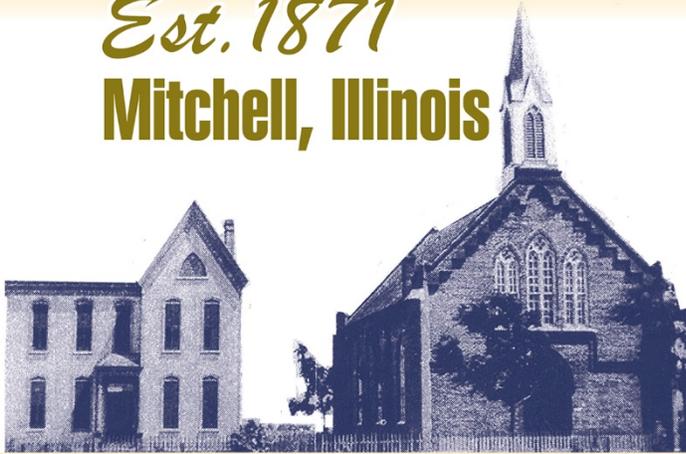


"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock." - Matthew 7:24

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4:30 p.m. (for Sunday Obligation)
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WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

We Invite You to Join Us Often!

July is dedicated to Christ's Most Sacred Blood

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July:

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Parish Directory

PHONE: (618) 877-3300

Mass & Confession Times:	1
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See bulletin cover for additional info.

After selecting Office or School there are additional menus.

Organizational Leadership

Finance Council	Charlotte Charbonnier
School Board	Denise Stout
Parent/Teacher Org.	Michele Stabinsky
Ladies Sodality	Pam Ames
Holy Name Men's Club	Rob Hutson
Men at Prayer	Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners	Pam Ames
Athletic Director	Dustin Brewer
Maintenance Team	Bud Charbonnier



Exposition of the Holy Eucharist with Vespers (Evening Prayer) & Benediction

Join us for Exposition & Adoration with Benediction & Vespers, 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. Come and spend an hour with the Lord to end your weekend and start your week.

Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
& Sundays 7 - 8:00 p.m. (with Vespers)**

"Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."
Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Cast all your anxieties upon the Lord who cares for you.

**Jesus wants to spend time with you
on Thursdays from 3-4 p.m**

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, July 19 (Weekday) – NO MASS

Tuesday, July 20 (Weekday)

8:15 a.m. - Dale Fletcher by Darlene Fletcher

Wednesday, July 21 (Weekday)

8:15 a.m. – Helen Klenkler by Anna Czwornog

Thursday, July 22 (Saint Mary Magdalene)

8:15 a.m. – Mary Konarcik by Janice Willaredt

Friday, July 23 (Weekday)

8:15 a.m. – Tom Carly by Jim Bohn

Saturday, July 24 (Weekday)

8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

Sunday, July 25 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:30 p.m. (Sat) - Letitia Rodney by Alice Newton

8:00 a.m. – Eugene Mensah by the Mensah Family

(8:00 a.m. Mass will be live streamed)

10:30 a.m – Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

Sunday's Mass Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6. Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6. Ephesians 2:13-18. Mark 6:30-34.

Hard Work Requires Rest. After all the traveling light last week to do ministry, Jesus tries to take the apostles away for some rest. But the people see them go, discover where they are headed, and get there first. Oh, my! So, Jesus ministers to them by teaching many things. After we work hard at mercy works, sometimes we can rest. Sometimes not.

- ◆ How can I find some rest from work in the quiet place of prayer?
- ◆ How can my restful prayer strengthen me to do more?
- ◆ What will I do next?

