

# Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 21, 2025



## In Remembrance

In a solemn tribute to the 24th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, students and parents from St. Elizabeth Catholic School participated in a commemorative climb of the burial mounds at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. This act of remembrance was a powerful and physical representation of honoring the victims and heroes of that day. The climb symbolizes the arduous journey and resilience shown by the nation in the face of tragedy. By undertaking this challenging ascent, the school community demonstrated their commitment to ensuring that the memory of 9/11 remains alive, teaching a new generation about the importance of unity, courage, and never forgetting the events that forever changed our country. May we continue to pray for the repose of the souls of all who were lost on that day.


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*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, September 22**

**Monday of the 25th Wk of Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Roberta Lewis+ by Byron & Roberta Goeckner

**Tuesday, September 23**

**Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

6 p.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

**Wednesday, September 24**

**Wednesday of the 25th Wk of Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Father Henry Schmidt+ by Dcn. Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

**Thursday, September 25**

**Thursday of the 25th Wk of Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Utz+ by the McPherson, Barks & Utz Families

**Friday, September 26**

**Friday of the 25th Wk of Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Deacon Rick Schnetzler, Sr.+ by Dcn.

Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

**Saturday, September 27**

**Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday-Sunday, September 27& 28**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Marilyn Coulson+ by Cathy Cassy

8:00 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth\*Streamed\*

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Mary Lerch by Dcn. Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray for **Jim Alsop+ by the Alsop Family**

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week are offered for **Jim Dittman+ by Janice Dittman**.

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

### 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 this week. Many of these were purchased in honor of friends or family members, but have gone unclaimed. We will be removing the remainder VERY soon.

### HELP WANTED

We are in need of 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

## AROUND THE AREA

### MEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT IN EDWARDSVILLE

Do you feel like just another guy in a pew? You're not alone. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has invited John Edwards from Just a Guy in the Pew to host a Men's Leadership Summit on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville (110 N Buchanan St.) to bring single and married men together to support one another, get inspired by their faith, gain and enhance leadership skills, and discuss best practices for men's ministry. John is a dynamic, inspirational spiritual leader who has a powerful witness story of hard drug use to finding Christ in a radical way.

Register at [dio.org/events/mens-leadership-summit](http://dio.org/events/mens-leadership-summit). Cost: \$30. Includes materials/food and drink. Deadline to register is Oct. 1. Contact: Gracie Ortiz, Director of Marriage and Family Life at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or 217-321-1124 for questions.

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.

### TRUNKS FOR TREATS

This year's Trunks for Treats will be Monday, October 27th beginning at 6 p.m. Please call the office to reserve a spot. If you would like to donate candy or treats for the event, they can be dropped at the office during regular hours, or in the cart in the gathering space. Thank you!

### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is September 28th. This is a special day set aside to honor priesthood and a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. As a parish we would like to show our appreciation and gratitude to Fr. Alfred and Fr. Godwin for their dedication to the priesthood by presenting each of them with as many cards/prayers as possible. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Space and grab a card to make with the kids, or drop a note or card in the basket!

### 2025 RESPECT LIFE MASS ROSARY WALK & LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 11 | 9 a.m. | Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City

Join Catholics from across the Diocese of Springfield as we celebrate Respect Life Month with a morning of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration. The day will begin with the Respect Life Mass at 9 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church (2606 Washington Ave, Granite City). Following Mass, participants will take part in a Rosary Walk through the community, giving witness to the dignity of every human life. A complimentary luncheon will follow, featuring guest speaker Kristi Hofferber, Executive Director of A Beacon of Light. Kristi will share her powerful testimony and her work in helping women and families choose life, offering hope and support at every stage. This event is a beautiful opportunity to unite in prayer for an end to abortion and for a culture that embraces life from conception to natural death. All are welcome—families, youth, clergy, parish staff, and members of the community. No registration or fees are required.

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

The next 3rd degree meeting is September 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little. 1 Peter 5: 10

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



Explore opportunities to learn more about your faith at [stelizabethgc.org/formation](http://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. We still have several open spots for the day. Please pray and consider signing up this week!*

## CHARITABLE OUTREACH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

*As we head to the colder months, we are in need of donations to continue offering blessing bags and laundromat assistance. Please consider a contribution to this effort or donating items like the following: detergent pods and dryer sheets, lipbalm/chap stick, hand/foot warmers, snack crackers, granola bars, small water bottles, feminine hygiene products & sample/travel size: hand sanitizer and sunscreen. THANK YOU!!*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*On Saturday, September 27, John Michael Williams and Guinevere Marie Smith will be united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at St. Elizabeth. Please keep this young couple in your prayers as they begin their lives together. Congrats John and Guin!*



## COMING SOON

September 20-21: Catechetical Sunday  
September 28- Priesthood Sunday!  
September 29- 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil  
October 3- Men's Club Fish Fry  
October 4-5- Special Collection for Gaza  
October 11- Respect Life Mass & Rosary Walk

# Extra Extra!



## Fundraiser for David

On Saturday October 11, our neighbors at Holy Family will have a street taco sale at Holy Family School for David, a third grade student there who is battling Leukemia. Please pray for David and his family and consider having lunch/dinner there to support this cause.



