

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ November 16, 2025



Saint Elizabeth, Pray for Us!

This weekend, as we launch our Diocesan Centennial Capital Campaign, we are reminded of the powerful model provided by our own parish patron. This Monday, November 17th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a woman renowned for her profound virtue and incredible benevolence. Though a royal, she dedicated her life and resources to serving the poor, the sick, and the hungry with a spirit of selfless charity. As we now look to the future and begin this important campaign, may we be inspired by the generous stewardship of Saint Elizabeth. Let us honor her legacy by building up our Church and providing for future generations with the same open-hearted faith she embodied. Saint Elizabeth, pray for us!

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since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Roberta Lewis+ by Michael & Lynn Meehan

Tuesday, November 18

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

6 p.m. Mass:

Lucille Friederich+ by Al & Bobbie+ Lewis

Wednesday, November 19

Wednesday of the 33rd Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Denny Charney+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

Thursday, November 20

Thursday of the 33rd Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Shirley Jean Hayden+ by Dcn. Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

Friday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Marilyn Coulson+ by Betty Greer

Saturday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

NO MASS

Saturday-Sunday, November 22- November 23

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass:

Arnold Willaredt+ by Janice Willaredt

Streamed

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Mary Ellen Becherer+ by Chris & Susan Glass

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for the marginalized; the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill persons in our community**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week are offered in memory of **Kate 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

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

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!

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

AROUND THE AREA

SHOP FOR A CAUSE

Get all your Christmas shopping done while supporting Madison County Catholic Charities. Shop Scentsy wax warmers, candles and more, delivered right to your door. Use our special Scentsy link during the entire month of November, and all proceeds will go to support our programs that serve the community. <http://touch-downscents.scentsy.us/.../madison-county...>

SNOWMAN'S BALL

St Mary and St Mark Parish will be hosting their 48th Annual Snowman's Ball on Saturday, December 6. Doors open at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30. Music is by Dave Hylla's Good Times Band. There will be attendance prizes and raffles. Tickets are \$25/person which includes catered dinner, music, beer, wine, & soda. Tickets must be purchased by

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!

FOOD DRIVE REMINDER

As we head into the winter/holiday months, please be reminded that the food donations we collect to support those less fortunate in our community will perhaps be even more important than ever this year considering the current federal government shutdown. Please consider buying extra to donate to the Catholic food pantry managed by our neighbors at Holy Family. Among the most needed items are: cereal, packaged oatmeal, peanut butter, saltine crackers, jelly, soup, canned fruit, canned meat (tuna, chicken) and pasta noodles. Thank you for your immediate reaction to this pressing need!

November 20 at noon. If interested, send a check payable to St Mary and St Mark to: St Mary and St Mark Parish, c/o Snowman's Ball, 1621 Tenth Street, Madison IL 62060. Questions: call Cheryl at 18-610-7158

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 .

In these trying times, I would like to remind people of the bible verse.

