

Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time ♦ August 31, 2025



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. 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. 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. Contact the parish office to learn more or for help with signing up!

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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
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since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, September 1

Monday of the 22nd Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Denny Charney+ by Shirley Reed

Tuesday, September 2

Tuesday of the 22nd Wk of Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Mass:

Premo Clay+ by The Knobloch Family

Wednesday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

Thursday, September 4

Thursday of the 22nd Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen DeRuntz+ by John & Paula DeRuntz & Family

Friday, September 5

Friday of the 22nd Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, September 6

Saturday of the 22nd Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Utz+ by His Brothers & Sisters

Saturday-Sunday, September 6 & 7

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Harry Hill+ by Donald & Kathy Byrd

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Ramona Phillips+ by Salvatore

& Liesel Vitellaro

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 Annunciation Catholic Church & School in Minneapolis.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week are offered for **Premo Clay+ by Kay Clay.**

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

HELP WANTED

We are on the lookout for parishioners who are searching for ways to be helpful in the life of the parish. In particular, we are looking for people willing to be trained as a sacristan, lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, join the choir, be a greeter or usher, or assist in streaming Mass. Please contact the parish office with questions or if you need more details. Thank you

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

Season 5 of The Chosen puts an emphasis on trusting God versus trusting human institutions. We are down to the last two episodes of this season and want to thank everyone who came out to join us!

Please consider joining us on Monday evening **September 8** at 6:30 in the PLC for the last two episodes of Season Five.

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

AROUND THE AREA

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!

MEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT IN EDWARDSVILLE

Join men from across the diocese on Saturday, October 18th at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville for a Men's Leadership Summit featuring John Edwards, host of Just a Guy in the Pew. The purpose of this summit is to bring single and married men together to support one another, get inspired by their faith, gain or enhance leadership skills, and discuss best practices in men's ministry.

as this was a holiday weekend. See you all on Sunday, September 7th at 6 p.m. - Tim D.

NEW CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

As a part of the ongoing changes to our office procedures, we will be changing the company that provides our contribution envelopes later this Fall. You will begin getting envelopes every two months beginning with November. Be sure not to toss the extra ones! If you wish to contribute via envelope and aren't already, please call the office. If you wish to contribute online, reach out to the office as well.

LAST CALL FOR WORSHIP BOOKS

If you are interested in picking up a red Worship hymnal that were previously dedicated and in the pews, please contact the parish office immediately. Many of these were purchased in honor of friends or family members, but have gone unclaimed. We will be removing the remainder VERY soon.

John is a dynamic, inspirational speaker and spiritual leader. His background and down-to-earth, practical approach appeals to sons, fathers, brothers, and friends who are Just a Guy in the pew and to those interested in men's ministry. Visit the Men's Leadership Summit event page to watch the John's powerful story and to register. Cost is \$30 which includes materials and a catered lunch. Questions? Contact Gracie at (217) 321-1124, or email gortiz@dio.org.



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

Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another. - Proverbs 27:17

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:
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 this
week!**

Extra Extra!



Chicken Dinner Desserts Needed

The Chicken Dinner is on September 14th from 11am to 5pm. We are in need of desserts. Your delicious donations are very much appreciated. You can drop off desserts in the Harmony Room on Saturday and Sunday and also at the cafeteria on Sunday, September 14th as early as 8 am.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Christine D. 618-304-2575

Future Events

September 1- Labor Day (Office & School Closed)

September 6- Golf Scramble

September 7- Picnic Wrap Mtg & PSR BEGINS!

September 14- Parish Chicken Dinner

Saint Elizabeth ROYAL GOLF SCRAMBLE 2025
September 6th
TEE OFF: 08:00am
SHOTGUN START

Where: INDIAN MOUNDS 3500 Kingshighway East St. Louis IL, 62201

PRICE: \$200 per TEAM (\$70 per PERSON)
IF YOU REGISTER BY AUG 1st
\$320 per TEAM (\$80 per PERSON)
IF YOU REGISTER AFTER AUG 1st

PRICE INCLUDES: "18 HOLES" "LUNCH AT THE TURN"
"THREE CLOSEST TO THE PIN HOLES"

Player 1 (Team Captain)	Name: _____	Phone: () - _____
Player 2	Name: _____	Phone: () - _____
Player 3	Name: _____	Phone: () - _____
Player 4	Name: _____	Phone: () - _____

Interested in Sponsoring a Hole?
We have three different options to become a sponsor: Blue, Gold or Royal.
*Blue Sponsor: \$150.00 - Great for small businesses and families wanting to donate.
A sign will be placed at a tee box of one of holes on golf course for the scramble.
*Gold Sponsor: \$200.00 - A sign will be placed at a tee box of one of holes on golf course for the scramble and the Business logo will be put on a banner lining the Gym for the 2025-2026 school year.
*Royal Sponsor: \$400.00 - A sign will be placed at a tee box of one of holes on golf course for the scramble and the Business logo will be put on a banner lining the Gym for the 2025-2026 school year.
Also, this will cover 1 team's entry into the Golf Scramble.