## Fundraiser For David

**Saturday Oct. 11th  
2-6pm or until Sold Out**

 Holy Family Catholic School Cafeteria  
1900 St. Clair Avenue, Granite City IL 62040

Mass will be held in the gymnasium at 4pm

## Street Tacos

(Pork Carnitas or Chicken)



**\$15 Adult Plate**  
Comes with 3 tacos rice & beans

**\$10 Child Plate**  
Comes with 2 tacos rice & beans

**Includes:**  
Water, lemonade, or tea  
and a Dessert  
Soda or bottled water  
\$1

***Come  
Support!***

## Disciples & Stewards





**DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS**  
**OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

September 2, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving."

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded.

Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, President of the USCCB, has asked our Diocese to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East and send donated funds to CNEWA. This organization has well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allows them to respond quickly and efficiently.

The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. Please prayerfully consider supporting this special collection. In lieu of envelopes, please include "Gaza" in the memo line of check offerings.

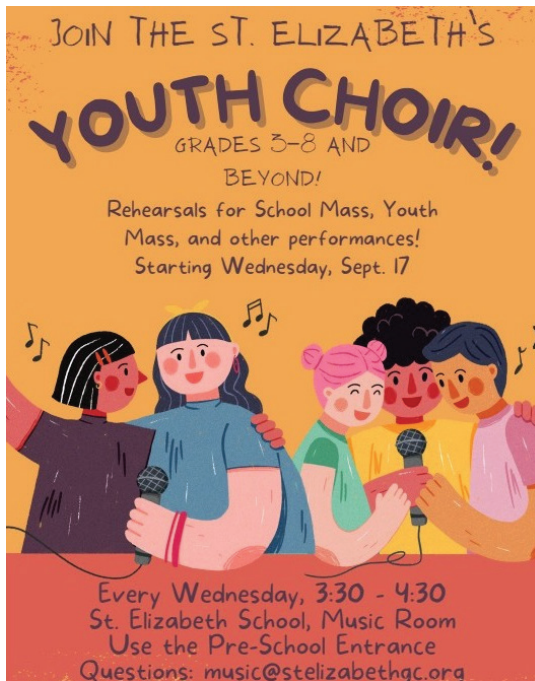
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



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



## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 21

#### Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 a.m. Mass

Men at Prayer- 9 a.m.

PSR 9:15 a.m. -10:15 a.m. (PLC)

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

### Monday, September 22

### Tuesday, September 23

Ladies Sodality Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (Harmony Rm)

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

Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Mtg.- 7:30 p.m (Columbus Home)

### Wednesday, September 24

Respect Life Ministry Mtg- 6 p.m. (PLC)

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, September 25

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

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

### Friday, September 26

### Saturday, September 27

Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

### Sunday, September 28

#### Priesthood Sunday!!

#### Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 a.m. Mass

PSR 9:15 a.m. -10:15 a.m. (PLC)

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



**"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13**  
Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charities is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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

## STEWARDSHIP

September 14, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 11 Regular Income	\$5,081.00		
95 Envelopes, Average \$53.48			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$110.00		
Loose	\$506.90		
Online Giving	\$813.12		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,511.02</b>	<b>\$11,193.00</b>	<b>(\$4,681.98)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$95,027.34</b>	<b>\$123,123.00</b>	<b>(\$28,095.66)</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	\$432.00
Special Projects	\$25.00
Mission & Ministry	\$100.00
Other Parish Offerings	\$200.00

### Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithes to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.  
August 2025 Tithe: \$3,435.00

### UPCOMING SPECIAL OR SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 21 - Church in Africa: The Church in Africa is vast, with over 50 countries. The Church is flourishing in Africa and many priests from the continent serve us here. Helping the Church in Africa helps the Church here and across the world. Thank you, Fr. Alfred and Fr. Godwin!

October 4/5 - GAZA is Starving: Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in GAZA and the surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. This special collection will provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters and will be sent to CNEWA, a well-established partnership with the Catholic Church.

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.





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