

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fifth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 18, 2025



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Finance Council: Scott Jones  
School Board: Adam Meyenburg  
Parent/Teacher Org.: Mary Grinstead  
Ladies Sodality: Christine Domagalski  
Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson  
Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik  
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames  
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

**Strong in Faith  
since 1871**

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, May 19**

**Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Tuesday, May 20**

**Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

6 p.m. Mass:

Baby Jamie Polling Baxter+ by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbrook

**Wednesday, May 21**

**Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Polach+ by Andy & JoAnn Yurko

**Thursday, May 22**

**Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Mulnik+ by Sister Barbara Mulnik

**Friday, May 23**

**Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Rick & Carol French+ by Bill, Karen & Jeff Schwierjohn

**Saturday, May 24**

**Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, May 24-25**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass:

Ed Szczepanik+ by Larry & Sue Ruder

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Victoria Alegre+ by Lenie Alegre

## 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14 Day Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to remind us to pray **for all Mothers, especially for those who have lost a child.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are provided through our Easter flower memorials.

Mass offerings are available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle / Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Flowers (\$50). Contact the parish office.

**Be with Jesus**

**Adoration**

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

**Holy Hour**

Sundays 7-8 pm



May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May:

#### For working conditions:

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

### This Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21: 1-5a; Jn 13: 31-33a,34-35

Paul and Barnabas visit the early Christian communities, encouraging them to persevere in faith and appointing elders to lead them. John shares a vision of the new Jerusalem prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. In the Gospel, after Judas has left, Jesus tells his friends that all will know they are his disciples if they love one another as he has loved them. That is his new commandment.

### Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Rev 21:10-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29

In the first reading, the Apostles send a letter to Antioch explaining which practices [with regard to the Mosaic law] are necessary for Gentiles who have come to believe in the Gospel. In the second reading, John describes his vision of the new Jerusalem, which shines with Christ's eternal light. Jesus, in the Gospel, foretells the coming of the Advocate. The Holy Spirit, Jesus tells his disciples, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 5/24- Rev. David Peters 5/28- Rev. Scott Snider

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 5/14- Rev. Vincent Nagler Rev. Theodore Bruener Rev. Augusting Sauer Msgr. Michael Owen Driscoll 5/16 Rev. A.J. Wolf Msgr. James J. Haggerty 5/17- Rev. Hugh Brody, Jr. Rev. Francis Lucius Deacon Michael (Kim)Scott 5/19- Rev. Bernard Claus Rev. Francis Derwin 5/20- Rev. Paul Skelton



## PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Nolan Yehling- USAF, Whiteman AFB; Brandon Weidner- US Coast Guard, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; Kody Presswood- Staff Sergeant, US Space Force, Colorado Springs, CO; Nick Glasgow- USMC, CA

## FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

June 2024 to May 2025

Paula G. Koliste

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Mens Club

Gene Cassy

Jim Deder

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Binney Family

Kim Edgar

Chad Sigite

Jim & Lisa Fensterman

Charles Dickey

Louise Harrison

Kenneth R. Jaimet

Ann Fabisher

Carol McGee

Karen Romeri

Ed Lyndsey

Czwornog & Ostrenga Families

Richard A. Willaredt

Lisa Dellamano

Rosalie Boyd

Jim Dittman

Pawlak & Sertich Families

Kierski Family

John & Theresa Straubinger

Carl Williams

Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Michael & Leona Bonach

Nancy Gray

Karen Winters- Weiland

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

Bill Loftus

Jim Alsop & Family

Dortch Family

Jones Family

Glen Hommert

Inez & Brian Foreman

Tony & Mary Bellue

Jesse & Loraine Gonterman

Lesko & Danheiser Families

Harbin & Jones Families

Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr.

Delores Brinker

Brinker & Soboleski Families

Pattie Jackson

Ida Gragg

Robert & Lorraine Joshua

Lee & Connie Hayes Family

Votoupal/Bursisk Family

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

**Hospitality:** To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;

**Prayer:** To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer;

**Formation:** To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and

**Service:** To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### LADIES SODALITY POTLUCK

Mark your calendar for the Ladies Sodality Pot Luck Dinner on Tuesday, May 27. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for food, fun and fellowship! We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Harmony Café after Mass. We will have a short meeting followed by games and food. Hope to see you there! Contact Christine Domagalski at 618-304-2575.

