

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

The Epiphany of the Lord ♦ January 4, 2026



The Light That Leads Us Home

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, marking the moment when Christ was revealed to the world through the journey of the Magi. Following the radiance of a single star, these wise travelers reminds us that the light of Christ is not reserved for a few, but is a gift offered to all humanity. Just as the Magi offered their gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we are invited to lay our own lives before the Lord—our talents, our struggles, and our deepest devotions. May this feast inspire us to be “stars” in our own parish and community, reflecting God’s love and guiding others toward the peace that only Christ can provide.

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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 6
Christmas Weekday

6 p.m. Mass:

Victoria Haverman+ by Dot Pawlak

Wednesday, January 7

Christmas Weekday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Kim Edgar+ by Dcn. Michael &
Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

Thursday, January 8

Christmas Weekday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ed Szczepanik+ by Ann Czwornog

Friday, January 9

Christmas Weekday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Alsop+ by the Alsop Family

Saturday, January 10

Christmas Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday-Sunday, January 10- January 11

The Baptism of the Lord

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

Mary Lesko+ by Norma Lesko

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

Roy Logan+ by Ann Czwornog

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray for **Deceased Clergy, Teachers and Staff who have served this Parish**

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

MASS SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

Beginning Monday, January 5, we will stop celebrating daily Mass on Monday for the foreseeable future. This schedule was requested and granted several months ago, but never gained a large following. In addition, this did not allow for our priests to have a day off, which is a challenge. We appreciate your understanding!!

HOLIDAY REMINDERS

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. Please consider buying extra to donate to the Catholic food pantry managed by our neighbors at Holy Family. Our Charitable Outreach group is still filling bags for our unhouseed community and can use donations of small snacks, hand warmers and small or sample sizes of hygiene products. These can be dropped in the gathering space tubs or at the PLC. Thank you for

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 | egbedima-mejoshua@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 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

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

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

your generosity to this pressing need!

BLOOD DRIVE TIME

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive is this coming Friday, January 9th beginning at 11 a.m. in the Parish Life Center (PLC). Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: StElizabethCC. Give in January for a chance to win a trip to Super Bowl LX



Blood Drive

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

2300 Pontoon Rd, Granite City, IL 62040

Friday, January 9, 2026

11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: StElizabethCC or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Come to give Jan. 1-25 for chance to win trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX in Cali! redcrossblood.org/superbowl



Schedule a blood donation appointment today! Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

6/12/2026 – 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

ALTON DEANERY MEETING

All ladies and guests are encouraged to join us for the first meeting of 2026 on Friday, February 6th! Place: St. Boniface, Edwardsville. Mass will be offered at 8 a.m. Followed by friendship, refreshments and program "Who is Your Mentor?" The meeting and program will take place in the Acorn Room located downstairs. Meeting begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude no later than Noon. Please RSVP, per parish is fine, with number of attendees to pmsjproperties@gmail.com



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rcblood.org/SuperBowl
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Extra & Extra!



Merry Christmas!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

This past weekend at each Mass, the parish capital campaign committee provided an update to our progress. As you know, we are needing to raise \$2.1 million to fund many needed improvements across our campus. As you are also aware, we kicked off this Campaign last month, on the Feast of St. Elizabeth.

So how are we doing? One month in, we are pleased to report that we have already received 3-year pledges and one-time gifts totaling over 6% of our goal. While 6% is not bad for one month, we still have a very long way to go!

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.

Also, please do not pass up the opportunity to share a pledge card with your family who may be visiting this week, 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 spend the Christmas season praying and discerning what you are being called to give. May God bless you always.

St. Elizabeth, pray for us.

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 30/50, special raffles & Fun
Surprises

REGISTER TODAY!

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

2026 Lenten Mission

Featuring: Patty Schneider

Theme: See the Beauty. Discover the Joy



Monday, March 9, Tuesday, March 10 &
Wednesday, March 11

6:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Babysitting Provided

Reception Following Wednesday Evening



MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

FOOD · FOOTBALL · FELLOWSHIP

St. Elizabeth Catholic School
Cafeteria

Sunday, January 25

1:30pm

Food, Drinks, Cards, Squares and
FUN!!



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: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Junior Disciples

*First Monday of the
Month*

6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.

*St. Elizabeth Parish Life
Center*

*Games, Snacks and a
Bible Story!*

Facebook: Junior Disciples

*All 4th through 6th
Graders Welcome!!*



*Disciples
&
Stewards*

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



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

CALLING ALL TEENS

Sunday, January 11, 6-8 p.m.



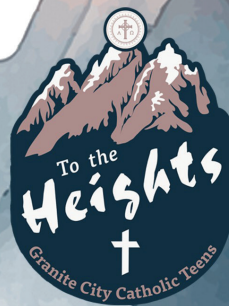
This month's guest speaker:
Mark Vojas

Pastoral Associate, Youth Minister, Teacher
Ss. Peter & Paul Collinsville

**The ABCs of Prayer: Moving beyond
Our Father, Holy Mary, Glory Be...**



Info & RSVP:
StElizabethGC.org/TEENS



THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 4

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

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

Monday, January 5

NO DAILY MASS

School Resumes

Junior Disiples - 6:45 p.m. (PLC)

Tuesday, January 6

Daily Mass- 6 p.m.

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

Men's Club - 7:30 p.m. (Cafe)

Wednesday, January 7

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

BINGO - 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, January 8

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

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

Friday, January 9

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive- 11 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

Mosaic Baby Bottle Drive Begins!!

HARMONY CAFE!

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 11

HARMONY CAFE!

Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 Mass

PSR - After 8 a.m. Masss (PLC)

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

Young Disciples- 6 p.m. (PLC)

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

December 28, 2025	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 26 Regular Income	\$3,856.00		
81 Envelopes, Average \$47.60			
Loose	\$203.00		
One Time Donations	\$1,600.00		
Online Giving	\$892.57		
TOTAL	\$6,551.57	\$11,193.00	(\$4,641.43)
YTD TOTALS	\$226,048.25	\$291,018.00	(\$64,969.75)

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
Christmas Offering \$4,073.00
Catholic Children's Home \$1,708.00

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. November 2025 Tithe: \$4,159.00

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.

January 18th- Catholic Times Support February 1- Church in Latin America

More about more ways to give time, talent, & treasure at 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.



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

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