Divine Mercy Minutes

from the Diary of St. Faustina

"I know that I am under Your special gaze, O Lord, I do not examine with fear Your plans regarding me; my task is to accept everything from Your hand. I do not fear anything, although the storm is raging, and frightful bolts strike all around me, and I then feel quite alone. Yet, my heard senses You, and my trust grows, and I see all Your omnipotence which upholds me." (Diary, 761)



In Memoriam

THE 14 DAY CANDLE will be burning in memory of **George Friedel**

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS - It is NOT too late to sign up or renew your First Friday Memorial Intentions. These names are remembered monthly at Mass on each First Friday through the year. A yearly donation of \$60 is requested for these listed intentions. Please pick up a new form at the Parish Office or call & we will be happy to mail one.

From our Pastor's Desk

Father Alfred Tumwesigye

Brothers and sisters in faith, grace and peace to you. In the year 2000, in the month of April, I traveled about 7 hours by bus from Mbarara (Uganda) to Kigali (Rwanda) to visit a seminarian friend Mupenzi Alfred, who had grown up in a refugee camp in Uganda, and now after the Rwandan War (1990 to 1994), his family had returned to Rwanda. Rwanda, officially the Republic of Rwanda, is a landlocked country in the Great Rift Valley, where the African Great Lakes region and East Africa converge. Located a few degrees south of the Equator, Rwanda is bordered by Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Rwanda, known for its breathtaking scenery, often referred to as the land of a thousand hills, has the best scenic sites as you travel by road that coils through the foot of a thousand hills.

My visit to this beautiful country, was just six years after Rwandan Genocide in 1994. There was so much reconstruction going on and the people who had suffered great devastation were still pulling each other up and trying to make sense of what the country had gone through. In the villages I visited, you could see dilapidated buildings, and the remnants of the war, who were like sheep without a shepherd. The survivors I talked to narrated how they scrambled in all directions to save their lives during the war. They were lucky they made it, as many perished during the Ninety days of Genocide. Many families were dispersed like sheep without a shepherd. Now the returnees and remnants had a task to rebuild the country. During the two weeks of my visit, my heart was filled with pity as I listened. In a mysterious way, I was reliving the compassion of Christ for the miserable crowd that pursued him.

If you have watched the gripping movie, "Hotel Rwanda", based on the Rwandan genocide, which occurred during the spring of 1994, you have a slight understanding of what I am saying. The film documents Rusesabagina's efforts to save the lives of his family and more than 1,000 other refugees by providing them with shelter in the besieged Hôtel des Mille Collines. In this movie, the chaotic scenes and the footage of the atrocious genocide brought about by the Hutus against the Tutsis evoke the biblical scenarios of "the sheep without a shepherd". If you watch the movie, you cannot help but be moved to pity. The message that is portrayed in the movie, is about the benevolent and kind-hearted Paul Rusesabagina, the hero of the "Hotel Rwanda", who played the part of a true "shepherd" sent by God on behalf of the troubled and miserable people of Rwanda.

In every generation and every country, we have had the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of the Lord. They kill the sheep, mislead the remnants, scatter, and drive the sheep away. That is why we still have people who are not cared for in some families, institutions, and more especially those in refugee centers are traumatized and scared even to return to their homelands. The Lord wants to care, to gather, bring back, increase, and multiply the remnants of his flock. He says: **"I will gather the remnant of my flock and appoint shepherd for them."** (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

This Word of God offers us a good background for the Gospel episode regarding Jesus' care and concern for "the sheep without a shepherd". In our society today, there are chaotic situations, like those during the time of Jeremiah that we read about in the first reading today, or what the Lord Jesus is confronting in the Gospel this weekend. Jesus is faced with a crowd of people who hunger for the bread of the Word. His reaction upon seeing the multitude pursuing the Good Shepherd is that: **"His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them with many things"** (Mark 6:34).

