

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ♦ March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday
OF THE LORD'S PASSION

And when he entered Jerusalem
the whole city was shaken and
asked, 'Who is this?'

Matthew 21:10

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

As we wave our palm branches today, we join the crowds in Jerusalem crying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Yet, as we listen to the Passion according to Matthew, the tone shifts from triumphant entry to the somber reality of the Cross. Palm Sunday marks our entrance into the holiest week of the year—a time to walk alongside Jesus through his betrayal, suffering, and ultimate sacrifice....leading to the glorious triumph of our Risen Lord. Let us quiet our hearts and enter into these sacred mysteries, remembering that the path of glory is paved with the profound love of the Savior who gave everything for us.

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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30

Monday of Holy Week

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Toni Kokotovich+ by Premo+ & Kay Clay

Wednesday, April 1

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Diane Tyson+ by Clara Bank & Judy Hosna

Thursday, April 2

Thursday of Holy Week

8:15 a.m. Mass: Vickie Haverman+ by

Donald & Kathy Byrd

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Irene Mangi+ by Joyce Tite

Friday, April 3

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

NO MASS

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

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Deceased Members of the Trtanj Family+ by Dr. Albert Trtanj

10: a.m. Mass: Nancy Gray+ by Ed Johnsee

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

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

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.

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
\$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!!

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.

GOT JUNK?

The parish will be having a yard sale to support our Capital Campaign. Donations can be dropped off under the carport at 4264 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach. We will accept EVERYTHING you want to get rid of, except spouses and children.

If you want to help set up the sale come on May 7 between 10AM and 7PM.

Tentative sale dates are May 8 and 9. Clean up is May 9 starting at noon.



April 11th
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 cc.dio.org.

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

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

KNIGHTS CORNER

Greetings,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. I often find myself imagining what it would have been like to experience the Last Supper. Do any of you ever wish you could have been there to witness it?

John 13:34

Peace be with you,

Grand Knight Alan Arakaki



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



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"

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 3, 2026 & ends on the Sunday After Easter, April 12, 2026

The church will be open daily at 3:00 p.m.

Use pamphlets provided in the gathering space to pray this Novena daily.



Feast of Divine Mercy -
The Novena Closing

Saint Elizabeth
Catholic Church
2300 Pontoon Rd,
Granite City
Sunday, April 12, 2026

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Exposition, Holy Hour
& Confessions

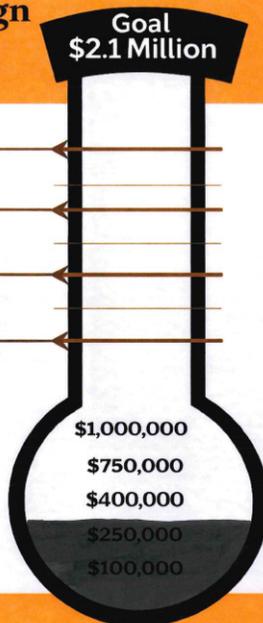
3:00- 3:30 p.m.
Blessing & Veneration
of Image
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction

Refreshments

I desire, Jesus told Sister Faustina, that these nine days you bring souls to the font of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces of these souls. Our Lord speaks: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My unconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the font of My mercy (Eucharist). Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. (Diary 699)

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

SCAN TO REGISTER!

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

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 **\$309,151.00** pledged and collected **\$196,243.00** 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!

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 & Signed
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.

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.

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.



Extra Extra!

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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!

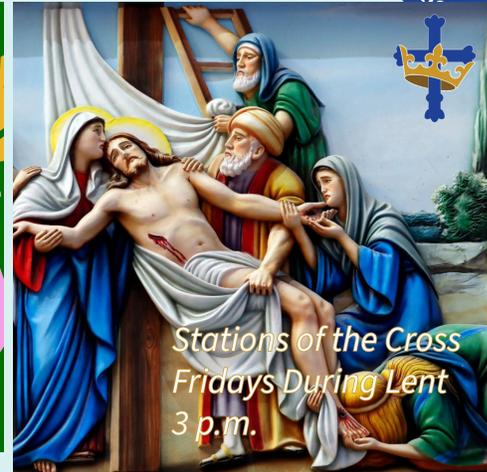


Sign Up in Gathering Space
Or Call the Parish Office

Monday, March 30 at 6pm
Harmony Room

FREE All are welcome!!