### PRAY THE LIVING ROSARY

Please consider joining with your fellow parishioners to pray a living rosary during the month of May. Below is the list of dates and times we will pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary: May 18, 10 a.m. Front Courtyard; May 24, 4 p.m., Front Courtyard.

### PICNIC CAKE BOOTH RAFFLE

Just a reminder for cake and bakery donations for the picnic's cake raffle booth. Cakes and other bakery items can be dropped off in the cafeteria beginning noon on Friday, June 6th through Sunday June 8th. Please contact Christine Domagalski at 618-304-2575 or Mary Riggs at 618-542-7855d

### PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS

We are currently looking for parking lot attendants to work on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the picnic weekend. Four (4) individuals on each day for 4-hour shifts or more. These are paid hours each day. A smart way to make picnic spending money. Please call Paul Hellrich with your scheduling interest @ (618)-407-3011 or email: phhellrich@yahoo.com

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 18

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

7-8 p.m. - Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

### Monday, May 19

PreK Graduation

### Tuesday, May 20

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Meeting (Columbus Home)

### Wednesday, May 21

6 p.m. - Spanish Mass Org. Meeting (Harmony)

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach (PLC)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, May 22

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration; Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

8th Grade Graduation Mass

### Friday, May 23

### Saturday, May 24

10 a.m. - Ordination Mass (Cathedral of Immaculate Conception)

### Sunday, May 25

7-8 p.m. - Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

## AROUND THE AREA

### A TASTE OF MEXICO FUNDRAISER

Holy Family Community Center, 2600 Washington Ave. 3-7 p.m., THIS Saturday, May 17. \$15 a plate. Hard & soft shell tacos, tamales, enchiladas, mole, rice & beans.

### ORDINATION - MAY 24

Come to the Ordination of Deacons Ryan Kehoe & Charlie Delano to the priesthood on Saturday, May 24 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral in Springfield. Deacon Kehoe ministered here at St. Elizabeth a couple of years ago as a seminarian. Join us at the Ordination of these 2 new priests for our diocese!

### MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRIVIA

Save the date - July 19, 2025, 7-11 p.m., Jerseyville KC Hall, 307 N. State Str., Jerseyville, IL.

### FATHER'S DAY CHOCOLATES FROM A BEACON OF LIGHT

Celebrate the dads in your life and support families in need this Father's Day with A Beacon of Light Pregnancy Resource Center. Order some homemade chocolate treats, featuring chocolate tools and chocolate covered Oreos! A Beacon of Light Pregnancy Help Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Please note that chocolates are not being sold for profit. Instead we offer you a thank you gift when you donate the specified amount. \$15 suggested donation per "Toolbox". Boxes include: 3 Chocolate Covered Oreos & a 6-Piece Chocolate Toolset in a decorative box. We'll also include you in a thank you in our next newsletter. Call our office at 618-855-9774, or submitting an "In Honor of" donation form by Friday, June 6: <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministry-sync/event/website/home/?e=30074>

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Praise God for the gift of our new pope. We pray for him and all the clergy that they can all help us be better disciples of Christ. If you have any questions or concerns about our council, call me at 618-789-0337. Yours in Christ, Tom. Columbus home Queen of Hearts raffle is at \$2,000+ Queen of Hearts drawing is every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Entries stop at 7 p.m. Grand prize is a minimum of \$1,800. Help support local charities. Drawing is in the lounge at the Columbus Home. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, 618-789-0337



## This Week on **FORMED**



### **The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima**

In 1917, three children in Fatima, Portugal, saw the Blessed Mother, shared her message, and witnessed the miracle of the sun dancing in the sky. Their faith inspired the world. Experience this miracle in this great film the entire family will enjoy.

*Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on any device.*

*Go to [signup.FORMED.org](http://signup.FORMED.org) and select our parish name.*

### **Mercy Minute**

"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary, 687).



