Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 19, 2025



### "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"

As the Church prepares to celebrate World Mission Sunday 2025 this Sunday, Pope Francis has left for us a powerful theme that resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."

"Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure. These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society." -Pope Leo XIV. May 9, 2025.

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#### PRAYER & LITURGY

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, October 20 Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Roy Logan+ by Janice Dittman

Tuesday, October 21

Tuesday of the 29th Wk of Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Mass:

Larry Wiegand+ by Irene Tanase

Wednesday, October 22

Wednesday of the 29th Wk of Ordinary

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lucille Friederich+ by Rosemary Tomlovic

Thursday, October 23

Thursday of the 29th Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Marilyn & Steve Hahn

Friday, October 24

Friday of the 29th Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Frieda Hicks+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, October 25

Saturday of the 29th Wk of Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass:

NO MASS

Saturday-Sunday, October 25 - October 26 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (Saturday) Vigil Mass: Cheryl Mangi+ by Chris Spanberger 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Ralph Haldeman+ by Charles & Joyce Alexander \*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 Bill Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk** 

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers this week are offered for **Bill Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk** 

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**

### LADIES SODALITY FALL BAZAAR & TURKEY DINNER

Just about two weeks 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. .

#### 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!

#### ST ELIZABETH CLASS OF '65 REUNION

St. Elizabeth Catholic School Class of 1965 is planning a reunion dinner on Saturday, November 22 at the Columbus Home, beginning at 6 p.m. Contact Tom Cholevik (618-789-0337) or Pam (Brewer) Winn (618-641-7274), for more details and to sign up. Looking forward to celebrating with as many of you as possible on our 60th Anniversary of graduation!



#### **AROUND THE AREA**

#### **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

Granite City scouts will be putting blue Scouting For Food bags on the doors of residences in Granite City and Pontoon Beach on Saturday, November 15. If you get a bag, please fill it with nonperishable food items and put it on your front porch before 9 am on Saturday, November 22. The scouts will pick it up and get your donation to one of the food pantries in Granite City. If you don't get a bag and would still like to donate food, on November 22, between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm, you may bring your food donations to one of two pick-up points: St. Elizabeth School front parking lot (Johnson Road), or Holy Family School front drive (St. Clair Avenue ).

Thank you for your help and God bless you

### NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

From November 21 through December 31, 2025, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

The Way of Lights Display, using over 1.5 million beautiful lights, depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. With new and beautiful colored lights, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for all to enjoy!

Cost: No charge for display; donations accepted; additional charges for some activities. For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at https://snows.org/wayoflights

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.

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



 $Explore\ opportunities\ to\ learn\ more\ about\ your\ faith\ at\ {\bf stelizabethgc.org/formation}$ 





### **Blood Drive**St Elizabeth Catholic Church

Parish Life Center 2300 Pontoon Rd Granite City, IL 62040

Friday, November 7, 2025 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StElizabethCC to schedule an appointment.

Come to give blood Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$10 e-gift card + chance at \$5K prize! rcblood.org/harvest

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Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

# Extra Extra!



#### **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

#### COLLECTABLES AT LADIES SODALITY BAZAAR

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"Via Con Dios

Raikes Bear "Brian & Spo

#### LADIES SODALITY CHRISTMAS TREE AUCTION

St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality invites you to take part in their festive Christmas Tree Auction, featuring a stunning collection of themed trees decorated by members of Ladies Sodality with their individual choice of theme and decorations

- Display & Bidding Details: Trees will be on display in the gathering space beginning this week. They will also be showcased at the Fall Bazaar on Sunday, October 26th Bidding opens Sunday, October 12th and closes at the end of the Fall Bazaar on October 26th Winning bids will be announced at the close of the Bazaar
- Auction Guidelines: Payment is due at the time of tree pickup You do not need to be present to win Celebrate the season early and support a great cause—your perfect holiday tree might be waiting!

Don't miss this festive opportunity to support the church and take home a special prize!

For questions contact: Christine Domagalski 618-304-2575

# CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY - Excuse Our Mess — Improvements Underway

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make major improvements to the roads, drainage system and mound area.

While construction is underway, there may be temporary disruptions or limited access to certain areas.

Burials will not be interrupted.

These upgrades are essential to ensure safer, smoother access for all visitors, and to better serve families for years to come.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and are working diligently to complete the project as efficiently as possible.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this time of progress. If you would like to make a donation towards these projects, please contact the cemetery office at 618-656-5464.

