

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time ♦ August 10, 2025



The Chosen Season Five Begins Monday

St. Elizabeth Parish invites you to join us for an exciting new season of “The Chosen” TV show. Starting this Monday, we will begin watching Season 5, which delves into the crucial events of Holy Week. This powerful season, subtitled “The Last Supper,” follows Jesus’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his final teachings, and the rising tensions that will lead to his ultimate sacrifice. We encourage everyone to come and experience this historical and deeply moving portrayal of the most pivotal week in human history. Join us Monday in the PLC beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 11

Saint Clare, Virgin
NO MASS

Tuesday, August 12

Tuesday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Mass:

Cheryl Mangi+ by Patty Knobloch

Wednesday, August 13

Wednesday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Bob & Betty+ Stegemeier

Thursday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Robert Stamper+ by Jeanette & Sanita DiVietro

Friday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6 p.m. THURSDAY Vigil Mass:

Edith Hock+ by Gary & Jeannie Wilbur

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mathias Lesko+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, August 16

Saturday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

NO MASS

Saturday-Sunday, August 16- August 17

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Billy Jones+ by Norma Lesko

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Charles & Judy Halbrook+ 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

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.

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

-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.

PICNIC WRAP UP MEETING

The picnic wrap up meeting that was scheduled for August 31st has been CANCELLED and rescheduled for September 7th at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Sorry for the poor planning as this was a holiday weekend. See you all on Sunday, September 7th at 6 p.m. - Tim D.

ADDITIONAL WEEKLY MASS

We are happy to share that beginning on Monday, August 18, we will have daily Mass each morning, Monday through Friday, at 8:15 a.m. Mark your calendar and join us for daily Mass each weekday at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday will remain a 6 p.m. evening Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation for the faithful. Vigil Mass will be Thursday, August 14th at 6 p.m. and then Friday at 8:15 a.m. Adoration will end early of Thursday with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Please join us!

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:

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
MARRIED 50 YEARS OR MORE?

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!

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,

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

Granite City

During this 40-day long campaign, our members are invited to join other Christians in praying for an end to abortion.

*Do you have 1 hour
to pray for an end
to abortion?*

40 Days for Life - Granite City:

The Fall 2025 Campaign is approaching. The Campaign starts Wednesday, September 24th and ends Sunday, November 2nd.

St. Elizabeth and Holy Family are sharing a prayer vigil day on Monday, September 29th. You can help END THE DEMAND FOR ABORTION WHERE YOU LIVE! Sign up in the gathering space beginning this week!

Future Events

August 8 - Back to School Pool Party (Paddlers)

August 14 -FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

August 15th- Solemnity of the Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AT ALL

MASSES August 16 & 17

August 17 - Men's Club Breakfast

August 18- BEGIN MONDAY DAILY MASS!

August 29- American Red Cross Blood Drive

Extra Extra!



Meet & Greet

August 14th, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 pm

School Cafeteria

Hispanic Ministry

We have been conversing with a group of our Spanish speaking parishioners about expanding what we offer to help you feel more welcome. Please contact the office if you wish to consider a special Mass or receiving a Sacrament in Spanish .

Disciples & Stewards



Bits from Bishop

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of the features of many digital devices like smart phones, smart watches, and AI glasses is that they can be voice activated to receive instructions and answer questions. This is fine in ordinary circumstances but certainly not desired in situations when privacy is expected. This should be kept in mind especially with reference to the sacrament of penance (reconciliation). Priests and penitents may not realize that their smart phone or other digital device may be listening to the sacramental confession and so are advised not to bring such devices with them in the confessional or reconciliation room.

Eavesdropping by artificial intelligence may seem harmless, but it would be a much more nefarious situation if an unscrupulous person were to record the confession for devious purposes. But there may also be situations where the penitent with no malicious intent might want to record the priest's reflections or advice to listen to later, not knowing that doing so is not allowed.

Catholics should be aware that in 1988, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI), as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued a Decree regarding the excommunication of those who divulge confessions, which said that "anyone who by means of any technical device makes a recording of what the priest or the penitent says in a Sacramental Confession (either real or simulated) by oneself or by another person, or who divulges it through the means of social communication, incurs [automatic] excommunication."

While excommunication may be imposed or declared by ecclesiastical authority following a canonical process, in certain circumstances excommunication is incurred automatically due to the seriousness of the matter. In addition to recording sacramental confession, other examples of automatic excommunication are: apostasy, heresy, and schism (canon 1364); desecration of the Eucharist (canon 1382); physically attacking the pope (canon 1370); consecration of a bishop without a papal mandate (canon 1387); violation of the seal of the confessional (canon 1386); and procuring an abortion (canon 1397 §2). Accomplices who were needed to commit an action that has an automatic excommunication penalty are also automatically excommunicated (canon 1329).

This raises the question: what is excommunication and what are its consequences?

