

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fifth Sunday of Lent ♦ March 22, 2026



## LAZARUS, COME OUT!

This Sunday, we witness the raising of Lazarus—the definitive “sixth sign” that turns our gaze from the Lenten desert toward the light of the empty tomb. In the Gospel (John 11:1–45), Jesus asks us the same question he asked Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this?” As we enter this final stretch, let the Holy Spirit breathe new life into any weary corners of your heart. Join us as we begin our journey through Holy Week: Palm Sunday: Commemorating Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. The Triduum: Join us for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. May this week be a time of “unbinding”—letting go of what holds us back so we can step into the freedom of God’s children.

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**Strong in Faith  
since 1871**

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, March 23**

**Lenten Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, March 24**

**Lenten Weekday**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Theresa Harding+ by the Winfield Family: Judy, Brian, Mary Beth & Nancy

**Wednesday, March 25**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Joseph Czwornog+ by Ann Czwornog

**Thursday, March 26**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jimmy Johnson+ by Kay Clay

**Friday, March 27**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Nancy Gray+ by Bob Varady & Mary Jane Sitton

**Saturday, March 28**

**Lenten Weekday**

NO MASS

**Saturday-Sunday, March 28- March 29**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

John Konarcik+ by Janice Willaredt

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

Robert Knobloch+ by Kay Clay

10: 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 **the marginalized, the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill persons in our community.**

### ALTAR FLOWERS

There is no flower memorial during the Lenten season. Please contact the office to schedule a memorial!

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

### ADORATION MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church each Thursday from about 9 am until 9 pm. We are currently in need of help to cover the 6pm-7 pm hour. Many of our adorers are older and no longer wish to drive or be out at night. Prayerfully consider some scheduled time before the Lord and call the office for more details.

### 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 are still in need of about SEVEN 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.

### 150 CLUB WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who attended the banquet. We hope you had an enjoyable evening!

Your winners are:

March \$150- #27 Linda Sabol

\$1000- #118 Jason & Lyndsay Cardinal

## AROUND THE AREA

### MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Catholic Charities will be hosting their 25th annual Help On The Move fundraiser on Saturday, April 18, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at Julia's Banquet Center, 101 Eastgate Plaza in East Alton, IL. The evening will include dinner, drinks, DJ music, silent & live auction, activities, and \$10,000 in raffle prizes. This year there will be one \$5,000 winner, one \$2,000 winner, and three \$1,000 winners.

The event will include the presentation of the 2026 Community Service Awards. Dinner tickets are \$60 each. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or buy 2 and get 1 free. Tickets may be purchased on our website <https://cc.dio.org/events/madison-county> or by calling 1.618.462.0634.

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

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

\$500- # 68 Don & Kathy Byrd & #19 Bryan & Joan Hartwick

\$250- #132 Delora (Bootsie) Schrenk

#66 Andy & JoAnn Yurko

#15 Ken & Elizabeth Nussbaumer &

# 38 Kim Hayes

Congratulations! REMEMBER, please turn in your dues by April 1st!

- 150 Club Committee



SCRAP METAL DRIVE

April 11<sup>th</sup>  
7am – noon

Drop your items off at:  
St. Elizabeth's gym parking lot.

Scrap metal is items such as aluminum, steel, copper, and iron that come from everyday items like cans, appliances, wiring, car parts, tools, etc.

Needing someone to pick it up?  
Pickup begins @ 8AM  
Call 618-877-3300 to make arrangements.  
Items must be on main level

Madison County Catholic Charities 2026 Annual Fundraiser

## Help On The Move

Saturday, April 18, 2026 / 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Julia's Banquet Center  
101 Eastgate Plaza / East Alton, IL 62024  
Dinner, Beer, Wine, Music & Activities



Dinner Tickets: \$60 each  
Raffle Tickets: \$25 or  
buy 2 get 1 free

To purchase tickets scan the QR code or visit [ccdio.org](http://ccdio.org).

**\$10,000 IN RAFFLE PRIZES**  
One \$5,000 winner, one \$2,000 winner, and three \$1,000 winners

### KNIGHTS CORNER

This week the scripture is about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

Showing us that anything is possible with God.

Take time to thank him each day.