Easter EGG HUNT
 HOP ON OVER TO THE GREATEST EASTER EGG HUNT AND FIND YOUR BEST TREASURE!
 March 29th 12 p.m. (after Mass)
 Where? St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
 BIRTH - 5TH GRADE ONLY PLEASE!
FREE
 LET'S ENJOY THE DELIGHTFUL ADVENTURE



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

LADIES SODALITY NEWS

Women's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, March 21st
Special thanks to Paul, Kathy, Donald, Bootsie, Carol, Jackie, Bret and Michael C. Cindy R. used her expertise as a florist to make the flower arrangements. Her hours of work were greatly appreciated. Without your help and dedication to our mission, the breakfast would not have been successful.

Thank you for all the donations for the Women's Prayer Breakfast. The centerpieces turned out beautiful, and the ladies were thrilled they got to take one home for the attendance prize. The time and talent that our parishioners shared to make this a successful event overwhelmed us and thank you is not a big enough word to cover our appreciation.

Thank you to the ladies that made the apple salad on Friday morning and the men and women who worked after the fish fry on Friday night to clean, set up, and decorate so the cafeteria would be ready for the breakfast.

Big kudos go to the men that cooked the breakfast, it was so good and we have had a lot of positive feedback. Thank you to the servers, the men of our church along with the young men from Father McGivney Catholic and Granite City High Schools. The service was impeccable. Due to all the help from so many, St. Elizabeth Parish, was able to put our fellowship and love of Christ in a very positive light for the women of the deanery to see. We appreciate all the support we receive from our parish.

The winners for the drawings were:

- Quilt: Francis Rossi
- Religious Purses: Cindy Rongey, Barb Shambro, Rose Wascher, Christine Hobbs



- Pitcher and Glasses: Paula Thouvenot
- Flower Swag: Missing Name
- Soup Tureen and Basket: MaryAnn Munie



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!

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS, SATURDAY, APRIL 4 @ 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!



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

The holy season of Lent calls us to conversion of heart through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As the Lord says, *“Return to me with your whole heart”* (Joel 2:12). As we continue our Lenten journey, we are mindful of our obligation to care for those in need. CRS Rice Bowl offers a practical way to encounter Christ in those who suffer from hunger and poverty. Our Lord teaches us, *“For I was hungry and you gave me food”* (Matthew 25:35).

Strengthened by the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, we are called to share what we have, recognizing that all is a gift from God. Families, parishes, and schools can continue to participate in CRS Rice Bowl through prayer, simple meals, and almsgiving during these remaining days of Lent. The special offertory for CRS Rice Bowl will take place on Holy Thursday, April 2.

Notably, 25% of all CRS Rice Bowl contributions remain within our diocese to support local food pantries and programs that feed the hungry, carrying out this corporal work of mercy in a direct and concrete way.

Resources and additional information are available at crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org.

Thank you for your faithful observance of Lent. May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving draw us closer to Christ and strengthen us in charity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Cuaresma, 2026

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

La santa temporada de Cuaresma nos llama a la conversión del corazón mediante la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. Como dice el Señor: “Vuelvan a mí de todo corazón” (Joel 2:12).

A medida que continuamos nuestro camino cuaresmal, somos conscientes de nuestra obligación de cuidar a los necesitados. CRS Rice Bowl ofrece una manera práctica de encontrar a Cristo en aquellos que sufren hambre y pobreza. Nuestro Señor nos enseña: “Porque tuve hambre y me dieron de comer” (Mateo 25:35).

Fortalecidos por la Eucaristía, el Pan de Vida, estamos llamados a compartir lo que tenemos, reconociendo que todo es un regalo de Dios. Las familias, parroquias y escuelas pueden seguir participando en CRS Rice Bowl a través de la oración, comidas sencillas y limosna durante estos días restantes de Cuaresma. La ofrenda especial para CRS Rice Bowl se realizará el Jueves Santo, 2 de abril.

