Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time♦ September 28, 2025





PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Today, on Priesthood Sunday, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and love to all those who have answered the sacred call to serve. We express our profound appreciation for Father Alfred and Father Godwin. Their lives, dedicated to guiding and shepherding our flock, are a testament to their deep faith and commitment. Their willingness to accept this demanding and beautiful vocation is a gift to our community. We particularly want to honor Deacon Michael, whose unwavering devotion and humble service are a true inspiration to us all. We are blessed by their sacrifice and service and pray for them as they continue to lead us in faith.

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PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, September 29 Saint Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Marilyn Coulson+ by Al & Erin Ruesing

Tuesday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6 p.m. Mass:

Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, October 1

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Msgr. David Lantz+ by Dcn. Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

Thursday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Norma Lesko by Walter & Cindy Rongey

Friday, October 3

Friday of the 26th Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi 8:15 a.m. Mass:

Reg Mennerick+ by Premo & Kay Clay **Saturday-Sunday, October 4 - October 5**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 p.m. (Saturday) Vigil Mass:

Anthony Kim Edgar+ by Tim & MaryLou Lyerla

8:00 a.m. Mass: Jeanette Trtanj+ by Premo & Kay Clay *Streamed*

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray for Victoria Goss+, Dean Anderson and Family

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week are offered for **Dale Fletcher+ by Darlene Fletcher.**

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 annointing or communion to the Homebound, etc. at stelizabethgc.org/pastoral-care

PARISH LIFE

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 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 this weekend. 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,

Fr. Godwin and Deacon Michael 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 backet!

LADIES SODALITY FALL BAZAAR & TURKEY DINNER

Just a little over a month away from our Ladies Sodality Fall Bazaar & Turkey Dinner. If you are an avid collector of Precious Moments figurines, Raikes Bears and Raikes Originals and Noritake glassware, or would like to just buy a figurine as a gift for someone special, please visit the Collectables Table which will have about 75 Precious Moments figurines and additional collectable items. Each item is more adorable than the next. These were donated with the direction that proceeds be split between St. Elizabeth and Holy Family Parishes. Look for even more specifics in next week's bulletin and on our parish Facebook page.

AROUND THE AREA

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.

For more information, please contact: Michael Carlson: mcarlson@dio.org



Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

9:00 pm - Respect Life Mass 10:00 am - Rosary Walk Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City

FREE April S. Wood

11:30 pm - Luncheon & Speaker
St. Mary's Englebert Hall, Madison, IL

April S. Wood Director of Litigation, 40 Days for Life



over 2.0 years, April nas worked to give victims a voice in Jaw. She has worked as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, ituardian ad Litem and as an elected Prosecuting Attorney in little jurisdictions. She expanded her practice over the years represent numerous municipalities, counties and state governnt agencies.

juries, tried over 30 jury trials and litigated hundreds of evident trary hearings. April is grateful to put her experience to work 8 the most vulnerable victims, the unborn. In her free time, April enjoys spending time with her husband, Brad and their 3 children.

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.

We clebrate priesthood this week. When you see Father or Deacon, thank them for their service!!

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



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



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?

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!!

HONORED VETERANS DINNER NIGHT

Saturday November 8, 2025 is the date for this year's Veterans Dinner Night. Join us at Moose Lodge, 2521 Maryville Rd. Doors open 5:30 p.m., Event Begins at 6 p.m. All Vets are invited with a guest. Additional Guests are \$20 RSVP to Tom 618-789-0337 Or Paul 618-407-3011

HELP US CREATE BACKPACKS FOR UGANDA

Help is needed to iron plastic bags for backpacks. Please stop by on Tuesday, October 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Harmony Room. Items to bring: Iron, plastic bags (Schnucks/WalMart, etc) large bath or beach towel, extension cord, and scissors. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please help us with this worthy project!

COMING SOON

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 October 16- Parent Teacher Conferences



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.





2025 Picnic Wrap

Hello everyone,

Hope this letter finds everyone well rested from our picnic and from a hot busy summer.