John 3:16

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki





# Holy Week

## *Holy Week & the Triduum at St. Elizabeth*

### **March 28-29: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

After all Masses: Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Bake Sale

After 10:30 Mass on Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt

Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sunday

**March 30: 'The Last Supper'** - Meal at 6 p.m., Movie at 6:30 in the Harmony Room

## THE HOLY TRIDUUM

The holiest "Day" of the Year: 1 Liturgy over 3 days

### **Thursday, April 2: Holy Thursday**

#### **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m.**

Silent Adoration until Midnight; Night Prayer at 11:45 p.m. After Mass, for Adoration or Night Prayer, enter the doors at the end of the hall nearest the Harmony Room.

### **Friday, April 3: Good Friday**

**Reminder: See "Good Friday Fast" below**

Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m.

#### **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.**

Followed by the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena

### **Saturday, April 4: Holy Saturday**

Blessing of the Easter Foods at 10 a.m. -Church vestibule

Stop by with baskets of Easter foods: Ham, breads, eggs, butter, for a brief blessing of the first foods of the Easter season.

Divine Mercy Novena Day 2 at 3 p.m., Church

#### **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter at 8:00 p.m.**

### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 5:**

#### **Masses: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday**

Divine Mercy Novena Day 3 at 3 p.m. in the Church.

Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7- 8 p.m. in the Church

Sunday Vespers Concludes the Holy Triduum

### **Good Friday Fast Reminder**

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat. Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt. The USCCB stresses that "common sense should prevail" and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

Lent ends at the beginning of the Triduum (Evening Mass on Holy Thursday), but Lenten fasting and personal commitments usually continue until Easter. Papal document *Paschalis Solemnitatis* recommends this in order that we "with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection"



## **SECOND TIME AROUND , By Cindy Rongey**

January 27, I left for my second missionary trip to Uganda. The second time around was different, as anyone would expect, but just as amazing and even more fulfilling. The trip is still long and at times uncomfortable. Driving to Chicago to board a plane that flies ten hours to Istanbul, Turkey. Changing planes in Turkey and then flying to Rwanda for seven hours where we stay on the plane and then fly 45 minutes to Entebbe, Uganda. That is followed by another long car ride to get to our first destination. But then Jesus and the apostles didn't have it easy either!

I was so surprised and amazed to find that without any of "our" money, St Augustine School has purchased a small plot of additional land for building the new school. Parents had joined together to hand dig trenches for foundation for the first building which will be four classrooms and flush toilets. I am so proud of them!!! A meeting with the architect, diocesan representative, surveyor, PTA president, headmaster (principal), newly elected mayor, Father and Amy and me was held on site to determine the new layout of buildings accommodating the larger plot of land. It took about an hour for everyone to come to agreement on the best way to arrange things. An hour!! Can that many people in the USA agree on anything in an hour?? The new plan is for four buildings. Two buildings will each have four classrooms and toilets. One building will have two classrooms, and the fourth building will have the last four classrooms as well as administration buildings. Old classrooms will need to be torn down when the fourth building is built. But by that time, they will be using ten new classrooms.

The immediate contribution we made this time was to paint seven new chalkboards for grades 1-7. One parent and I painted two coats of the black paint in one afternoon and left them to dry and have frames built. Two days later, after we had left the village, they hung the new boards and are already using them.

They also dug a well, bought a pump and a water tank. They now have running water on the school property. That water will be pumped to the new flush toilets in the new school building. I also had received 500 Miraculous Medals from the shrine in Perryville, MO and they were distributed to the students. Some of the students were already wearing them the very next day.

The people of Father's village were welcoming and told me they were glad to have me return. Everyone, and I mean everyone, asked about Dennis and when they might see him again. The children were anxious to touch the two white women and feel that our skin and hair is softer than theirs. Like most young children, they love hugs. I do too!!

I had the opportunity to attend four Masses while in Uganda. Three of them were in the local language. I could understand about three words: Amen, Alleluia, and Jesus Christ. But no matter. In the beauty of our Catholic faith, the Mass is the same order and same words everywhere and I could easily follow along to know when they were praying each prayer. I also had the assurance that Jesus would come into the host and wine, Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity, no matter what I did or didn't understand.

The music at the Masses, even the one in English is in Ugandan traditional style. There is singing and clapping and "dancing." Most of their dancing is swaying to the beat of the music while clapping. Occasionally rehearsed dancers come forward to perform for the Lord. Because dancing is such an integral part of their culture--and not highly sexualized as it is in the west--the Vatican allows for dancing in African Masses. Yes, I clapped and danced along, even though at first it just felt wrong. It is beautiful to see people worshipping the Lord with their whole being.

