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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ♦ November 23, 2025



Christ the King: Reigning with Love

This weekend, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we bring the entire liturgical year to a glorious close. Interestingly, this relatively modern feast day was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a powerful response to the rise of secularism, communism, and nationalism in the world. Its original purpose was to remind the faithful—and the world—that Christ's eternal kingship transcends all earthly powers and ideologies. While the world may seek to rule by force, our King reigns through justice, sacrifice, and unconditional love. Let us, His subjects, renew our allegiance to His eternal kingdom in our hearts and in the world!

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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, November 24

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lori Smith+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

Tuesday, November 25

Tuesday of the 34th Wk of Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Mass:

Carol Trittschuh+ by Joann Barnett

Wednesday, November 26

Wednesday of the 34th Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Toni Kokotovich+ by Kay Clay

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Mass:

Larry Wiegand+ by Renee Tanase

Friday, November 28

Friday of the 34th Wk of Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Elizabeth Stern

Saturday, November 29

Saturday of the 34th Wk of Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Saturday-Sunday, November 29- November 30

First Sunday of Advent

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

Diane Tyson+ by Clara Bank & Judy Hosna

8:00 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

Streamed

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Anthony James Bursatti+ by Mark Brusatti

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray for our **Police, Fire, EMS, Dispatch and all other First Responders**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week are offered in memory of **the Parents of Andrew & Joann Yurko**

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

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!

HELP SUPPORT BILLIES KIDS!

Our parish and school hope to reach out to local families in need this holiday season. Grab a tag from the Giving Tree in the gathering space after Mass this coming weekend. Purchase the items listed and return them to us UNWRAPPED

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://touchdownscents.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

with the TAG ATTACHED by **November 29th**. These gifts will be shared with the kids and their families at the Billie's Kids Christmas party on December 6. For more information on this great group, visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/121362521560870>

You can also order additional items to help out using the following link. All items can be shipped directly to Billie's Kids Christmas.

Amazon-- <https://tinyurl.com/BilliesKids>

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HARMONY CAFE

Stop by the Harmony Room this weekend after each Mass for a bit of refreshment and to get help with making a pledge for our capital campaign. We will have pledge cards and computers to help! See you then!!

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

St. Mary and St. Mark Parish
49th Annual Snowman's Ball
Engelbert hall—10th and Washington Ave., Madison IL

Saturday, December 6th, 2025—6 to 11 PM
Doors Open 5 pm—6 pm Dinner—7:30-10:30 pm Music

Tickets: Call Cheryl at 618-610-7158
No Tickets At The Door
Ticket cut Off November 20th at Noon

\$25 Per Person

Includes: Catered Dinner & Fantastic Music by Dave Hylla's Good Times Band
You Can Dance—Watch—or Just Listen
Great Evening for Fellowship and Fun!
Attendance Prizes & Raffles

Start Planning Now! Get Your Group Together and Reserve Your Table!
Questions call: Cheryl at 618-610-7158
Flyers courtesy of Keith & Kim Bridges



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 .

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Psalms 100: 4-5

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



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

St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality

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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2025 Annual

ANDREW DINNER ALTON DEANERY

Mother of Perpetual Help, Maryville

Dec. 7, 2025
5:00 PM



For men
in high school to mid-30s

INTERESTED OR CURIOUS ABOUT A PRIESTLY VOCATION?
Join Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Father Zach Samples, and other priests
for dinner and an evening of discussion about being a priest and seminary life.



Extra Extra!

Disciples & Stewards



NEWEST KNIGHTS

Congratulations to our new 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus member, Father Godwin! He joined the esteemed fraternal order a couple of weeks ago with a number of other men including Seminarian Padrick who was with us last year!

CANDY WANTED

Our Knights of Columbus are planning a float for the Candy Cane Parade on December 6th. If you are able, please donate candy for them to toss during the parade by leaving it in the container in the gathering space hall or at the PLC. Thank you!



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

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 .

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!



Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed
"All Souls' Day"
November 2

May the souls of
the faithful
departed,
through the
mercy of God,
rest in peace.

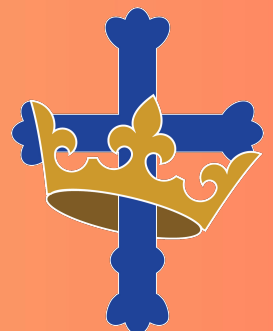


All Souls Day Memorials

Please continue to
remember our beloved dead
through the month of
November and beyond. Our
apologies to anyone we
missed.