My dear sisters and brothers, as Christians, we have a tremendous responsibility to promote unity within us and to bring healing to our wounded society and our deeply afflicted world. God calls us to incarnate in our lives the pastoral mission of Jesus. Our loving God the Father entrusts us with the ministry to shepherd his flock and to "restore all things in Christ", by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the grace to learn and do like our Good Shepherd did. Let us pray that we may be the true shepherds according to Jesus' own heart. Let us pray that the end to the false shepherds (those rulers) who are responsible for the scattering of the people in exile would be conversion, so that they can quickly turn to provide hope for those exiled children of God on this beautiful planet. May we all be like the benevolent and kind-hearted Paul Rusesabagina, the hero of the "Hotel Rwanda" even if it means putting our own lives at stake, as we nourish the brethren of God's entire flock with "the bread of truth".

Together with Christ's Mission,

Fr. Alfred Tumwesigye

Parish & School Events

Sunday, July 18-

Before and after mass- In person pictorial directory signup
7:00 p.m.- Exposition and Holy Hour with Vespers

Monday, July 19-

Tuesday, July 20-

2:00 p.m.- Rosary at the Fatima Shrine in Calvary Cemetery

Wednesday, July 21 -

11:30 a.m. - Senior Luncheon, Harmony Room

7:00 p.m. - BINGO

Thursday, July 22-

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.- Adoration

3-4 p.m. - Lectio Divina (PLC Library)

6-8 p.m. - Learning in the Library (fellowship 6-7, talk 7-8)

Friday, July 23-

Saturday, July 24-

Before and after mass- In person pictorial directory signup

Sunday, July 25-

World Day for Grandparents

Before and after mass- In person pictorial directory signup

6:30-8 p.m. - GC Rock (St. Elizabeth, PLC Library)

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

Prayers for our Military

Prayer for Military Members and Their Families

Almighty and Eternal God, protect the members of our Armed Services as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Antonio Chacon-Mendoza, IL; Lee Brown, Fort Hood, TX; Raymond Chant, Jr., Afghanistan; Arron Gray, Colorado; Pvt. Damien Mendoza, Ft. Benning, GA; James Schillinger, San Diego; Britney Stieglitz, Oujonbou, South Korea; Brandon Weidner, Mobile, AL; Dylan Niles, Lackland AFB, TX; Nolan Yehling, Whiteman AFB, Mo; Justin Niles, JBER AFB, AK; Kody Presswood, Italy; Michael Snyder, Camp Lincoln, Springfield, IL

Prayers for our Clergy

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays in July- July 15- Fr. Robert Spriggs & Fr. Benjamin Unachukwu, OMF July 22- Fr. Seth Brown & Msgr. Michael Kuse July 24- Fr. Robert Barko, OFM July 31- Fr. Donald Blaeser, OFM

One of the things that I'm enjoying getting "used to" as a newly-ordained deacon is being able to bless persons or objects in the name of the Church. Bishops, priests, and deacons are able to offer such blessings of varying types and degrees. "The more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more is its administration reserved to the ordained ministry." (Catechism, par. 1669) A couple of weeks ago when Father Alfred asked my third-oldest son Joseph what he enjoyed the most about now having his dad also be a deacon, Joseph's response was: "Now he can make holy water for us at home!" Joseph has been waiting *years* for that to be the case. Thanks be to God!

Blessings are called "sacramentals" because they prepare us to receive the grace of the sacraments and help us to grow to be more like Christ. They consist of prayer, Scripture, and sometimes a special ritual sign (Catechism, par. 1668-1670).

There are many blessings that the church offers for various moments and things in life. Those at Sunday Vespers a few weeks ago were able to see me bless some of my new liturgical vestments. Father Iggy blessed our vehicles at the church the Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend, and I blessed our family van AND the family (Blessing of Travelers) before we left on our family vacation road trip last week.

There are beautiful blessings for families and members of families, of an engaged couple, for expectant parents, for parents and/or a mother before childbirth, for parents after a miscarriage, for parents of an adopted child, on the occasion of a birthday, and of elderly people confined to their homes. There are also blessings for the sick, those suffering addiction, victims of crime or oppression. There are blessings for students and teachers, and for pilgrims or travelers.

