At St. Elizabeth Church we continue to see remarkable successes in how it nurtures and strengthens the spiritual lives of people of all ages.

The Catholic Church's mission to form hearts and minds in Christ is alive and thriving at St. Elizabeth Church. Through the work of the pastor, catechists, lay leaders, and parents, the Church is not only passing on the faith, but transforming lives. As the Church continues to adapt to new challenges and cultural shifts, one truth remains: formation is essential for the Church's vitality-and it is bearing great fruit.

The following information illustrates exactly how the Holy Spirit continues to move throughout our faith community:

**Baptisms:** 20 children (7 years or younger) have become Children of God

**Confirmations:** 3 children have completed their Sacraments of Initiation by being Confirmed at Pentecost by the Bishop in Springfield.

**RCIA/OCIA:** 12 total people received into Full Communion at Easter Vigil These 12 received all 3 Sacraments of Initiation

In addition, 6 adults received Eucharist and Confirmation (4 on Nov. 14 and 2 at Easter Vigil) These adults had previously been Baptized in a different faith, but are now in Full Communion with the Catholic Faith.

If you know of anyone that has been baptized in a different faith, but is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office or Chris Spanberger at [cspan@stelizabethgc.org](mailto:cspan@stelizabethgc.org).

**UPCOMING Faith Formation Opportunities:**

**PSR (Parish School of Religion):** Begins on Sunday SEPTEMBER 7, 9:15-10:15 in the PLC Registration forms are available in Gathering Space and at [stelizabethgc.org](http://stelizabethgc.org)

**OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children)** Children who are 9 yr-17yr, Begins Wednesday, OCTOBER 1, 2025

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** Adults (18-older) Begins Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025

Also some of you still remember CHILDREN'S LITURGY from a number of years ago....It's Back!!!

Starting on Sunday, Sept 14 during the 10:30 mass, we will begin the Children's Liturgy. This is for children ages 4 yrs old through 2nd graders. This is a great time for the children to learn about the Word of God (in kid friendly terms) and do an activity that is related to the Word. We hope your children will join us!!



## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Friday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy day of obligation for the faithful. Mass will be Thursday, August 14th at 6 p.m. or August 15th at 8:15 a.m. Adoration will end early on Thursday with Evening Prayer and Benediction about 5:40 p.m. Please plan to join us!

## Future Events

July 28- School Uniform Swap

**HARMONY CAFE TO CELEBRATE AND WELCOME FR. GODWIN AFTER EACH MASS THIS WEEKEND!**

**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**

# Extra Extra!

**ST. E. BACK TO SCHOOL**

**POOL PARTY**

**Paddlers Swim Club**

**August 8th 7-9pm**

SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED  
CONCESSIONS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE

Sponsored by St. Elizabeth PTO

## 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!

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&  
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# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



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

Saint Elizabeth School

## JOB OPENING

part-time  
music teacher

**2025-2026**

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

Read more about the school & the weekly newsletter at [stelizabethgc.org/school](http://stelizabethgc.org/school)

## STEWARDSHIP

July 27, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 4 Regular Income	\$4,737.00		
94 Envelopes, Average \$50.39			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$25.00		
Loose	\$424.00		
Online Giving	\$816.91		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,002.91</b>	<b>\$11,193.00</b>	<b>(\$5,190.09)</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	\$160.00
Special Projects	\$35.00

### 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 for your help!

More about more ways to give time, talent, & treasure at [stelizabethgc.org/stewardship](http://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, August 3

**HARMONY CAFE** after each Mass to Welcome Fr. Godwin!

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

### Monday, August 4

### Tuesday, August 5

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

### Wednesday, August 6

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, August 7

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

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

### Friday, August 8

Back to School Pool Party 7p.m.-9p.m. (Paddlers)

### Saturday, August 9

Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

### Sunday, August 10

Young Disciples Society 2-4 p.m. (PLC Upper Room)

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

### Monday, August 11

The Chosen, Season 5 6:30- 8:30 p.m. (PLC)



**"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."** Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

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