The picnic was another success despite the weather; our picnic made over 100k in profit again, as we did last year. Our overall numbers are remarkably close to last year with booths down and others up. As you all are aware that cool and wet weather, people tend to eat more and drink less. So, our liquid booths gross sales are down, and our food booths gross sales were up over last year. All other booths not selling drinks or food were down or flat in sales. Even our Rides gross sales were flat verses last year gross sales.

The things we introduced this year were a Sowing the Seeds tent, Raffle Booth, new beer vendor, chili/cheese hot dog, Ferris wheel picnic cookie, new kids' games, VIP band seating, and a new ordering system with booth layout in supply room. All innovations were great opportunities for growth in sales and profits moving forward. I am always looking for new ways to improve the picnic each year, so please feel free to send me your ideas anytime. Please communicate with me by text or email. We had a mixed genre of music entertainment this year from Swing, Yacht, Mexican, Voices, Local Cover Band with special guest Fr. Alfred on vocals/tambourine. I hope you all liked it.

We closed out our 2025 picnic campaign on September 7th at our chairperson wrap-up meeting and we presented Fr. Alfred a check for \$115,000 for our parish. I hope that by us making this amount of profit and it makes everyone's commitment of vigorous work, sweat and tears well worth it. You all Rock!

I am happy to announce that I got the blessing to sign another three-year contract with Fun-Time Shows, our current ride operator, and I am looking forward to working with them. This means we have another three-year plan and commitment to continue improving our parish/community picnic & carnival.

Despite my illness that I am going to be staying on as your general chairperson to try and fulfill the rides contract these next three years. My wife, Christine will be shadowing me these coming years. So, if anyone is interested in becoming the next general chairperson, please contact me or Fr. Alfred with your interest.

I am already working on 2026 campaign and with that I need your help to join me in making our 2026 Campaign a tremendous success. I am working on some listed ideas for next year.

- Pulled pork
- Footlong Hotdog
- Root Beer Float
- Cinnamon Pretzels
- I'm 1lb Burrito or Steak Fajita
- Deep Fried Hamburger
- Kettle Popcorn

I am looking for new Co-chairs & Chairpersons for next year...... please consider joining us for our 2026 campaign.

- Grill Booth Co-Chair with Rob Wollen
- Parking Lot Co-Chair with Paul Hellrich
- Funnel Cake Chairperson (shadow this year)
- Chicken Dinner Chairperson (shadow this year)
- Gambling Chairperson

If you or someone you know would like to help and join us as a chairperson, please contact me at tcdomo@charter.net or text me at (618) 304-6074.

I would like to thank my wife Christine, Andy Yurko, Don and Kathy Byrd and Dennis and Jackie Jones for their tremendous help and support for our Parish Picnic & Family Pool Party. We had approximately 100 attendees, and again it was a great evening had by all. Sorry If you missed it, but you still have next year to come out and join us in fellowship, food, and a dip in the pool (private session).

I am looking forward to celebrating a "trifecta of profits" (3 years in a row) over \$100k for 2026. But I am asking you now to mark your calendars and come help us out, June 12-13-14 we need everyone that can help pull this off each year.

I want to "Thank" everyone for your hours of volunteering, financial support, your encouragement and the prayers for me and the ongoing efforts to make this parish fundraiser successful each year! This does make our campus run and look great!!!

Peace and blessings, Tim Domagalski Your Picnic Chairperson



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Stewardship

September 21, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 12 Regular Income	\$3,626.00		
94 Envelopes, Average \$38.57			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$20.00		
Loose	\$514.00		
Online Giving	\$1,239.17		
TOTAL	\$5,399.17	\$11,193.00	(\$5,793.83)
YTD TOTALS	\$100,426.51	\$134,316.00	(\$33,889.49)

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 \$150.00 Special Projects \$25.00 Mission & Minstry \$20.00 Church in Africa \$139.00

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. August 2025 Tithe: \$3,435.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL OR SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

This Week

Sunday, September 28

Priesthood Sunday!!

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

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

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

Monday, September 29

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil - 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. (Abortion Business)

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, October 2

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

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

Friday, October 3

Men's Club Fish Fry 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. (Cafeteria)

Saturday, October 4 **HARMONY CAFE**

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

Sunday, October 5

HARMONY CAFE

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

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



"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

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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