John 13:34

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



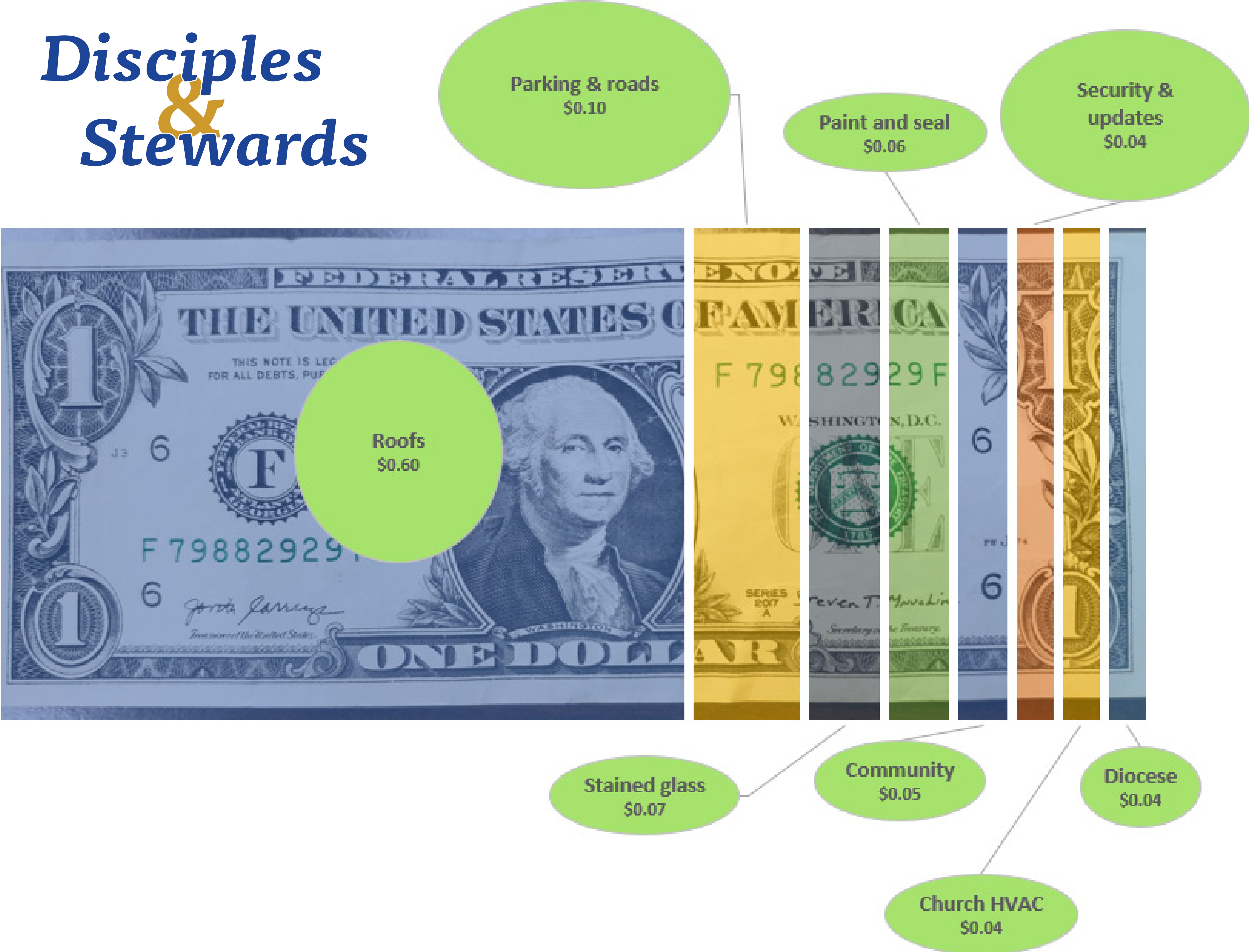
Explore opportunities to learn more about your faith at stelizabethgc.org/formation

2025-2028 Capital Campaign

*For every dollar donated to the \$2.1 million campaign, the graphic below illustrates the breakdown in how the funds will be spent.



Disciples & Stewards



This weekend marks the kickoff of the St. Elizabeth Parish 2025-2028 Capital Campaign. The Campaign is a recognition of our Parish’s many needs for updating the Campus, maintaining the infrastructure, and growing as a relevant part of the Granite City area community. It is also a request from the Springfield Diocese for ALL 129 parishes to mark the 100th anniversary celebration in 2028 of the Cathedral in Springfield, and to do so by undertaking capital campaigns that will strengthen our collective Catholic impact on our State and our Country. Some parishes have already completed their fundraising and are beginning construction of their improvement projects. Our fundraising campaign is just beginning and will conclude on the Feast of St. Elizabeth (November 17) in 2028.

Our overall campaign goal is lofty: \$2.1 million (\$700,000 / year for three years) and is comprised of many of the projects identified in parishioner surveys, discussions with the Maintenance Team, ideas heard at Harmony Café, and conversations amongst all of you. -----over-----

While we would love to be raising funds for new construction and/or replacement of old facilities, our focus in this campaign is to use the funds for much-needed infrastructure and safety improvements while refreshing the public areas of the Campus and buildings. Our School, Parish Life Center, Gym and Cafeteria are 70 years old this year! Our new Church is now 23 years old...already.