There is a blessing for a new building site (we had our pastor at the time bless our lot before we started building our new home, and we also followed the tradition of burying blessed St. Benedict medals in the corners of the lot and embedding them in the corners of the foundation). There are also blessings for a home, for an office, shop, or factory, for a gym or field for athletics.

My boys love that there is a blessing for boats and fishing gear, for tools or other equipment for work, for animals, for fields and flocks, for seeds at planting time, for thanksgiving, for athletic events, for a library. There's even a blessing for bacon! There are also blessings for all kinds of objects and moments within the liturgical life of the church, and for objects used in private prayer and devotion.

The wellspring of grace offered with God's blessing through the ministry of the church is deep, and priests and deacons appreciate the opportunity to be gracious in extending it. If you have the need for a blessing, please call Father Alfred or me. It is a great honor and privilege to be able to share blessings with you in special moments and for special things in life.

Other blessings can be prayed by anyone who has been baptized, "in virtue of the universal priesthood, a dignity they possess because of their baptism and confirmation" (Book of Blessings, no. 18). You can find a good assortment of these contained in the book [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](#). The blessings given by laypersons are exercised because of their special office, such as parents on behalf of their children.

"Like the Lord into whom they have been baptized, parents should bless and pray for their children. Each one of us should remember the sick and those who suffer. Each time we gather around the family table, we should bless God and the food he has given us. On special occasions, we will observe the traditions of the season, sanctifying by prayer and blessing all the seasons of grace that God has given to us." (USCCB)

Yours in Christ the Servant, Deacon Michael

Learning in the Library

Learning in the Library is back! Join us now on THURSDAY nights. [Sign up at stelizabethgc.org/events](http://stelizabethgc.org/events).

6-7 p.m.: Fellowship & snacks (optional)

7-8 p.m.: Learning from a guest speaker

July 22: Who was St. Joseph? (Michael Halbrook)

July 29: Evidence for God (Amy Guenther)

Parish School of Religion (1st-3rd)

It's time to sign up for PSR for this coming school & Sacramental year! If you have or know of a child in 1st-3rd grades who isn't attending a Catholic school, please encourage them to register. More information & registration info is at stelizabethgc.org/psr.

Young Disciples (4th-8th Graders)

Young Disciples Society is for ALL youth in 4th-8th grades – Catholic school AND public school. Sign up to meet other youth your age, and to learn & have fun together this year. More information is at stelizabethgc.org/young-disciples.

Journey into the Church - RCIA

Invite a friend or family member! Learn more about what we believe as Catholics, what it means to be a Catholic, or what the process of entering the church looks like. Contact Deacon Michael: mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org or 618-877-3300 x1005.

Rerouting

Chris Spanberger & Peggy Law are leading a small group through *Rerouting*, a short, small group study over 5-6 weeks. It's on **Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the PLC Library, starting August 4**. For more information, contact the parish office. Many faithful today feel lost, like they either lost their map, or have just a piece. This study helps you come face to face with Christ as the Church has proclaimed Him. If you're ready to align yourself with God's Positioning System (GPS), this group is for you.

Lectio Divina Prayer & Study Group

Join Seminarian Ryan and other parishioners in a new Lectio Divina Scriptural prayer & study group on Thursdays from 3-4 in the Parish Life Center Library. Bring Your Own Bible! Call the parish office or email Deacon Michael for more information.

GC Rock Youth Group

Sun. July 18: No gathering

July 25: Gathering at St. Elizabeth, 6:30-8pm

August 1: Gathering at Holy Family, 6:30-8pm

August 8 & 15: No gatherings.