Please send your entry form to St. Elizabeth Catholic School - 2300 Pontoon Rd Granite City IL 62040
or Email assistants@stelisab.org to sign up. #bystreeds



Disciples & Stewards

First Friday Memorials

**Friday, September 5,
please join us at 8:15
a.m. Mass to pray for the
soul of those listed
below.**

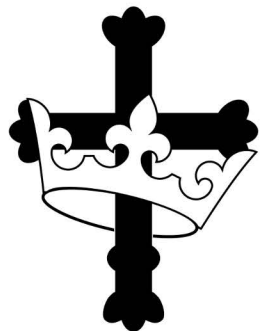


Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Men's Club

**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 Dedera
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
Dioneda Family
Joe Allegre, Jr.**





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





September 2025

Daily Mass : Tuesday Evening Mass 6:00 PM Monday,
Wednesday- Saturday 8:15 PM
Saturday Evening Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Mass 8 AM and 10:30AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 LABOR DAY Parish Office and School Closed	1 LABOR DAY Parish Office and School Closed	2 Choir Practice 7 PM Men's Club 7:30 PM	3 Bingo 7 PM	4 Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM	5 Grandparent Mass and Ice Cream Social 8:15 AM	6 First Saturday Mass 8:15 AM Golf Scramble- 8:15 a.m. Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9AM Confessions 3 PM HARMONY CAFE
7 HARMONY CAFE Men at Prayer 9 AM PSR – 9:15 a.m. (PLC) Picnic Wrap-Up Meeting- 6pm Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:30-8:30 PM	8  The Chosen- Season 5 -6:30 p.m.	9 Choir Practice 7 PM Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 PM	10 Bingo 7 PM	11 Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM	12 Grandparent Mass and Ice Cream Social	13 Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9AM Confessions 3 PM
14 Fried Chicken Dinner 11 AM-5 PM	15 PRIEST CONVOCATION- No Daily Mass	16 PRIEST CONVOCATION- No Daily Mass Choir Practice 7 PM KC 4 th Degree 7 PM	17 PRIEST CONVOCATION- No Daily Mass Bingo 7 PM	18 PRIEST CONVOCATION- No Daily Mass Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM	19	20 Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9AM Confessions 3 PM
 Young Disciples 2-4 PM Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:30 - 8:30 PM	21 Catechetical Sunday Men at Prayer 9 AM Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:30-8:30 PM	22	23 Ladies Sodality Meeting 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7 PM KC 3rd Degree 7:30 PM	24 Bingo 7 PM	25 Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM	26 1 PM School Dismissal Special Friends- 6pm
28 Priesthood Sunday Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:30-8:30 PM	29 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil 7 am – 7pm	30 Choir Practice 7 PM	September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows	 And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts' thoughts may be revealed.	Papal Intention: For our relationship with all of creation Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.	27 Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9AM Confessions 3 PM

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



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

GIVE THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION! FUND - A - ROYAL

SAINT ELIZABETH HAS A GOAL OF FUNDING 10 STUDENTS IN THEIR CATHOLIC EDUCATION JOURNEY AT OUR SCHOOL

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR SAINT ELIZABETH STUDENTS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE PLEASE USE "FUND A ROYAL" IN THE DONATION DESCRIPTION



CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL C/O FUND A ROYAL

30% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 31

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

Monday, September 1

LABOR DAY

Daily Mass at 8:15 a.m.

School and Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

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

Men's Club Meeting -7:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, September 3

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, September 4

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

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

Friday, September 5

Saturday, September 6

St Elizabeth Royal Golf Scramble- 8:15 a.m (Indian Mounds GC)

Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Harmony Cafe After Each Mass

Sunday, September 7

Harmony Cafe After Each Mass

PSR Begins Today!

Picnic Wrap Up Meeting- 6 p.m. (Cafeteria)

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



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.



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

STEWARDSHIP

August 24, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 8 Regular Income	\$3,823.00		
95 Envelopes, Average \$40.24			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$225.00		
Loose	\$408.95		
Online Giving	\$984.77		
TOTAL	\$5,441.72	\$11,193.00	(\$5,751.28)

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 \$140.00

Special Projects \$25.00

Mission & Ministry \$25.00

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.
July 2025 Tithe: \$6,412.00

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

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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