The Campaign projects include (listed in descending order of cost)

- Remainder of School roof replacement
- Church or Harmony Room roof replacement
- Repair and re-seal the gym parking lot and entrance
- Stained glass in the Church
- Interior and exterior painting (light posts, sign posts, doors, Gathering Space, School) and landscaping
- Community Support and Outreach
- Security and Communication Upgrades across the Campus
- Church Heating and Air Conditioning
- Springfield Diocese support for refurbishment of the Cathedral

An entire committee of your fellow parishioners has been formed to communicate and track progress in meeting the goal, follow up on pledges, brainstorm and implement new community-wide fundraisers, and complete the projects. Our commitment to you is that we will not wait three years in order to begin the projects, but rather will undertake them individually as soon as the funds are available so that you can see progress happening throughout the campaign.

The Campaign Committee will host Harmony Café after all Masses next weekend. Please bring any questions that you have regarding the campaign, the projects it will fund, thoughts on new community fundraisers, and any other items associated with the Campaign.

The Committee has thoughtfully decided NOT to hire a fundraising firm, but rather undertake this effort within our Parish so that more of the funds would stay here. When we meet our goal, greater than 96% of the funds raised will directly support our projects. Less than 4% will be sent to the Diocese to support refurbishment of the nearly 100-year-old Cathedral.

We ask that YOU prayerfully consider making a sacrificial, three-year commitment to our parish. This new campaign request is above and beyond your normal giving levels. If you are not yet to a point of tithing (10% of your gross income) to the Church annually, please use this as an opportunity to make a step toward that.

Above all, please pray. Pray for the success of our Parish, our school, our parishioners and our capital campaign, and in so doing, thank God for all He has given us and for blessing us so abundantly. Please direct questions or feedback to us via email at volunteers@stelizabethgc.org.

Several weeks ago, Deacon Michael put out a challenge to have 500 hours of adoration to the Blessed Sacrament before Thanksgiving. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the Church flooded every Thursday and Sunday from 7- 8 p.m. in Adoration as we prayerfully consider our Campaign need?

May God bless you always!! St. Elizabeth, pray for us!!

St. Elizabeth Parish Capital Campaign Committee

DONATION/ PLEDGE CARD

Please return this card to:

St. Elizabeth Parish
2300 Pontoon Rd.
Granite City, IL 62040



SAINT ELIZABETH 2025-2028 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Strong in Faith, Building for Tomorrow

I/We commit to give:

☐ \$25 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500

Other _____

Every:

☐ Week ☐ Month ☐ Year

Other _____

Total Pledge- \$

To make an online pledge/payment, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/StECapitalPledge> or use QR Code



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address:

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All donations are tax-deductible, Saint Elizabeth is a 501(c)3, EIN: 37-0734376

Annual Cookies & Sweet Treats Sale

Saturday, December 13 &
Sunday, December 14

Harmony Room After Each Mass!!



PARISH BAKERS...START
YOUR OVENS!!
Drop your goodies in the
Harmony Room early
Saturday!

Ladies Sodality purchases
items for the altar, prepares
funeral luncheons and other
parish celebrations, donates
to the school, purchases our
Breaking Bread Books and
much more!



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November 1 - 30

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MORE THANK YOUS!!

Ladies Sodality would like to thank all the women that decorated a tree for the auction at the Fall Bazaar. The trees were decorated beautifully and each had an amazing theme. Many compliments were given at the event. We appreciate the time, effort, and donations it took to make this a successful fundraiser. We took in a little over \$2500.00. I would like to thank Dennis and Jackie Jones for the help with electric set up and Kathy and Donald Byrd for the donation of the \$100.00 VISA gift card, won by #5 tree. THANK YOU

Winning bids:

