

# Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ◆ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time ◆ January 25, 2026



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As we gather for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are reminded of the powerful call to discipleship found in today's Gospel. Just as the first disciples dropped their nets to follow Christ, we are called to cast aside distractions and live with purpose in His name. This week carries an extra layer of joy as we kick off Catholic Schools Week. The vibrant collage on our cover beautifully captures the spirit of our students—our future leaders, thinkers, and disciples. Our school is more than just a place of academic excellence; it is a community where faith is nurtured, and the light of Christ is shared daily.

We invite you to join us in prayer this week for our dedicated teachers, staff, and families, and to celebrate the gift of Catholic education that continues to transform lives within our parish and beyond.

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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, January 26**

**Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, January 27**

**Tuesday of the 3rd Wk. in Ordinary Time**

6 p.m. Mass:

Carole McGee+ by Norma Lesko

**Wednesday, January 28**

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Matt Nussbaumer+ by Kay Clay

**Thursday, January 29**

**Thursday of the 3rd Wk. in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Bob Varady & Mary

Jane Sitton

**Friday, January 30**

**Friday of the 3rd Wk. in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Frieda Hicks+ by Carol Skasick

**Saturday, January 31**

**Saint John Bosco, Priest**

NO MASS

**Saturday-Sunday, January 31- February 1**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

Robert Knobeloch+ by Kay Clay

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Helen Withers+ by the Yobby Family

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray for **the students and staff of St. Elizabeth Catholic School**.

### 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](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

### 150 CLUB NEWS

Dues for the club next year will increase to \$150. This aligns us with our name and will help to cover rising expenses and provide more opportunity for additional donations to the parish. Thank you for all of your support!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held at our parish on Saturday, March 21st. Rosary, Mass, breakfast and speaker. Timing 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ladies Sodality is hosting the event and we are in need of china cups and saucers. We need about 225 and have secured 110 at this time. Please clean out your china hutch and donate any cups and saucers you are no longer using or pick up a few at your local GoodWill or thrift store. We are also needing donations of spring flowers for the attendance gifts. Again, donate what you can to help us keep expenses down. We appreciate your support.

### LADIES SODALITY NEWS

Our first meeting of 2026 is Thursday, January 27th after the 6 p.m. Mass.

6:30 -7:00 Snacks & Fellowship

7:00- 8:15 Meeting

All ladies are welcome. We need new ideas and multiple hands to complete our mission of supporting the altar & other needs around the campus. Hope you will give the time to come and have a nice evening. Remember to bring your donataions of china cups with saucers and spring flowers. Thank you for your continued support!

## AROUND THE AREA

### GOSPEL MASS CHOIR

All are invited to join the Gospel Mass Choir for the Black History Month Gospel Mass on February 28, 2026, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Springfield, IL. Sponsored by the Black Catholic Commission. Contact information for joining: Anastasia (217) 218-5970 | Gale (217) 341-5029 | [egbedimamejoshua@gmail.com](mailto:egbedimamejoshua@gmail.com)

6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

### LUKE 18 RETREAT 2026

St. Jerome Catholic Church will host our annual Luke 18 retreat for 7th and 8th graders, the weekend of February 13th-15th, 2026. This will be our 33rd year holding this retreat. We would like to invite all 7th & 8th graders to join us!

Luke 18 is an excellent opportunity for our 7th and 8th graders to experience God's love in new and exciting ways through games, songs, faith sharing, and a series of talks given by area high school and college students.

For information letter and registration, please go to [www.stjeromeparish.org](http://www.stjeromeparish.org) look under announcements and click on Luke 18.

### RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:

2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO

4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

*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 .

Greetings,

The Special Olympics dance is February 7th, please sign up to help.

John 13:34

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



*Explore opportunities to learn more about your faith at [stelizabethgc.org/formation](http://stelizabethgc.org/formation)*



## LENTEN FISH FRY SCHEDULE

Come out and support the "World Famous" St. Elizabeth Men's Club Fish Fries during the lenten season!

Friday, February 6, 2026  
 Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
 Friday, February 20, 2026  
 Friday, February 27, 2026  
 Friday, March 6, 2026  
 Friday, March 13, 2026  
 Friday, March 20, 2026  
 Friday, March 27, 2026  
 Friday, April 3, 2026



St. Elizabeth School Cafeteria  
 Dine in or carry out available 4pm-7pm



### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are hoping to raise \$2.1 million to fund many needed improvements across our campus. We kicked off this Campaign on the Feast of St. Elizabeth.

Your help is needed to achieve our goal. While we continue to look at new fundraisers where the community can participate, ultimately this is our church, our school and our campus. We need YOU praying for our success, talking up the needs of our parish, and pledging and giving, maybe even beyond your comfort level. If you do not currently tithe 10% of your gross income, this would be an excellent opportunity to ease into it through monthly payments.