"Excommunication" is one of the most highly charged and feared words connected with the Catholic faith. It is also one of the most misunderstood. Many people incorrectly believe that a person who has been excommunicated has been "kicked out" of the Catholic Church. They may also think that this is a permanent and irreversible punishment. The penalty may be viewed as harsh, lacking in charity, even un-Christian.

Excommunication is a type of sanction or penalty known as a censure, in contrast to expiatory penalties. Expiatory penalties (canon 1336) punish the offender for a prescribed time or an indefinite time and seek to remedy the damage or injustice done to societal values by the offense and to deter others from engaging in similar wrongdoing. In contrast, censures are considered to be "medicinal penalties" (canon 1312, §1, 1^o), which means that they seek to persuade the offender to cease the wrongful behavior and reintegrate the person into the life of the ecclesial community. As such, censures are lifted when the offender has "purged the contempt" for the law, i.e., has withdrawn from engaging in the wrongful behavior and has made suitable reparation for damages, if necessary (see canons 1347 and 1358).

Properly understood in this way as a medicinal penalty, excommunication certainly does not expel the person from the Catholic Church, but simply forbids the excommunicated person from engaging in certain activities (listed in canon 1331) in the life of the Church until the offender reforms and ceases from the offense. Once this happens, the person is to be restored to the fullness of participation in the life of the Church. Although the remission of the censure pertains to the competent authority to determine whether the person has actually withdrawn from the wrongful conduct, in a sense the offender holds in his or her own hand the key to the release from the censure. If the wrongful behavior ceases and any necessary reparation or restitution is made, the excommunication will be lifted; if not, it continues.

Thus, some people may be excommunicated for only a short time. For others, the excommunication may never be lifted if they do not repent and change their ways. Church history over the past two millennia provides many examples of both. For example, King Henry VIII was excommunicated for defying the pope and declaring himself to be head of the church of England (today called the Anglican Church, except in the United States, where it is known as the Episcopal Church due to the desire of the American revolutionaries to disassociate themselves from identity with England). Henry VIII never "purged the contempt" and hence died excommunicated. In contrast, the racist segregationist Leander Perez was excommunicated by New Orleans Archbishop Joseph Rummel in 1962, but since Perez repented before his death in 1969, he died as a Catholic in good standing with the Church. This is the outcome that the Church seeks and fervently desires.

Seen in this way, a censure such as excommunication is not at all vindictive, but may be seen as a sort of "tough love," just as loving parents discipline their children to teach them the difference between right and wrong. In fact, it would be most unloving to allow someone to persist in their wrongdoing without pointing out the fault. Jesus spoke about fraternal correction (Matthew 18:15-17) and St. Paul wrote that "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). My own Episcopal motto reflects this: *Lex Cordis Caritas*, that is, the Law of the Heart is Love.

Dr. Edward Peters, who teaches canon law at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, has written a very informative book (for which I wrote the Foreword), called *Excommunication and the Catholic Church* (Ascension Press, 2006). Dr. Peters has provided his readers with an excellent description of the Church's loving remedy known as excommunication, by which all the Christian faithful may be formed into the one holy, Catholic and apostolic Church as the loving Bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33). May God give us this grace. Amen.

*Reprinted from Catholic Times, July 2025



Quilt Raffle Season Is Here!!



Our talented and generous quilters have once again donated Queen-size quilts for our raffle.

Thanks to their generosity and hard work, we are blessed to offer the chance to win one of SIX hand quilted, unique works of art.

Tickets are on the back of this flier and can also be found in the gathering space near the display of the first quilt!

Drawings will be held ever other month starting in August. Purchased tickets are valid for the entire year.

Consider a ticket or 10 to help our Ladies Sodality raise money for the altar/liturgical needs of the Parish!

Thank you to our quilters for sharing your talents and thank you to our parish family for your support of this effort. Our next meeting, to which ALL women of the parish are invited, is Tuesday, August 26 after 6 p.m. Mass in the Harmony Room.

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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.



STEWARDSHIP

August 3, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 5 Regular Income	\$10,547.00		
103 Envelopes, Average \$102.40			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$366.00		
Loose	\$397.00		
Online Giving	\$1,185.92		
TOTAL	\$12,495.92	\$11,193.00	\$1,302.92

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	\$762.00
Special Projects	\$481.00
Mission & Ministry	\$126.00
Other Parish Offerings	\$675.00

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 10

Young Disciples Society
2- 4 p.m. (PLC Upper Room)
Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 12

Kindergarten Meet & Greet 7:00 -8:30 p.m.
Columbus Home Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 14

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9 a.m. to 5:40 p.m.
Benediction & Reposition at 5:40 p.m.
Vigil Mass for Solemnity of the Assumption 6 p.m.
Parents Meet & Greet 6 p.m. (School)

Friday, August 15

Mass for Solemnity of the Assumption
8:15 a.m.

Saturday, August 16

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES

Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Sunday, August 17

MENS CLUB BTS BREAKFAST -8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Cafeteria)

Men @ Prayer 9 a.m. (PLC)
Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
p.m. (PLC)

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

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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