Cabe destacar que el 25% de todas las contribuciones de CRS Rice Bowl permanecen dentro de nuestra diócesis para apoyar despensas locales y programas que alimentan a los hambrientos, llevando a cabo esta obra corporal de misericordia de manera directa y concreta.

Los recursos e información adicional están disponibles en crsricebowl.org o crsplatodearroz.org.

Gracias por su fiel observancia de la Cuaresma. Que nuestra oración, ayuno y limosna nos acerquen más a Cristo y nos fortalezcan en la caridad.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Thomas John Paprocki
Obispo de Springfield en Illinois



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we look forward to this year's liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, through which the Lord draws us more fully into the mystery of His death and resurrection, I am writing to ask your financial support for two special collection opportunities to be taken in all our parishes during these coming days - the Holy Land Collection and the Seminarian Collection. These collections will be taken up correspondingly during the Good Friday service, and then the Easter Vigil Liturgy and Easter Sunday Masses.

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The Holy Land Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides information and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your promotion of this important collection is essential.

The Seminarian Collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have 12 seminarians. You can take a personal role in their formation with a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

With best wishes and prayers for a blessed Holy Week and Easter, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Marzo, 2026

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Mientras esperamos con ansias las celebraciones litúrgicas de la Semana Santa de este año, a través de las cuales el Señor nos sumerge más plenamente en el misterio de su muerte y resurrección, les escribo para pedirles su apoyo financiero para que se tomen dos oportunidades especiales de colecta en todas nuestras parroquias durante estos próximos días: la Colecta de Tierra Santa y la Colecta de Seminaristas. Estas colectas se retomarán en consecuencia durante el servicio del Viernes Santo, y luego la liturgia de la Vigilia Pascual y las misas del Domingo de Pascua.

Cada año, el Santo Padre pide a todas las parroquias católicas del mundo que hagan una colecta el Viernes Santo para mantener la presencia cristiana en Tierra Santa. Este año, la ayuda es más necesaria que nunca. La Colección Tierra Santa apoya el trabajo de los franciscanos en los santuarios sagrados, atiende a las parroquias, proporciona información y educación en las comunidades y escuelas, y se ocupa de las necesidades básicas de las personas en Tierra Santa. En un momento tan difícil, en el que debemos reconstruir no solo edificios sino tantas vidas rotas, la promoción de esta importante colección es esencial.

La Colecta de Seminaristas ayudará a nuestra diócesis a educar y formar a los futuros sacerdotes. Nuestra diócesis ha sido bendecida con un número cada vez mayor de jóvenes que generosamente han dicho sí al llamado de Dios. Ahora tenemos 12 seminaristas. Puedes asumir un papel personal en su formación con un generoso regalo en la colección especial de Pascua.

Con mis mejores deseos y oraciones para una bendita Semana Santa y Pascua, permanezco

Sinceramente tuyo en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Thomas John Paprocki
Obispo de Springfield en Illinois

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 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

Monday, March 30

NO DAILY MASS

THE LAST SUPPER - 6:00 p.m. (Harmony)

Tuesday, March 31

Daily Mass - 6 p.m..

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

Wednesday, April 1

Daily Mass - 8:15 a.m.

BINGO - 7 p.m. (Columbus Home)

Thursday, April 2

HOLY TRIDUUM BEGINS

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper- 6 p.m.

Silent Adoration until Midnight

Night Prayer @ 11:45 (Harmony Room)

Friday, April 3

GOOD FRIDAY - NO MASS

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

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3 :00 p.m.

Beginning of Divine Mercy Novena

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

Saturday, April 4

Pray @ Abortion Business - 9 a.m.

Blessing of the Easter Foods - 10 a.m.

Divine Mercy Novena Day 2- 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
Mass -8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

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

Divine Mercy Novena Day 3 - 3 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m

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STEWARDSHIP

March 22, 2026	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 38 Regular Income	\$4,470.00		
93 Envelopes, Average \$48.06			
Loose	\$355.25		
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$35.00		
Online Giving	\$1,017.24		
TOTAL	\$5,877.49	\$11,193.00	(\$5,315.51)
YTD TOTALS	\$322,505.79	\$425,334.00	(\$102,828.21)

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 \$210.00

Flowers \$150.00

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**

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"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events; they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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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