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Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time ♦ August 17, 2025



WELCOME BACK ROYALS!!

Welcome back, St. Elizabeth Royals! It's an exciting time to be a Royal as we kick off a new school year. We hope you've all had a restful and fun summer, and are ready to fill the halls with laughter, learning, prayer, and friendship. This year holds endless possibilities for growth and discovery, and we are thrilled to have you all back to make it the best one yet. It was truly exciting to see all the kids and parents on the first day of school. Let's make this year a truly royal one! May God give us this Grace! AMEN!!

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since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 18

Monday of the 20th Week of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Arthur Lampitt+ by Janice Dittman

Tuesday, August 19

Tuesday of the 20th Week of Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Mass:

Larry Luecking+ by Gary & Lavonne Lemer

Wednesday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Patricia Uzunoff+ by Barb Shambro

Thursday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lloyd Cann+ by Deacon Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

Friday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Margaret Nonn+ by Darlene Fletcher

Saturday, August 23

Saturday of the 20th Week of Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Saturday-Sunday, August 23- August 24

Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

Cheryl Jones+ by Jim Bohn

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for the students, staff, teachers and families in our community as school resumes**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week are offered for **the Staff, students and families of Saint Elizabeth Catholic School** by an Anonymous Donor

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

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 evening August 18 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.

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.

ADDITIONAL WEEKLY MASS

Just a reminder 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.

WHEELS FOR FATHER GODWIN

Father is still looking for 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.

HELP WANTED

We are on the lookout for parishioners who are looking 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!

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 .

'I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.'- John 13:34

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



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

Welcome Back Royals!



Let's Have a Great Year!



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

**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!



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. 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.*

Hispanic Ministy

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 .

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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.

ST. ELIZABETH Men's CLUB BREAKFAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH 8:30 AM - 12PM FREE WILL OFFERING



**BISCUITS AND GRAVY, PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,
EGGS, AND HASHBROWNS**



Blessing of the Backpacks

-Bring your backpack to Mass this weekend and have it and YOU blessed as the school year begins!

-Preschool to college.....bring your backpack!

Saturday at 4:30 p.m. or Sunday at 8 or 10:30 a.m.



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 17

Blessing of Backpacks at BOTH Masses

Men's Club BTS Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - Noon (Cafeteria)

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

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

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

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Mtg- 7:30 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, August 20

Charitable Outreach Mtg.- 6 p.m. (PLC)

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 21

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

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Sunday, August 24

Men @ Prayer 9 a.m. (PLC)

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

August 10, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 6 Regular Income	\$4,853.00		
94 Envelopes, Average \$51.63			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$1,085.00		
Loose	\$459.26		
Online Giving	\$1,089.17		
TOTAL	\$7,486.43	\$11,193.00	(\$3,706.57)

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	\$270.00
Special Projects	\$65.00
Mission & Ministry	\$65.00
BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00

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

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

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and **religious liberty**.

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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