- #1 Red and Green traditional Christmas Tree-Dorothy Votapal Hayes
- #2 Sweet Christmas Candy with Pearls-Kim Pierson
- #3 Blue Christmas Jane Jackstadt
- #4 Candy Cane Christmas-Tina Caffrey
- #5 Game Tree-Melanie Mooshegian
- #6 Christmas Party Mardigras- Jane Jackstadt
- #7 Royal Christmas Tree- Leni Alegre's Aunt
- #8 Candy Cane, green tree skirt-Dara Druhe
- #9 Champaign Snowflake- Donna Yehling
- #10 Stars and Bells Blue Silver-Ladies Sodality gifted to Fr. Alfred
- #11 Snowman Merry Christmas Black Hat- Debbie Krystopa
- #12 Winter Forest-Georgia Layloff
- #13 Pink Pastel Elk topper-Georgia Layloff
- #14 Cardinal Baseball Tree and signed book-Dorothy Votapal Hayes
- #15 Halloween Tree-Tristan Lehman
- #16 GingerBread House-Diane Rotter
- #17 Nativity Tree-Tammi Mooshegian
- #18 Silver and Gold-Charlotte Charbonnier
- #19 Gingerbread Tree with Bakers- Friend of Pam Ames

SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

Please contact the parish office if you have any scrap metal in your garage, attic, backyard or basement. We will make arrangements with our team to pick up your items and recycle the metal. Most of the proceeds go for school and parish campus repairs or maintenance. Call the office at 618-877-3300 .

BILLIES KIDS NEXT WEEK

For the past few years, we have supported BILLIES KIDS as they aim to provide a Christmas to many families who struggle in our community. Next week or so, you will see the giving tree return to the gathering space with tags for kids toys and clothing. Please be generous to this very worthy cause. Thank you!

LADIES SODALITY POT SHOT AND RAFFLE WINNERS
Congratulations go out to the following winners from the Fall Bazaar:

Pot Shots:

Hot Cocoa Bakers Fun- Abby White
Gymnastics Barbie- Elise White
Cabela's - Cathy Nelson
Grill- Rose Krystopa
Nurse Barbie- Lynn Whitney
Cabela's w/ Alcohol- Rose Krystopa
Air Fryer- Amy Murphy

Raffle Winners:

Pink Raffle/Si Senior- Greg Modrusic
Blue Raffle/Lottery- Donald Byrd
Lavender/ Wine- Greg Modrusic
Yellow/Gaming- Abby White



Tri City Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
6pm

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
2300 Pontoon Rd.
Granite City

Reconciliación en español también!



ST. MARY - ST. MARK
Catholic Church
Madison, IL

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office and School are both Closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 28th

Mass is at 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day & 8:15AM Friday, November 28th

There is NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thanksgiving Day

**Give thanks to God
for all of His
blessings!**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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, November 23

Centennial Campaign Harmony Cafe After Each Mass!

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

Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 Mass

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

Monday, November 24

NO DAILY MASS!!

Tuesday, November 25

Ladies Sodality Meeting- 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday, November 26

BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Respect Life Meeting- 6 p.m. (PLC)

Thursday, November 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Daily Mass @ 9 a.m.

Parish Office & School CLOSED

NO ADORATION

Friday, November 28

Daily Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

Parish Office and School CLOSED

Saturday, November 29

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Sunday, November 30

Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 Mass

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

November 9, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 19 Regular Income	\$4,485.00		
84 Envelopes, Average \$53.39			
Loose	\$496.00		
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$230.00		
Online Giving	\$621.91		
TOTAL	\$5,832.91	\$11,193.00	(\$5,390.09)
YTD TOTALS	\$169,459.87	\$212,667.00	(\$43,207.13)

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 \$270.00
Calvary Catholic Cemetary \$350.00
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.
October 2025 Tithe: \$3,572.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL OR SECOND COLLECTIONS

If you are giving on-line, or are not getting envelopes, please take note of the following Diocesan and Parish Special Collections. Remember to log in to your PushPay account every month to check on any upcoming Special Collections. If you are receiving envelopes, we strongly encourage you to use them to make sure your contributions are properly reported to your account or use your Giving ID # on your check or other envelope. November 23 - Christmas Flowers November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent, Campaign for Justice & Hope

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

“...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.” 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

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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