SATURDAY, August 21: 4pm Mass together at Holy Family/ followed by Back to School Spaghetti Dinner! **NO GATHERING ON SUNDAY**

Keep Saturday, October 9, 2021 OPEN for Diocesan Life Mass/ Luncheon

October 9-10: NET MINISTRIES HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT! *Rocks and Parents*, please join us at Vespers/Adoration for 1 hour 7-8pm on Sunday evenings at St. Elizabeth when we do not have a Gathering. Watch our FB Group (GC Rock Youth Group) or GroupMe for any changes or additions that may come up. Questions? Rita 972-4022, Woody 876-7551, or Dawn 709-3565

Totus Tuus Summers for Catholic Youth

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with and participated in Totus Tuus this past week. We're grateful for the experience of Totus Tuus in our community, and the graces it offered our youth.

Pride of our School

St. Elizabeth School Registration: For information regarding St. Elizabeth School registration call (618) 877-3300 ext. 2000.

St. Elizabeth School Mission Statement: St. Elizabeth School is a Catholic center of education, as service to the parish and the community at large. The mission of St. Elizabeth School is to provide an environment which will foster Catholic moral values and academic excellence. The school, working together with family, faculty, and parish community, strives to open new avenues of learning, stimulate critical and creative thinking, stress personal values and promote an awareness of our uniqueness in God's redemptive plan. As an instrument of the Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth School focuses its education on growth in Christian living and service.

St. Elizabeth School Non-Discrimination Policy: St. Elizabeth Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. St. Elizabeth Grade School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin or disability in administration of policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs and athletic and school administered programs. All students entering St. Elizabeth Grade School must be admitted by the Principal who determines if St. Elizabeth can sufficiently meet a child's needs. Special financial hardship requests must be made directly to the Pastor for approval.

Title IX: St. Elizabeth School adheres to the tenets of Title IX: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in , be denied the benefits or, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Parish News

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY- Thank you to everyone that has signed up so far! If you have not, please don't wait til its too late!! Our church is doing a new pictorial directory! We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our directory will be complete. ***IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!*** You will have a professional photography session, schedule a ZOOM meeting (or a phone call) to see your proofs on computer and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits for family and friends.

Volunteers will be in the gathering space before and after each Mass for in person photo date scheduling.

You may visit the parish website or Facebook page and find the link to schedule your photo date OR call the parish office during the week and let us sign you up.

Photo dates will be **August 10-14, 27 and 28**. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today!

TWIGS TRIVIA- Call or Text 618-789-0337 to reserve your table at trivia night for TWIGS July 17 at Columbus Home gymnasium (Knights of Columbus) Doors open at 6:30 p.m., trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. \$160 for a table of 8. 50/50, Mulligans and more! See you there!

JULY SENIOR LUNCHEON- Please join us on Wednesday, July 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Harmony Room. Our special guest speaker this month will be *Pontoon Beach Mayor Mike Pagano*. Menu is Tom's Tacos (beans, meat or both) salad and dessert. Cost is \$8 and can be paid at the event. Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 877-3300 by Tuesday, July 20.

NEW PARISH COMMUNITY 10% TITHE - Starting July 1, the Diocese is replacing the Annual Catholic Services Appeal goal (ACSA) with the Parish Community Tithe or PCT. The PCT reduces the previous ACSA calculation of 11.5% to the Biblical standard of 10% and provides greater transparency among parishes in the Diocese. There will be no goal. On a monthly basis, 10% of parish revenue will be sent directly to the Diocese.

The Church did not create the concept of tithing. Tithing is God's own idea and God's concept of giving. The first reference comes from the book of Genesis, where Abram returned victorious from battle. After receiving a blessing from Melchizedek, "Abram gave him a tenth of everything" (Genesis 14:20). While we should give freely without expecting anything in return, Scripture does contain God's written guarantee of rewards for those who tithe, as we read in the Book of Malachi: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10).

We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your weekly contributions by the amount you would have donated to our Annual Catholic Services Appeal, and maybe even a little more, since we will be tithed 10% on any additional contribution.

If you have not been giving, please consider using your monthly envelopes, or sign up for online giving through Give Central. Consider tithing but give what you can. If you are not receiving monthly envelopes, and would like to start, or if you would like more information on how to sign up for on-line giving thru Give Central, please contact the Parish office.