Teresa Johnson
Ralph and Bertha Wesbecher
Vi and Frank Kessler
Norma and Harv Kessler
Paul Kessler
Family and Friends of Craig & Kathleen Nelson
Howard Welsch
Jorge Geist
Deceased Family of Albert & Maxine Czerniejewski
Rose & Henry Kolenda
Henry Kolenda Jr.
Molly & Michael Kolenda
Soptic Family
Sr. Beata
Fr. Burah
Theresa Gulash
Lawrence Jaros
Mr. Jim Alsop
Mr. & Mrs. Berto Cerutti
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ganz
Bill Loftus
Loftus & Mejaski families
Tom & Anna Loftus
Mike & Emily Mejaski
Mary Spaulding
Andy Mathes
Pogorelac Family
Paula Gushleff Koliste
Dr. Barry Gushleff
LaVerne Black
Deceased members of Gushleff, Koliste, Krizak, Milcic, Thomas,
Notbahr, Baker Families
Melvin Wilmsmeyer
Helen Klenklen
Deceased members of Campos/Boyd Families
Bill & Theresa Weckman
Bill Weckman, Jr.
Ronald Weckman
Ron & Gladys Wilbur
Deceased members of the Layloff, Voytush, Isreal, and Chaperlo
Families
Ron Haldman
Katherine Thrasher
Francis Thrasher, Jr.
James Green
Roy Thrasher

Parents of JoAnn and Andy Yurko
Bud & Lee Yurko
Andrew & Josephine Yurko
Nieces of JoAnn & Andy Yurko
Carole Jo Wilson
Michelle Ziegler
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Russell Kniepkamp
Jimmy Dean
Judy A. Modrusic
Clark & Duffy Families
Michael Banach
Leona Banach
Joseph Krystopa
Victoria Krystopa
Renea O'Neill
Helen Knopik
Rich & Gerry Mendez





DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 4, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, too many of our neighbors still live in poverty. On average, about 12 percent of people across our diocese live below the poverty line.¹ These families struggle daily with food, housing, and stability, reminding us of the Lord's words: *"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Matthew 25:40).

The Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) exists to bring realistic hope and practical help to the poor. Every dollar you give to this second collection stays within diocesan boundaries, supporting only those organizations that uphold Catholic teaching and our consistent life ethic. Funded ministries provide food, education, family support, and other pathways out of poverty.

Your past generosity has already changed lives. I now ask you again to give generously, so that together we may bring Christ's love to those in greatest need.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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1. ¹ U.S. Census Bureau, *American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, 2019–2023*, county-level poverty statistics for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, via HDPulse Social Determinants of Health Data Portal, <https://hdpulse.nimhd.nih.gov/data-portal/social/poverty/table?demo=00008&statefips=17>.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



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

TRIVIA NIGHT

Benefiting St. Elizabeth Catholic School
All proceeds help fund educational programs and school improvements

EVENT DETAILS
Saturday, January 31, 2026
Doors Open: 5:30 PM
Trivia Begins: 6:30 PM
St. Elizabeth School Cafeteria
2300 Pontoon Rd
Granite City IL

Must be 21+ to play
Only 30 tables available!
Food & drink: Outside food & alcohol allowed
Soda, water, and snacks provided

REGISTER TODAY
Mail registration & payment to: St. Elizabeth School - Trivia Night
Attn: Loretta
2300 Pontoon Rd, Granite City IL 62040

Questions? Loretta:
618-877-3300 Ext-2000
or register using the QR Code

\$20 per person (Table of 8 = \$160)

\$ MULLIGANS
\$10 (Free mulligans + one free answer
texted to team contact if registered & paid by Jan. 26, 2026)

\$ PRIZES & FUN
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams
Bring a school supply for 1 free entry into the Lottery Ticket Raffle
Bring Extra cash for 50/50, special raffles & Fun Surprises

REGISTER TODAY!

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone #: _____
Address: _____

JOIN THE ST. ELIZABETH'S YOUTH CHOIR!

GRADES 3-8 AND BEYOND!
Rehearsals for School Mass, Youth Mass, and other performances!
NOT JUST FOR ST. ELIZABETH STUDENTS!

Every Wednesday, 3:30 - 4:30
St. Elizabeth School, Music Room
Use the Pre-School Entrance
Questions: music@stelizabethgc.org

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 30

EMHC Training Refresh 9:00 a.m.
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, December 1

Tuesday, December 2

Choir Rehearsal- 7-8:30 p.m.
Men's Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, December 3

Lector Training Refresh 6 p.m. (Church)
BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, December 4

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.
O.C.I.A. - 6:30 p.m. (PLC)

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

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

Sunday, December 7

Men at Prayer 9 a.m.
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 17, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 20 Regular Income	\$6,768.00		
94 Envelopes, Average \$72.00			
Loose	\$341.00		
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$500.00		
Online Giving	\$1,626.85		
TOTAL	\$9,235.85	\$11,193.00	(\$1,957.15)
YTD TOTALS	\$178,695.72	\$223,860.00	(\$45,164.28)

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 \$480.00
Special Projects \$800.00
Calvary Catholic Cemetery \$350.00
Capital Campaign 2nd Collection \$775.50

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

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

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

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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