Thus far, we are happy to report that we have received a total of \$275, 208 pledged and collected \$155, 794 in actual donations. We have a long way to go, but we are confident in our parish!

A question we have heard pertains to the amount of money that we are required to pass along to the diocese. These funds will help to maintain and improve exterior conditions at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as well as maintenance needs at the Catholic Pastoral Center and Villa Maria Conference Center in Springfield. Our assessment amount for this campaign is \$72,750. This amount will take care of our responsibility and is a ONE TIME payment to the diocese.

Please do not pass up the opportunity to share a pledge card with your family or friends, some of whom may be alumni of our school or former parishioners. Every little bit helps.

When we started the campaign, the request was for you to prayerfully consider your pledge amount. Please continue praying and discerning what you are being called to give and make your pledge soon. There are plenty of cards in the gathering space. May God bless you always.

St. Elizabeth, pray for us.

# Disciples & Stewards Extra! Extra!

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL PTO AUCTION

## A Very Merry 20<sup>th</sup> Un-Birthday

February 28, 2026 at Forever After Banquet and Event Center  
 4020 Pontoon Road

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**\$40 EACH**

**\$50 EACH AFTER 2/13**



Buy Tickets At

<https://handbid.app.link/Un-Birthday>



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### Baby Bottle Campaign

2026

Pick up a  
 bottle this  
 Sunday!

Danielle, Tyler,  
 London, & Levi

## 2026 Lenten Mission

*Featuring: Patty Schneier*  
**Theme: See the Beauty; Discover the Joy**



**Monday, March 9, through  
 Wednesday, March 11  
 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Church  
 Babysitting Provided  
 Reception following  
 Wednesday Evening**



# Join us for the 2026 Women's Prayer Breakfast

Join us as we explore the  
theme: We Are All Flowers in  
God's Garden

Hosted by the Ladies Sodality  
of St. Elizabeth Parish



**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Church**

**2300 Pontoon Rd, Granite City, IL 62040**

8:15am- 8:50 Registration/Rosary

Mass 9:00am

Breakfast 10:15am

Speaker 11:00am

Closing prayer 12:15pm

## **Guest Speaker:**

**Jen Ryan,**

**Director of Pastoral Education**

**and Evangelization**

**Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**

**Space is limited! Register before  
March 10, 2026, to reserve your spot.**

For more information, contact  
Tammi Mooshegian, 618-920-1792 or  
TammiRae58@gmail.com

Cost: \$30 per registrant accepted by mail or  
via the QR code.

Checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ladies  
Sodality

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check to reserve my seat (\$30)  
(one form per registrant)

Additional donation for Seminarians \$\_\_\_\_\_

# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

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





**OPEN HOUSE**

✓ Tour the school  
✓ Meet teachers and staff  
✓ Ask questions  
✓ View 4<sup>th</sup> grade wax museum

**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**11:30 AM**  
2300 Pontoon Rd.  
Granite City, IL

for more info 618-877-3300  
visit us <https://stelizabethgc.org/school/>



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✓ Recorrer la escuela  
✓ Conocer a los maestros y al personal  
✓ Hacer preguntas  
✓ Conoce a los estadounidenses famosos de cuarto grado

**25 de enero de 2026**  
**11:30 AM**  
2300 Pontoon Rd.  
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para más información 618-877-3300  
visítanos <https://stelizabethgc.org/school/>

Read more about the school & the weekly newsletter at [stelizabethgc.org/school](https://stelizabethgc.org/school)

## STEWARDSHIP

January 18, 2026	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 29 Regular Income	\$4,444.00		
76 Envelopes, Average \$58.47			
Loose	\$392.00		
Building Repair & Maintenance			
Online Giving	\$882.73		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,718.73</b>	<b>\$11,193.00</b>	<b>(\$5,474.27)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$251,042.24</b>	<b>\$324,597.00</b>	<b>(\$73,554.76)</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/Fund A Royal \$140.00  
Catholic Times \$710.00

### 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. December 2025 Tithe: \$4,510.00

### 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.

February 1- Church in Latin America February 18 (Ash Wednesday)-Aid to Church in Central/Eastern

More about more ways to give time, talent, & treasure at [stelizabethgc.org/stewardship](https://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.

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, January 25**

**Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 Mass**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS!!**

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

School Open House - 11:30 a.m.

Men's Club Membership Drive- 1:30 p.m. (CAFE)

Men at Prayer- 9:00 a.m.

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

**Monday, January 26**

**NO DAILY MASS**

**Tuesday, January 27**

Daily Mass- 6 p.m.

Ladies Sodality Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

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

3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 28**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

Respect Life Meeting- 6 p.m.

BINGO - 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

**Thursday, January 29**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

O.C.I.A.- 6:30 p.m. (PLC)

Adoration 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.

**Friday, January 30**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

**Saturday, January 31**

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, February 1**

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

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

**"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."**  
**MATTHEW 4:22**

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



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