Thank you for your generous stewardship! May God continue to bless you and St. Elizabeth Parish.

LADIES SODALITY TURKEY DINNER AND BAZAAR-

Will be held on Sunday, October 24th. We are in need of a chair(s) for the General Store. Please let Tammi M. know as soon as possible if you or a group are able to take this booth on. Also, the basket booth chairs, Tammi, Nanette and Kathy are starting to put baskets together. If you have baskets or items please place them in the box by the choir room or drop off at the church office. Food items should have a December expiration date or later. Please call one of the chairpersons for assistance. Thank you for your support.

Tammi M. 920-1792, Nanette B. 444-3688. Kathy B. 954-8290

BULLETIN SPONSORS- This week we would like to thank **GCS Credit Union. 618-797-7993** Several local locations for all of you banking needs.

4:40 FOR SEMINARIANS- Six months ago, the diocese launched a campaign called 4:40 for 40 Seminarians. We invited the entire diocese to pray a Hail Mary every day at 4:40 so that, with the help of Mary, we can have 40 men answer the call to be a seminarian for our diocese. If you have been faithfully praying every day, thank you! If you are just hearing about this, we invite you to jump on board. PRAY BIG!

Follow Jesus. Follow His Church.

Follow St. Elizabeth on the socials
for updates & inspirational content:



Our Financial Stewardship

July 11, 2021			
	Over/ Actual	Goal	(Short)
Week 2 Regular Income	\$ 5439.00		
98 Envelopes	(Average Gift \$55.50)		
Loose	294.00		
On-Line Giving	580.00		
TOTAL	\$ 6,313.00	\$ 8,606.00	(\$ 2,293.00)
YTD Totals	\$ 19,060.00	\$ 17,212.00	\$ 1,848.00

Weekly and YTD Goals were calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and is what is required to break even.

OTHER GIFTS

Tuition Assistance	27.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	148.00
Special Projects	127.00
Mission & Ministry	3.00
Other Parish Offerings Not Specified	27.00
Funeral Stipend	100.00
Votive Offering	134.90

*Please Continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.
Remember that this is FREE money for our school and parish!*

Scrip Progress

Week Ending 07/11/2021			
	Walmart	National	Total Sales
		Did Not Balance	
Year to Date:			
	Walmart	National	Total Sales to Date
	\$36,175.00	\$43,975.00	\$82,150.00
APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE			\$3,714.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES			(\$ 288.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE			\$3,426.00

Parish Tithing Goal

Parish goal for tithing to our Springfield Diocese
2020-21:

Goal	\$46,166.00
Pledged	(\$22,220.00)
KC Donations	20,000.00
Parishioner Support	22,265.00
Balance Due	\$ 3,901.00

75+ of 553 Families Pledged
Average Pledge - \$252.53

Upcoming Special Collections

Respect Life

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT – Pope Francis says, "God is always waiting for you." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. To find information about the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat August 13-15 go to: www.dio.org/plasm/projectrachel, call 217-217-698-4456, or email projectrachel@dio.org. Scholarships are available.

PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS-

July 28-August 5 Mass begins at 7:30 p.m. "With Mary Giving Thanks to God" Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, prayers, scripture reflection and praying the rosary. For more information, call 618-394-6276 snows.org/novena

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN REFLECTIONS ON THE BOOK OF RUTH-

Sunday, August 8, 2-4 p.m.

Presenters: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, Ph.D. Time and again in the Hebrew Scriptures, the passing of God's covenant promises from one generation to the next appears to be in jeopardy or to be carried on outside the accepted norms of the Chosen People. A similar crisis is the setting for the book of Ruth. Join us for an interfaith discussion of this intriguing Old Testament story.

Cost: \$20. For more information, call 618-394-6281

Register online at <https://snows.org/reflections-on-the-book-of-ruth/>

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