## **ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL**

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



For the past three years, St. Elizabeth School students in grades 3 through 6 are invited to participate in the Optimist Poster Contest, and the St. Elizabeth eighth graders are invited to submit essays for the Optimist Essay Contest.

The theme of this year's poster contest was "Exercise For Life: Be Healthier". Prizes were divided into two age categories: grades 3 – 4 and grades 5 – 6. There were no entries in the 3rd – 4th division. In the 5 - 6 division, Rachel Williams earned first place. Josephine Dimitroff was awarded second, and Maxwell Grinstead received third.

To enter the Optimist Poster Contest, eighth graders needed to write an essay between 700 and 800 words on the topic "How Optimism Paved My Road to Success". Isabel Stabinsky earned first place and Charles Grinstead was awarded second.

### **GRANITE CITY OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - APRIL**

Amelia M. and Elijah C. were selected as the Granite City Optimist April Students of the Month. Elijah and Amelia are members of Mrs. Laura Ratchford's seventh-grade class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.

Amelia is 12 years old and is the daughter of Harry and Melissa. Literature class is her favorite subject because of the interesting books her teacher selects for the class to read. Amelia thinks the book, *House Arrest*, has been the best book so far. After school, Amelia spends time outside riding her bike and watching videos on her phone. She also keeps busy playing hockey as a member of the girls' Blues Team. When asked who she would like to meet from the past 500 years of history, Amelia picked Abraham Lincoln. She thinks that it would be intriguing to talk to him because he was a good person who liked to use his sense of humor to make a point and win arguments. Amelia's dream job would be as a veterinarian who cares for people's pets.

Twelve-year-old Elijah is the son of Michelle C. American History is Elijah's favorite subject. He likes to focus on the periods of time containing the American Revolution and the Civil War because each of these wars were fought for good reasons. When not in school, Elijah relaxes with a snack and a good show on Netflix. He also takes classes in Tae Kwon Do. Elijah picks King George III as the famous person he would like to meet. George the Third was the King of England during the American Revolution. Elijah would ask the King why he demanded colonial Americans pay outrageous taxes, angering them and leading to war. After high school, Elijah would like to attend a good university and study to be a geologist.

### **GRANITE CITY OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - MAY**

Ellie L. and Jackson D. were selected as the Granite City Optimist May Students of the Month. Jackson and Ellie are members of Mrs. Valerie Kohl's eighth-grade class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.

Ellie is the daughter of Whitney. Literature is her best subject because she enjoys the books her teacher picks for the class. So far, the book, *The Outsiders*, has been her favorite. When the school day is over, Ellie's mind turns to sports. During the school year, she plays volleyball for the St. Elizabeth Royals. During the summer, she competes in freestyle and breaststroke events for the Paddler's Pirates Swim Team. Next year, Ellie will attend Granite City High School and says that talking to new people and making friends will be her greatest challenges. After high school, Ellie would like to enroll in a university with a good law program and then have a career in some aspect of that field.

Jackson is the son of John and Katie Dimitroff. Jackson picks science as his best subject and chemistry as his favorite science topic. Participating in sports and being a member of Scout Troop 46 keep him busy outside of school hours. He plays third base of the St. Elizabeth Royals baseball team, specializes in shot put, discus throwing, and cross country for the Royals track team, and is a member of both the Royals volleyball team and basketball team. He is working hard with Troop 46 to earn his Eagle Scout rank. Jackson will be going to Marquette Catholic High School next year and scored in the top ten percent of those taking the Marquette entrance exam. He says his biggest challenge will be dealing with all of the homework that comes with being in high school. Jackson's career choice after high school involves attending a university to study becoming a chemist.

**LAST WEEK! FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS, MAY '25 to APRIL '26**

The First Friday Memorial is a special offering made by parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish, which lists your intentions for deceased loved ones in our bulletin, and these listed names are then remembered monthly at Mass each First Friday throughout the entire year. The Memorial names are printed each week in our Sunday Bulletin. A yearly donation of \$60.00 is requested for these intentions to be listed.

