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Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time ♦ September 7, 2025

# LIFE

*Our Sign  
of Hope*

## RESPECT LIFE

### OUR SIGN OF HOPE

Although we just began the month of September, we look forward a bit to October which is Respect Life Month. Peek inside for more information about how you can help with the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at the abortion business downtown, opportunities to charitably help those around us on the margins, and the annual Respect Life Mass and Rosary Walk on October 11 at Holy Family in Granite City. Bishop Paprocki will be here to lead us at Mass and to pray for an end to the culture of death in our community, state, country and the whole world.


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*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, September 8**

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Frieda Hicks+ by Paul & Tammi Mooshegian

**Tuesday, September 9**

**Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

6 p.m. Mass:

Reg Mennerick+ by Norma Lesko

**Wednesday, September 10**

**Wednesday of the 23rd Wk of Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Matt & Kate Kokotovich by Premo+ & Kay Clay

**Thursday, September 11**

**Thursday of the 23rd Wk of Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Glen Hommert+ by Dcn. Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

**Friday, September 12**

**Friday of the 23rd Wk of Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Melanie T. Rees+ by Tim & MaryLou Lyerla

**Saturday, September 13**

**Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Saturday-Sunday, September 13&14**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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

Paul Spahn+ by Thouvenot Family

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Robert Becherer+ by Chris & Susan Glass

### 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 **Toni Kokotovich+ 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](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

### 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.

### PRIEST CONVOCATION NEXT WEEK

Father Alfred and Father Godwin will be away from the area September 15-18 for the Fall Diocesan Convocation. Please note that we will not have daily Mass on those days,

## 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.

but it should resume on Friday, September 19. Please pray for Bishop Paprocki and the priests of our diocese as they meet to pray for and discern the continued success of our diocese.

### 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 soon.

### 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 .

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](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. You can help END THE DEMAND FOR ABORTION WHERE YOU LIVE! Sign up in the gathering space this week!*

## CHARITABLE OUTREACH NEEDS YOU!

*Thank you to all who have helped our Charitable Outreach Efforts over the last couple of years. 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!!*

## Future Events

September 6- Golf Scramble

September 7- Picnic Wrap Mtg & PSR BEGINS!

September 12- Grandparent's Mass & Ice Cream Social

September 14- Parish Chicken Dinner

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&  
Stewards*

# 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**

**ALL U CAN EAT  
CHICKEN DINNER!!  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
11AM TO 5PM  
ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
GRANITE CITY, IL  
\$14 PER ADULT  
\$8 FOR KIDS 3-13  
KIDS 2 AND UNDER EAT FREE**

**Menu**  
All U Can Eat is Dine In ONLY  
Carryout is 3 Pieces and sides  
SIDES Include: Mashed Potatoes,  
Gravy, Green Beans,  
Applesauce, Bread and Dessert  
Coffee, Tea and Water





# Children's Liturgy

**Saint Elizabeth Church**

**10:30 am Mass**

2025 dates listed below

9/14

10/12

11/9

12/14

9/21

10/12

11/16

12/21

9/28

10/26

11/23

# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



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



Thank you for all your prayers and support!!

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 7

#### Harmony Cafe After Each Mass

**PSR Begins Today! - 9 a.m. -10:15 a.m.**

Men at Prayer- 9 a.m.

Picnic Wrap Up Meeting- 6 p.m. (Harmony Room)

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

### Monday, September 8

Daily Mass at 8:15 a.m.

The Chosen: Season Five Episodes 7 & 8 - 6:30 p.m. (PLC)

### Tuesday, September 9

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

Columbus Home Mtg.- 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 10

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, September 11

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

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

### Friday, September 12

Grandparent Mass & Ice Cream Social

### Saturday, September 13

Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

### Sunday, September 14

**Parish Fried Chicken Dinner 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Cafeteria)**

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](http://stelizabethgc.org/school)

## STEWARDSHIP

August 31, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 9 Regular Income	\$6,881.00		
106 Envelopes, Average \$64.92			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$170.00		
Loose	\$262.00		
Online Giving	\$1,403.72		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,716.72</b>	<b>\$11,193.00</b>	<b>(\$2,476.28)</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	\$270.00
Fund -A Royal	\$50.00
Special Projects	\$70.00
Mission & Ministry	\$115.00

### 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](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.



**"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33**

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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