

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

First Sunday of Advent ♦ November 30, 2025



A Call to Vigilance and Charity

This Sunday, we joyfully begin the season of Advent, a time dedicated to watchful preparation for the Lord's coming. Our Gospel reading, from Matthew, calls us to be vigilant and ready, comparing the arrival of the Son of Man to the unexpected flood in Noah's time. This readiness is not just about waiting passively; it is about actively living our faith. As we light the first candle, the candle of hope, let us ensure our hearts are prepared through prayer and through our deeds of love. We thank you for your commitment to our outreach, specifically your ongoing support of Billie's Kids, as our acts of charity demonstrate the hope we hold in Christ. May our watchfulness inspire a deep sense of anticipation and purpose this Advent season.

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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 1

Monday of the 1st Wk of Advent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lucille Friederich+ by Denny & Chris Taylor

Tuesday, December 2

Tuesday of the 1st Wk of Advent

6 p.m. Mass:

Mary Lerch by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ed+ & Sharon+ Rickert by Kerry & Jimmy Flanary

Thursday, December 4

Thursday of the 1st Wk of Advent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Patrick (Pat) Sautman by Sarah Sautman

Friday, December 5

Friday of the 1st Wk of Advent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, December 6

Saturday of the 1st Wk of Advent/Saint

Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 a.m.

Susan Mills Shisko+ by Larry & Sue Rude-

Saturday-Sunday, December 6- December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Mark James+ by Lois & Lew Glasgow

8:00 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

Streamed

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Vivian I. Byer+ by the Byer Children

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

There is no flower memorial this week. Please contact the office to consider an altar flower memorial for your loved one.

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

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 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

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>

COME TO THE CHURCH TO PRAY

We have heard from a few of our parishioners about the option to visit the church on days other than Adoration Thursday to pray. Beginning on Monday, December 1 after Mass, the code that we use to operate the front door will be active on days that the office is open from about 9:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. If you know the code, feel free to use it. If you need the code, please see the office for more info.

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

Tickets on sale now

\$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!!

Psalm 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

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.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES

All 4th - 6th graders are invited to attend Junior Disciples on Monday, December 1 at 6:45 p.m. at the PLC Upper Room. Games, snacks and a Bible story talk is on the agenda. Hope to see you there!!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation for the faithful. Mass will be at 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please join us!



STECC CLASS OF 1965 REUNION

Last weekend the St. Elizabeth Catholic School Class of 1965 reunited to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their graduation at the Columbus Home. About 1/3rd of the 54 students were able to attend and enjoy a great meal and each other's company. They also made a class contribution to our Capital Campaign. As a point of reference, all 54 of their classmates were taught in a SINGLE CLASSROOM!!

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

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!





December 2025

Daily Mass: Tuesday Evening Mass 6:00 PM
Wednesday- Saturday 8:15 PM
Saturday Evening Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Mass 8 AM and 10:30 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1 Junior Disciples- 6:45 p.m.	2 Men's Club 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM- 8:30 PM	3 Lector Refresh Meeting 6 PM	4 Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM	5 Fish Fry 4 PM – 7 PM 	6 Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9AM Confessions 3 PM
7 Youth Mass 10:30 AM Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:30 PM-8:30 PM	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception- Mass – 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. (HDO)	9 Ladies Advent Party 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM- 8:30 PM Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 PM	10 Bingo 7 PM	11 NET MINISTRIES Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass and Celebration- 6 PM	13 Ladies Sodality Cookie Sale Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9AM Confessions 3 PM
14 Ladies Sodality Cookie Sale Young Disciples 2 PM- 4PM Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	15 	16 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM- 8:30 PM 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 PM	17 Tri City Penance Service 6 PM Bingo 7 PM 	18 School Christmas Concert! Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM	19 School Early Dismissal	20 Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9AM Confessions 3 PM KC Kids Christmas Party 8:30 AM- 10:30 AM
21 Men at Prayer 9 AM Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:30 PM-8:30 PM	22 No School	23 No School Choir Rehearsal 7 PM- 8:30 PM 3 rd Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 PM Ladies Sodality Meeting 6:30 PM	24 Christmas Eve No School Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass @ 4:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. (HDO)	25 Christmas Day No School Nativity of the Lord Mass at 9:00 a.m. (HDO)	26 Honor Roll Mass 8:15 AM	27 Pray Rosary @ Abortion Business 9AM Confessions 3 PM
28 Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:30-8:30 PM	29 No School	30 No School	31 New Year's Eve Daily Mass 8 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m. (HDO) No School Bingo 7 PM	1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God MASS on January 1 @ 9 a.m.(HDO)	Pope Leo's Intention for December: For Christians in areas of conflict-	Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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, December 7

Mass - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 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 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception- Holy Day of Obligation

Daily Mass - 8:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

Daily Mass- 5:30 p.m.
Ladies Sodality Advent Party - 6:30 p.m. (Harmony Room)
Choir Rehearsal- 7-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.
BINGO- 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, December 11

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.
O.C.I.A. - 6:30 p.m. (PLC)

Friday, December 12

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 13

Ladies Sodality Cookie Sale After Mass!!

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.
Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 14

Ladies Sodality Cookie Sale After Mass!!

Mass - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Men at Prayer 9 a.m.
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 23, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 21 Regular Income	\$3,834.00		
91 Envelopes, Average \$42.13			
Loose	\$411.00		
One Time Donation	\$2,500.00		
Online Giving	\$766.52		
TOTAL	\$7,511.62	\$11,193.00	(\$3,691.38)
YTD TOTALS	\$186,217.34	\$235,053.00	(\$48,835.66)

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 \$170.00
Christmas Flowers \$1,730.00
Campaign For Justice & Hope \$463.00

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 30 -1st Sunday of Advent, Campaign for Justice & Hope December 7- Capital Campaign Second Collection December 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that you have been given.

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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