The greatest honor was bestowed on me with the head master asked me to be godmother to his six months old daughter, Antorine Kiliam. I can't believe they chose me--an old, white woman who lives on the other side of the world-- when they have their entire family and community right there. We had hoped for Fr. Alfred to baptize her while we were there, but as the days passed so quickly, we just couldn't make it happen. So, baptism will take place with a proxy godmother. Please add my new goddaughter to your prayers.

Father Godwin's family hosted us for lunch one day. His mother cooked delicious Tilapia fish and chicken for us and the family. His brother, Leo, hosted us at the table, and they sent us off with fresh fruit and other refreshments for our journey. We assured them that their son/brother is welcome in our parish and loved.

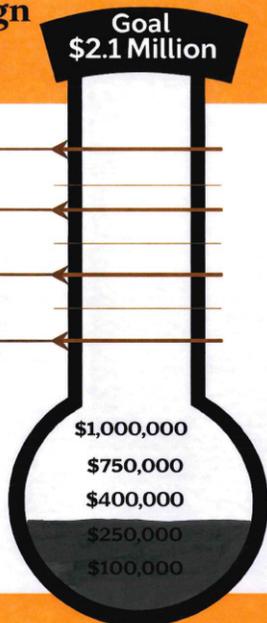
As you might recall when we were in Uganda last year, the pastor's car had recently been stolen. I am happy to tell you that someone has loaned him a car until he can buy one of his own. He asked me to hold a fund raiser when I got back to help him with this purchase. He has a new assistant, Father Albert. Father Albert is young and enthusiastic. He was ordained in 2025. He will begin weekly Masses for the students at the school we are helping. Together the two priests serve the people of 27 churches.

We were also welcomed by the Poor Clare sisters when we stayed in their guest house for one night. They asked about Dennis and his possible future return to Uganda. The sisters had the pump for their well stolen this year and were forced to pay for "city water". Thankfully, a donor replaced the pump for them. Additionally, some of their chickens were stolen by an animal. Security measures have been put in place to stop both thieves from returning.

It is so hard to say good bye and leave when our visit was so short. We kept talking about needing another week. And yet, when I arrived back in Granite City and at St. Elizabeth's I am so glad to be home.

# Capital Campaign

November 15, 2025 –  
November 17, 2028



Strong in Faith, Building for Tomorrow

# Disciples & Stewards

# Extra Extra!

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

FOR MEN, YOUNG MEN, DADS, SONS, UNCLAS, GRANDFATHERS, GRANDSONS & FRIENDS  
Join us for morning prayer and breakfast with guest speaker Brian Barone to follow.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11th**  
7:30 A.M.  
FMCHS COMMONS

GUEST SPEAKER:  
**BRIAN BARONE**  
SIUE MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

\$20 PER PERSON  
REGISTER BY APRIL 1

Sponsored By:  
**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 9266 - Troy, Illinois

SCAN TO REGISTER!

You're invited!

**Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Bake Sale**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

We would be egg-cited to have you buy some of our baked goodies!

After Each Mass

2300 Pontoon Rd.  
Granite City, Illinois

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to all who have pledged or contributed to our Capital Campaign. 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 \$308,531.00 pledged and collected \$194,356.00 in actual donations. We have a long way to go, but we are confident in our parish!

There is an assessment amount 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.

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.

## TWO NEW BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Join with us in welcoming O'BRIEN TIRE & AUTO CARE. Check out their ad on the back beginning this week and consider them as another option for your car care needs. Also welcome FOREVER AFTER BANQUET & EVENT CENTER in Pontoon Beach. They recently hosted our PTO Auction and are a great option for receptions, parties and other events.

## LADIES SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP

Attention, seniors! Please pick up your 2026 application packet for the Ladies Sodality Scholarship, recognizing a student who exemplifies the values and beliefs of the Catholic faith. Packets are available this week in the Parish office and are due on April 30, 2026.

## REISKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications will be available at the Parish Office this week. Any college bound parishioner is eligible who:

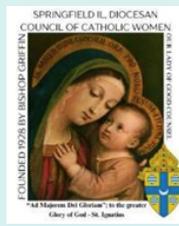
- Graduated from St. Elizabeth School
- Presently is a member of St. Elizabeth Parish
- Is active in the Parish
- Attends Mass EVERY WEEKEND
- Has financial need

Applications are due by Tuesday, March 31, 2026, no later than 4:00 pm. Fr. Alfred and the Selection Committee will then review the applications and present their selection to the Pastoral Council. First time applicants will have preferential consideration and no one applicant will be awarded the scholarship more than two times.

