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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

The Baptism of the Lord ♦ January 11, 2026



The Beginning of His Mission

This week, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, a powerful moment that marks the transition from Jesus' private life to his public ministry. As John the Baptist proclaimed at the Jordan River, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). When Jesus emerged from the water and the Spirit descended like a dove, He wasn't just being identified as God's beloved Son; He was identifying with each of us. This feast serves as a beautiful reminder of our own baptismal call—to live as children of the light and to carry the "fire" of the Gospel into our homes, our workplaces, and our community.

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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 12

Monday of the 1st Wk. in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 13

Tuesday of the 1st Wk. in Ordinary Time
6 p.m. Mass:

Carol Trittschuh+ by Joe & Judy Linhart

Wednesday, January 14

Wednesday of the 1st Wk. in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Intentions of Carol Lesko by Norma Lesko

Thursday, January 15

Thursday of the 1st Wk. in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Frieda Hicks+ by Joe & Maggie Groboski

Friday, January 16

Friday of the 1st Wk. in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Johnson+ by Chris & Joe Spanberger

Saturday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

NO MASS

Saturday-Sunday, January 17- January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mary Mennerick+ by Dcn. Michael & Mrs. Suzanne Halbrook

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Father Jeff Holtman by Dave & Debbie Williams

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray for **the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory**

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 web-site 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 have ceased stop celebrating daily Mass on Monday. 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!!

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.

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

We appreciate your support.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congrats to the following people who were winners in our Annual Christmas Raffle, benefitting our parish school! Thanks for your support!

12/4 Tasha Meuren

12/5 Barb Hasty

12/6 Steven Anderson

12/7 Jenny Clements

12/8 Lori Hargrove & Charles Nordester

12/9 Barb Mifflin

12/10 Michael Vivod

12/11 John & Theresa White

12/12 Lesa Ingram

12/13 Jess Dresch

12/14 Tonya Dailey

12/15 Paul Milton

12/16 Mel Murphy

12/17 Jason Matyas

12/18 Keely Woods

12/19 Jeff McRaven

12/20 Deb Thompson

12/21 Tina Hill

12/22 Randy Affolter

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

KNIGHTS CORNER .

As I read the scripture for today, a thought came to my mind.

Try to imagine standing at the Jordan river and witnessing the baptism of Jesus..

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



Disciples & Stewards

Extra Extra!

MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

FOOD · FOOTBALL · FELLOWSHIP

St. Elizabeth Catholic School
Cafeteria

Sunday, January 25

1:30pm

Food, Drinks, Cards, Squares and
FUN!!



stelizabethgc.org

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

\$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: _____

Attn: Loretta
2300 Pontoon Rd, Granite City IL 62040



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



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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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 in
November, 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.

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.

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/SECCa>
Pledge or use QR
Code



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

All donations are tax-deductible, Saint
Elizabeth is a 501(c)3, EIN: 37-0734376

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL PTO AUCTION

A Very Merry 20th Un-Birthday

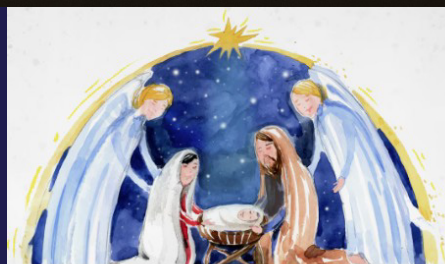
February 28, 2026 at Forever After Banquet and Event Center
4020 Pontoon Road

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$40 EACH

\$50 EACH AFTER 2/13

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



Merry Christmas!

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Baby Bottle Campaign

2026

Pick up a
bottle this
Sunday!

Danielle, Tyler,
London, & Levi

DONATION/ PLEDGE CARD

Please return this card to:

St. Elizabeth Parish
2300 Pontoon Rd.
Granite City, IL 62040





Our Christmas Flowers are in Memory of the Beloved Friends and Family listed below:

Marie Pranaitis
Kathryn Yureck
Dr. A.F. Saugrain
John & Theresa Straubinger
Jim Alsop
Mr. & Mrs. Berto Cerutti
Mr. & Mrs. Tin Ganz
Family of Albert & Maxine Czerniejewski
Weckman Family
Wilbur Family
Soptic Family
Kolenda Family
Lawrence Jaros
David Konoff
Tammy Cope
Mary Pearson
Glenn Gibson
Pat Gibson
Pete Gibson
David Gibson
Tony & Mary Bellue
Inez & Brian Foreman
Danny & Alice Newton
The Rodney Family
Veinot Family
Freni Family
Kathleen Motsegood
Jack Judy
Koliste Family
Gushleff Family
Krizak Family
Milcic Family
Thomas Family
Arnold Family
Baker Family
Nutbahr Family
Swederski Family
Parents of Donna & Lee Jones
Thomas Cronoque, Brother of Donna Jones

Doris McFalls
Joseph & Mildred Dallas
Paul & Margaret Kacera
Thomas & Ann Loftus Family
Eli & Marie Alice Brandibas
Bill Buster
John Gadwell
Lorene Gadwell
Walter & Lee Ziegler
Vivian Broadwater
Edward & Lucy Krawiecki
Eckert & Mildred Mueller
Don Mueller
Sam & Anna Kowalczyk
Ceil Kowalczyk
Matthew Ditttrich
Karen Rotter
Dennis Caffrey
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Kowalski Family
June Hartwick
Leona & Michael Banach
Victoria & Joseph Krystopa
Judy A Modrusic
Trunk Family
Yehling Family
Bob & Abby Rotter
John Kulasza
Goodin Family
Bjorkman Family
Jim Dittman
Poneta Family
Arth Family
Bill Loftus
Mejaski - Loftus Family
Mike & Emily Mejaski
Tom & Anna Loftus
Mary Spaulding
Edna DuFrain
Don & Donna Hasty
Patsy Bohm
Michael Carney
LaVerne Black
Raymond Lake

Randy Smith
AnnaBelle Van Horn
Olivia Schmid
Carole Snider
Byrd Family
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Lou & Neva Jackstadt
Ann Jackstadt-Van Dyke
Richard & Dorothy Kerch
Clark Family
Duffy Family
John & Jamie Kindle
Dick & Dottie Kohl



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

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




SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25th
11:30am - 1:00 pm

SCHOOL FACILITIES:

- Meet our School Staff
- Take a tour around campus
- Meet current students and families
- Light snacks provided by PTO



Contact us at:
(618)877-3300
stelizabethgc.org

Read more about the school & the weekly newsletter at stelizabethgc.org/school

STEWARDSHIP

January 4, 2026	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 27 Regular Income	\$9,478.00		
108 Envelopes, Average \$87.76			
Loose	\$327.00		
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$260.00		
Online Giving	\$1,237.73		
TOTAL	\$11,302.73	\$11,193.00	\$109.73
YTD TOTALS	\$237,350.98	\$302,211.00	(\$64,860.02)

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 \$710.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God \$1,749.00
Special Projects \$375.00

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

COMING 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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 11

HARMONY CAFE!

Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 Mass

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.

Monday, January 12

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, January 13

Daily Mass- 6 p.m.

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

Columbus Home Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

BINGO - 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, January 15

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

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

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

Friday, January 16

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, January 17

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 18

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

Men At Prayer- 9:00 a.m.

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

"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?'" MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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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