Sincerely, The Board of Directors and Staff Calvary Catholic Cemetery











St. Elizabeth Granite City
Benefiting the St. Elizabeth Centennial Campaign

Saturday, November 15

Hooded shirt for all 5K participants - Medal for all 5K finishers. TROPHIES for Top Male/Female Overall and in each age group: 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & up



More info & registration: StElizabethGC.org/run Volunteers Needed for the Ladies Sodality Fall Bazaar!

Help us make this cherished event a success by lending a hand in the kitchen and

setup. All work takes place in the school cafeteria, and flexible shifts are available—volunteer as much or as little as you'd like!

Meal Prep & Setup Schedule

October 18 & 19 - 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM: Turkey cooking

October 22 - 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM: Side dish prep

October 23 - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM: Sweet potato prep

October 24 - 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM: Side dish prep

October 25 - All day: Final setup and kitchen prep

October 26 - 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM: Fall Bazaar Day!

For details or to sign up, contact: Laura Schrenkenberg - 618-225-0430 Chris

Domagalski - 618-304-2575

**Dessert Donations Welcome!** 

Please bring your delicious baked goods to share at the dinner. Drop-off

Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25 – until 5:00 PM Sunday morning – before the Bazaar begins

#### Support the Cause

Monetary donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of turkeys and supplies.

Drop off contributions at the parish office or place them in the Mass collection basket.

Be sure to label your envelope or check for "turkey/supply donation."

**Volunteer Opportunities Day of the Bazaar** 

Sign up to help with the following areas:

**Area Contact** 

Kitchen Laura Schrenkenberg

Dining Room Beth Masters - 618-660-6288

**Basket** 

Booth Mary Riggs - 618-542-7855 or Chris Domagalski

#### General

Store Paula Thouvenot - 618-709-3000 Quilt Raffle Kathy Swift - 618-980-5216

Main Chair Christine Domagalski

Fall Bazaar General Store - Donations Needed!

We're calling on all talented bakers and crafters to help stock our General Store! Please

consider donating your favorite homemade desserts, canned goods, or handcrafted

items.

**Drop-off Times:** 

Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19

Until 5:00 PM at the school cafeteria

**Questions? Contact Paula Thouvenot** 

Your contributions make this event extra special—thank you for your support!

Ladies Sodality Monthly Meeting - All Are Welcome!

We warmly invite all women of the parish to join us for our upcoming Ladies Sodality

meeting on Tuesday, October 28th, immediately following the evening Mass in the

Harmony Room.

Come be a part of the planning for our exciting Fall and Advent events!

involvement makes a meaningful difference in our parish, church, and community.

Whether you're a longtime member or new to the group, there are plenty of ways to get

involved and share your gifts.

Together, we can make a lasting impact—and have fun doing it! We'd love to see you!

### Lots to See and Do!

#### St. Elizabeth School

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





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

#### Stewardship

October 12, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 15 Regular Income	\$4,482.00		
91 Envelopes, Average \$49.25			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$120.00		
Loose	\$461.00		
One Time Donations	\$2,500.00		
Online Giving	\$577.57		
TOTAL	\$8,140.57	\$11,193.00	(\$3,052.43)
YTD TOTALS	\$128,580.27	\$167,895.00	(\$39,314.73)

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/Fund A Royal \$360.00 Special Projects \$160.00 Mission & Minstry \$95.00

#### **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. September 2025 Tithe: \$4,076.00

#### UPCOMING SPECIAL OR SECOND COLLECTIONS

**October 25/26 – World Mission Sunday:** World Mission Sunday was established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, and the first worldwide observance took place in October 1927. This Collection recognizes in each local Church its catholicity and call to universal solidarity so Christians everywhere will recognize their common responsibility to evangelize the whole world. 91% if the revenue gathered is sent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

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

### This Week

#### Sunday, October 26

LADIES SODALITY TURKEY DINNER & FALL BAZAAR- 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Cafeteria)

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, October 27

Trunks for Treats - 6 p.m. (Parking Lot)

#### Tuesday, October 28

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

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

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

#### Wednesday, October 29

BINGO-7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

#### Thursday, October 30

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

Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

Friday, October 31

**Happy Halloween!** 

Saturday, November 1
HARMONY CAFE

**ALL SAINTS DAY** 

Mass @ 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

### Sunday, November 2 HARMONY CAFE

#### **ALL SOULS DAY**

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

# "...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

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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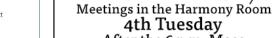
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