

# Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ◆ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ◆ February 1, 2026



## BLESSED ARE.....

The Gospel according to Matthew leads us to the mountainside to hear the Beatitudes. In these sacred "Be-attitudes," Jesus provides us with a roadmap for Christian living that stands in stark contrast to the values of the world. He calls us to find true blessedness not in power or wealth, but in humility, mercy, and peace. Whether we are mourning, hungering for justice, or striving for a clean heart, Christ reminds us that God is especially near to those who rely on Him. Let us carry these blessings into our daily lives, seeking to be the light of the world through our compassion for others.

Please note that our celebration of Catholic Schools Week begins this week! While originally scheduled to align with the national start date, our local festivities were postponed due to the recent winter weather. We are excited to finally honor the "United in Faith and Community" spirit of our students, teachers, and families. Please join us in praying for the continued success of our Catholic education programs as we celebrate the unique gift of learning rooted in the Gospel.

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since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, February 2**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, February 3**

**Tuesday of the 4th Wk. in Ordinary Time**

6 p.m. Mass:

Sylvia Winfield+ by Norma Lesko

**Wednesday, February 4**

**Wednesday of the 4th Wk. in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Betty Lampitt+ by Deacon Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

**Thursday, February 5**

**Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Denny Charney+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

**Friday, February 6**

**Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

**Saturday, February 7**

**Saturday of the 4th Wk. in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.**

John Straubinger+ by the Straubinger Family

**Saturday-Sunday, February 7- February 8**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Cheryl Mangi+ by Ladies Sodality

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Students and Staff of St. Elizabeth Catholic School

### 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.

## 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)

### 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 [wwmenc.org](http://wwmenc.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

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This spring, in partnership with our friends at Holy Family/St. Mary's Catholic Church, we will participate in 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil. Our day is Friday, March 27 beginning at 7 a.m. We need a total of 24 people who are willing to pray for an hour at the abortion business in downtown Granite City. Sign up beginning this weekend in the gathering space.

### LADIES SODALITY NEWS

Our first meeting of 2026 is Tuesday, February 3 after 6 p.m. Mass. Snacks and fellowship til 7 p.m., meeting to follow.

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 your donations of china cups and saucers and spring flowers! Thank you for your continued support.

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.

### KNIGHTS CORNER

Greetings,

The Special Olympics dance is February 7th, please sign up to help. Please consider volunteering, it will be a rewarding event.

John 13:34

Peace be with you,

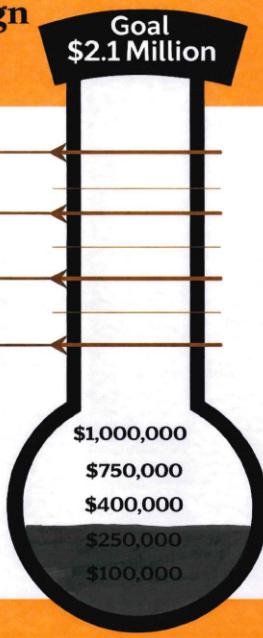
Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



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

## Capital Campaign

November 15, 2025 —  
November 17, 2028



*Strong in Faith, Building for Tomorrow*

### 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 \$279,824 pledged and collected \$157,089 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 \$75,456. 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 Men's Club

## 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



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>



**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**



# February 2026



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
1 <b>February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> Men at Prayer 9 AM Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:00 PM-8:00 PM	2 Pope Leo's Intention for February: <b>For children with incurable diseases</b> Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.	3 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM- 8:30 PM Ladies Sodality Meeting- 6 Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM	4 Bingo 7 PM	5 Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM O.C.I.A. - 6 PM	6 1pm school Dismissal Fish Fry 4 PM - 7 PM	7 Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 AM Confessions 3 PM Special Olympics Dinner/Dance – 6 PM
8 PSR – 9 AM Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:00 PM-8:00 PM	9 Next Gathering: Sunday, February 15 Registration, Welcome, Refreshments, Social 6-8 PM. @ St. Elizabeth <b>Dating &amp; Marriage Insights for Catholic Teens</b> Food + Fun + Fellowship RSVP: StElizabethGC.org/Teens	10 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM- 8:30 PM Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 PM	11 Bingo 7 PM	12 Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM O.C.I.A. – 6 PM PTO Meeting 6:30 PM	13	14 Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 AM Confessions 3 PM <b>MOSIAC BABY BOTTLE DRIVE ENDS!!</b>
15 Men at Prayer 9 AM Confirmation Retreat 11:30 AM -1:30 PM Young Disciples 6 PM- 8PM Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	16 School & Parish Office Closed	17 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM- 8:30 PM 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 PM	18 Ash Wednesday Fish Fry 4 PM - 7 PM Bingo 7 PM	19 Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM O.C.I.A. – 6 PM	20 Fish Fry 4 PM - 7 PM	21 Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 AM Confessions 3 PM Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Cathedral 11 AM RITE OF SENDING
22 OCIA to Springfield for RITE OF ELECTION Adoration with Vespers and Benediction 7:00 PM-8:00 PM	23	24 Ladies Sodality Meeting 6:30 PM 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM- 8:30 PM	25 Bingo 7 PM	26 Adoration 9 AM - 9 PM O.C.I.A. – 6 PM	27 Fish Fry 4 PM - 7 PM	28 Rosary @ Abortion Business 9 AM Confessions 3 PM School Auction

## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Remember: Catholic education starts 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](http://stelizabethgc.org/school)

## STEWARSHIP

January 25, 2026	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 30 Regular Income	\$1,701.00		
29 Envelopes, Average \$58.66			
Loose	\$108.00		
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$37.00		
Online Giving	\$637.13		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,481.13</b>	<b>\$11,193.00</b>	<b>(\$8,711.87)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$253,523.37</b>	<b>\$335,790.00</b>	<b>(\$82,266.63)</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:

Catholic Times \$200.00

### 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/**

More about more ways to give time, talent, & treasure at [stelizabethgc.org/stewardship](http://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, February 1**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS!!**

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

School Open House - 11:30 a.m.

Men at Prayer- 9:00 a.m.

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

**Monday, February 2**

NO DAILY MASS

**Tuesday, February 3**

Daily Mass- 6 p.m..

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

Ment's Club Meeting- 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 4**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

BINGO - 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

**Thursday, February 5**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

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

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

**Friday, February 6**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

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

**Saturday, February 7**

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, February 8**

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

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

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

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3**

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense - poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.



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