## 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2025 are located in the tubs in the gathering space. Please look for yours and take it with you for tax purposes. If you do not see yours, please contact the parish office.

# Disciples & Stewards



# Extra Extra!



**SPRINGFIELD IN IL DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SDCCW) SCHOLARSHIP**  
 The MISSION of the Springfield in IL Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) is to support and empower all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. The SDCCW is pleased to award a \$2,000 scholarship to four Catholic HS girl graduates from the Springfield Diocese in IL. To apply for one of these scholarships, the following three documents must be received by April 15, 2026.

1. The SDCCW Scholarship Application: Completed-- including your signature and the signature of your pastor.
2. A TYPED ESSAY (two pages maximum) signed by you indicating how you have exemplified Catholic values of leadership, faith and service in your family, parish, school and/or community.
3. A Signed LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from an adult that is familiar with how you have exemplified Catholic values of leadership, faith and service to family, parish, school and/or community.

If you or a family member meets the qualifications please pick up a packet in the gathering space.



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, March 6, 2026  
 Friday, March 13, 2026  
 Friday, March 20, 2026  
 Friday, March 27, 2026  
 Friday, April 3, 2026

*Stations of the Cross*  
 Fridays During Lent  
 3 p.m.

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

**Blessing of Easter Foods – Holy Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m.**  
 One of the most beautiful and ancient customs of the Church is the blessing of the foods that will grace your Easter table. On Holy Saturday morning, we invite you to bring a small basket with a sampling of what your family will enjoy at Easter - your ham, eggs, bread - and even butter, flour, or sugar you'll use in your cooking. As we await the joy of the Resurrection, this simple act of bringing the fruits of our labor to be blessed transforms your Easter meal into a domestic sacramental, a moment where the sacred enters your home and your table becomes an altar. Join us at 10 a.m. on Holy Saturday, April 4, here at St. Elizabeth, and let the Church bless not just your food, but the family life it nourishes.

**TJ'S Pizza Fundraiser**  
 St. Elizabeth School is participating in a TJS pizza fundraiser to benefit the Capital Campaign. Only a few more days remain to order. Visit <https://go.tjsfundraising.io/4010bb/Campaign/Details> to order and earn 40% profit to help improve our school and church campus!

*St. Elizabeth Catholic Church*

# The Last Supper

*Enjoy a meal and then experience the story of the final meal shared by Jesus and his disciples!*

**Sign Up in Gathering Space Or Call the Parish Office**

**Monday, March 30 at 6pm**  
**Harmony Room**

**FREE** *All are welcome!!*

**THE LAST SUPPER**  
 Join us on Monday March 30 in the Harmony Room for a great meal and a movie. See the flier above and sign up in the gathering space!

# ST. ELIZABETH



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

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 22

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

PSR- 9 a.m.

Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 Mass

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

### Monday, March 23

NO DAILY MASS

### Tuesday, March 24

Daily Mass- 6 p.m..

Ladies Sodality Mtg.- 6:30 p.m.

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

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

### Wednesday, March 25

Daily Mass - 8:15 a.m.

BINGO - 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, March 26

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

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

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

### Friday, March 27

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. (Abortion Business)

Daily Mass- 8:15 a.m.

Stations of the Cross - 3 p.m.

Lenten Fish Fry - 4 p.m- 7 p.m.

### Saturday, March 28

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Bake Sale  
(After Mass)

### Sunday, March 29

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

Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Bake Sale  
(After each Mass)

Easter Egg Hunt - Noon

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



Our second & third grade classes enjoyed a field trip to the St. Louis Science Center this week!

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

## STEWARDSHIP

March 15, 2026	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 37 Regular Income	\$5,486.00		
97 Envelopes, Average \$56.56			
Loose	\$415.00		
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$300.00		
Online Giving	\$507.73		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,708.73</b>	<b>\$11,193.00</b>	<b>(\$4,484.27)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$316,563.30</b>	<b>\$414,141.00</b>	<b>(\$97,577.70)</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 Relief Services \$1,153.00

Fund a Royal/Tuition Assistance \$180.00

Easter Flowers \$220.00

BINGO Profit \$12,000.00

### 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.  
February 2026 Tithe: \$3,045.00

### 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 envelopes. Please contact the Parish office if you are currently not receiving envelopes and would like to start using them for all your contributions. **CRS RICE BOWL 4/2 St. Elizabeth Welfare Fund-4/2**

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

**"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40**

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

**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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