This donation allows the names to be printed constantly in our bulletin, in the exact same way other bulletin ads are funded, and all the funds go to offset the cost of printing our bulletin. This is not a donation for a Mass intention since the money does not, and by Canon Law cannot, go into the Mass stipend account, as taking any money for large, so-called "collective intentions" (where multiple names are listed for the Mass intention) is explicitly forbidden. Father is happy to remember these names collectively once a month at Mass with no stipend involved. Your donation is a publishing/printing fee, ultimately paid to our printer in Godfrey, Illinois.

You are encouraged to attend this weekday Mass. You may list your intentions as one individual name: Mary Jones, or you may list family groupings: The Jones Family. You may NOT submit a litany of individual names or multiple families, as space will not permit. If you wish to continue having your past intentions remembered at these Masses, you will be asked to renew your donation each year. Please fill out this form below and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible with the requested donation.

Feel free to call the Parish Office at 877-3300 during business hours. We will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding those who are remembered each First Friday. Please clearly mark your envelope or the memo line on the check - First Friday Memorials and return by May 19, 2025.

**APPLICATION FOR FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL NAME**

**CONTACT INFO (PHONE/EMAIL)**

**INTENTION**





## PICNIC NEWS - JUNE 6-7-8

Hello Parishioners!! It is that time again for our annual parish picnic, and we are planning to make it come together.

Please don't forget about set-up and tear-down the picnic. If you can't work at the weekend for some reason or another, we can surely use a lot of help the entire week before and on Sunday night after the picnic has ended. We will start on Saturday May 31st at 7:00am setting up the Fish Tank and moving supplies to the school breezeway from the picnic barn. Then we will be working all week from 6:00am to 3:00pm. Monday and Tuesday are our biggest workload days of the week. Please try to help on those 2 days or all if possible. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers on those days. Believe it or not but what goes up.....must come down and we need all volunteers to be available for teardown on Sunday night starting immediately after the picnic ends at 7:00pm. Please consider helping when and wherever you can. Thank you in advance.

Our Music line up for this year is exciting and ready to put on a variety of music genres!

- Friday night we will have yacht rock music with "The Yacht Rockers Band" featuring Captain Joseph and the crew!
- Saturday afternoon we will have "Voices" featuring Dennis Gillam formerly GTO.
- Saturday night will be "Rea's Creek Band" featuring Scott & Mechelle with all local band members from Granite City.
- Sunday afternoon will be "Sweetie and The Toothaches," featuring Sweetie (Emilie) and her 7- or 8-piece swing band!

We will be having dinners on all 3 days again.

- Friday - BBQ Pork Steak featuring our impressive cooking ladies of our parish!
- Saturday - Cabbage Rolls (Pigs in the Blanket) featuring the family recipe from the Ruesing family!
- Sunday - AYCE Fried Chicken featuring our St. Elizabeth Famous recipe from famous Chef's Jim and Lesa.

\*Come out and plan to have one of your favorite meals or all three! Carry outs available. \*

We would like to welcome our newest Chairpersons that have answered God's call for Stewardship with our parish picnic.

Mike and Amy Hanfelder (school parents) have become our new Margarita/Daquiri Booth chairpersons for 2025. Please welcome them and support their booth with your talent and schedule hours in their booth. Welcome Mike and Amy!!

Alberto and Evangelina Rios (school Parents) as Co-Chairs to our Mexican Food Booth for 2025. They have been working and helping Rosa Luna for years already. This is a high gross profit booth for our picnic, please consider supporting them in this booth, especially at their peak times in the evenings. Welcome Alberto and Evangelina!

We also will have "free shuttle service" again this year for those of you needing assistance getting to and from your vehicles parked in our designated handicapped parking areas. Chauffer's fire up your smiles and Laughter.

I would like to personally "Thanks" all our returning chairpersons for answering the call, your continued support and commitment to our annual 3-day parish fundraiser. You are an asset to our parish family.

