

# Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ◆ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ◆ February 8, 2026



## A Community United in Faith

This week, as we celebrate the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we reflect on the vibrant light of Christ shining through our youngest parishioners. Our cover features a special collage of our St. Elizabeth school children as they took an active role in last week's liturgy for Catholic Schools Week. Seeing our students serve as lectors, gift bearers, and choristers reminds us that our school is more than just a place of academic excellence—it is the heartbeat of our parish's future. We are so proud of their devotion and grateful for your continued support in nurturing their spiritual journey.

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” — Matthew 5:16

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since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, February 9**

**Monday of the 5th Wk. In Ordinary Time**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, February 10**

**Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

6 p.m. Mass:

Frieda Hicks+ by Carol Skasick

**Wednesday, February 11**

**Wednesday of the 5th Wk. in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lloyd Cann+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

**Thursday, February 12**

**Thursday of the 5th Wk. in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Bob Varady & Mary

Jane Sitton

**Friday, February 13**

**Friday of the 5th Wk. in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Toni Kokotovich+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

**Saturday, February 14**

**Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop**

8:00 a.m.

**NO MASS**

**Saturday-Sunday, February 14- February 15**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Becky Holder+ by Alan & Christa

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

Theresa Straubinger+ by the Straubinger Family

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 **Rose Krystopa, Bud Charbonnier, Chris Spanberger, Norma Lesko**

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this weekend are in memory of **Carole McGee+** by Jeff & Mary Fischer, Jason & JoAnn Wilson, Michael & Makayla Adams

**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 UPDATE

Congrats to our February winner:  
Howard Shim #33

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 over 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.

### 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 this weekend in the gathering space.

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our most recent Catholic Community Outreach meeting. We will meet on the 4th Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 23 at 6pm in the Harmony Room at St. Elizabeth.

- We will be taking (continued) responsibility for the Good Samaritan dinner on the 4th Wednesday of each month as well as continuing the bags for our homeless citizens and our laundry assistance. Our next GS Dinner is February 25th.

Please share this with like minded folks in our parishes so we can bring new ideas to help strengthen our communities with God's help!

## 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 [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:

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

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.

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,

I would like to ask the men, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

We have a meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 pm.

John 3:16

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

Goal  
\$2.1 Million

\$2,000,000

\$1,750,000

\$1,500,000

\$1,250,000

\$1,000,000

\$750,000

\$400,000

\$250,000

\$100,000



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 \$280,124.03 pledged and collected \$158,482.42 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. We also have a container in the gathering space for spare change or to drop contributions. 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.

### NEW BULLETIN ADVERTISER

Say hello to our newest bulletin advertiser, BLUE COLLAR CONSTRUCTION & ASPHALT SEALING. They are a local business who does roofing, drywall, flooring, siding and much more. See their ad on the back page and call them today!

# 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

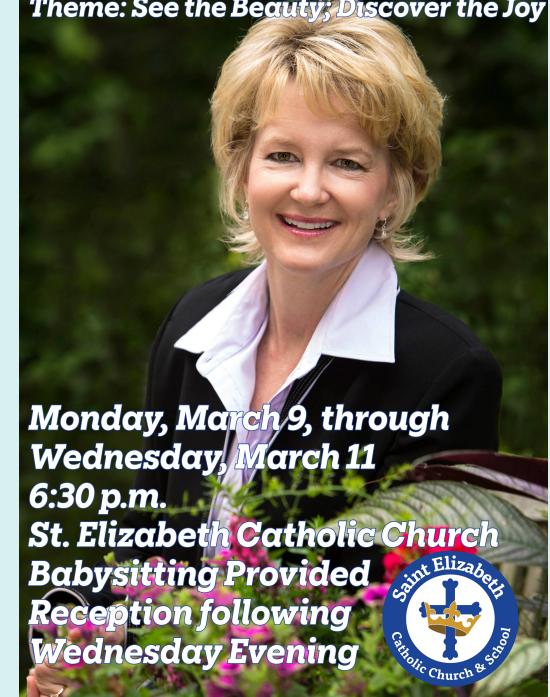
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## 2026 Lenten Mission

**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**



# Disciples & Stewards

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 Moosegan, 618-920-1792 or  
TammiMae58@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 information for consideration

## Next Gathering:

**Sunday, February 15**

(updated date... because...  
football game the original date?)

**6-8 p.m. @ St. Elizabeth**



Special Guest Speakers:  
Joe & Claire Siemer  
Theology & History teacher, accountant,  
MBA, husband & wife, new parents...

## Dating & Marriage Insights for Catholic Teens

**Food + Fun + Fellowship**

**RSVP: StElizabethGC.org/Teens**



# Extra Extra!

## POSTCARDS FROM UGANDA

As most of you know, Father Alfred has been away for a bit on vacation to his home in Uganda. We are hopeful that he has enjoyed his time visiting family and friends and enjoying peaceful time away. Two of our parishioners, Cindy Rongey and Amelia Tapp, joined him recently for a bit. We hope you will enjoy the photos below, featuring their recent visit to the family home of Father Godwin where they shared fellowship and a meal. Safe travels to all three of our missionaries! :-)



# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

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



**Our 7/8th Grade Girls  
Volleyball Team competed in  
the Holy Family Tournament  
this week!**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

February 1, 2026	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 31 Regular Income	\$10,164.00		
112 Envelopes, Average \$90.75			
One Time Donations	\$5,600.00		
Loose	\$497.00		
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$561.00		
Online Giving	\$1,335.53		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,157.53</b>	<b>\$11,193.00</b>	<b>\$6,964.53</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$271,680.90</b>	<b>\$346,983.00</b>	<b>(\$75,302.10)</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:

Fund A Royal/Tuition Assistance \$1,067.00  
Catholic Times \$125.00  
Other Parish Off. \$440.00  
Church in Ltn. America \$525.00

### 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 18 (Ash Wednesday)-Aid to Church in Central/Eastern Europe**

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 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

**Monday, February 9**

NO DAILY MASS

**Tuesday, February 10**

Daily Mass- 6 p.m..

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

Columbus Home Meeting- 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 11**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

BINGO - 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

**Thursday, February 12**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

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

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

**Friday, February 13**

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

**Saturday, February 14**

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

**TURN IN YOUR MOSIAC BABY BOTTLES!!**

Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, February 15**

**TURN IN YOUR MOSIAC BABY BOTTLES!!**

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

Confirmation Retreat - 11:30 a.m. (Harmony)

Young Disciples- 6 p.m. (Harmony)

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

**"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16**

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.



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