We are still in search of chairpersons for the picnic, please consider helping and getting involved. These are the areas in which we need help. Dennis & Julie Wilmsmeyer will be stepping down from the Funnel Cake Booth after this year. We are looking for a new chairperson to shadow and take over this booth for Picnic 2026. Please consider helping Dennis and Julie with this booth this year and step into this stewardship for the good of our parish. Co-chairperson to help Paul Hellrich with the Parking Lot. This is a vital part for our visiting patrons to leave their vehicles in an organized parking lot, reducing liability damage to vehicles and patrons.

Please send an email to [tcdomo@charter.net](mailto:tcdomo@charter.net) to let me know your interest. I would love to hear from you.

Picnic Chairperson, Tim Domagalski

Picnic Committee Harmony Cafe

The Picnic Committee sponsored our May 3rd and 4th Harmony Café. WOW, what a turnout! We served over 150 parishioners and friends' food, fun and fellowship over all 3 masses. Thank you for stopping by and supporting our picnic committee once again. We also sold weekend-ride bracelets, signed up volunteers on Sign-up Genius and had several chairpersons working at the table signing up volunteers for their booths as well. It was a successful two days of recruiting volunteers for our picnic. I want to personally "Thank" all the chairpersons, longtime picnic volunteers, and spouses that helped cook, serve, and cleanup for all 3 Harmony Café gatherings. Everyone who attended Harmony Café got to enter the drawing for a chance to win 1 of 4 prizes, a ride bracelet or some picnic tickets.

The drawing winners were.....

- Ride Bracelet.....Joan Hartwick
- Ride Bracelet.....Joyce Alexander
- \$25 Tickets.....Mary Stanfill
- \$15 Tickets.....Isaac Rios

Congratulations to the winners! Please pick up your certificate at the Parish Office.

**PICNIC SIGN UPS: [stelizabethgc.org/picnic](https://stelizabethgc.org/picnic)**

# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship May 11, 2025

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 44 Regular Income	\$4,295.00		
89 Envelopes, Average \$48.26			
Easter Offering	\$150.00		
2 Envelopes, Average \$50.00			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$255.00		
Loose	\$568.82		
One-Time Donations			
Online Giving	\$733.23		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,002.05</b>	<b>\$9,673.00</b>	<b>(\$3,670.95)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$406,995.01</b>	<b>\$435,285.00</b>	<b>(\$28,289.99)</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:

Tuition Assistance	\$105.00
Special Projects	\$30.00
BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00

### Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithes to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.  
**April tithes: \$4,339.00**

### UPCOMING SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTION

May 25: Catholic Communication Campaign (6th Sunday of Easter) – The essential mission of the CCC is contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. 50% of this collection is sent to the national office and 50% is retained in the diocese for use in local communication projects. From the national office portion, grants are made following recommendations by the USSCB Communications Committee.

**USING GENERIC DONATION ENVELOPES** When using a generic donation envelope, please use your complete name, address and Envelope #, if known. Due to multiple parishioners with the same last name, posting contributions becomes more difficult and could result in donations being posted to the wrong parishioner's account. Thank you for your help!

**NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS** Please consider making your donation through Pushpay online giving. Your donation through Pushpay will help your dollar go further with our parish in comparison to giving by check or our previous online giving platform. The donations are additionally more secure than check giving and easier for administrative team processing of your giving statements at the end of the year.

**Step One:** Please select one of the following links to set up either a one-time gift or a recurring gift using Pushpay: One-Time Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabetchgranitecity>  
Recurring Entry: <https://pushpay.com/g/stelizabetchgranitecity?r=monthly> (After you set up your recurring gift, you will be prompted to complete the setup of your new account)

**Step Two:** Cancel scheduled gifts in Give Central  
If you are currently not giving on-line and would like to make the transition, please take the above steps to start the online giving process. Thank you!

If you have questions or need help, please see Bret or Jackie in the parish office.

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit" - Acts 13:52**

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

**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.



## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you can also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

**Infant & Child Baptism:** For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at [stelizabethgc.org/baptism](http://stelizabethgc.org/baptism) at least a month before your desired date. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office.

**Matrimony:** To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact the parish office to set up initial appointments and preparation at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

**Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults:** Contact the parish office.

## PASTORAL CARE

**Entering the Church:** If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

**Communion to the Homebound:** If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

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