



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



FEBRUARY 14, 2021



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

FROM THE PASTOR...

February 14, 2021

The staff and a few volunteers have been doing some telephone wellness checks for our parishioners 80 years old and over. So far it has been fruitful to connect with people that might feel isolated or lonely and to offer them some temporal or spiritual support. One couple planned an Anointing of the Sick and Confession, others have updated personal information for our records, some ask for prayers or just want to talk. We could use some more volunteers, so if you are willing to help and keep our seniors or homebound connected please contact the rectory and we'll give you a short list of names and some talking points. If you need some inspiration... **"Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me says the Lord."**

In case you hadn't noticed, the Queen of Hearts Raffle has come to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Tickets can be purchased Monday thru Friday at the rectory, after Mass on Sundays or at the various establishments we've partnered with in the neighborhood (see the school website for more details). Just so you know, this fundraiser goes directly to support the operation of the school and is something we are really budgeting on to be a success. I know in the long run we will want to support ourselves through good stewardship and not gambling, but for now, I ask you to support the raffle, and good luck!

It's hard to believe, but Lent is almost upon us, Ash Wednesday is this week. Lent is the time to follow Christ in the desert, to do penance for our sins, and to ultimately become the best versions of ourselves. So, as the great Matthew Kelly would say: "Don't give up chocolate for Lent!" He goes on to say our lives change when our habits change. So rather than simply seeing Lent as a time when we give up something like chocolate, let's see it as a transforming time when we can become the disciples that Christ is calling us to be.

The Lord says through the prophet Joel **"return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God."** Our goal then is not to have a superficial Lent of rending our garments, but to have our hearts broken open so that the Lord's grace can help us to take the next step down the path of holiness. We want the Lord to rouse us from our lukewarm and apathetic lives of faith to a more meaningful and intentional discipleship.

To that end the Church gives us powerful words to mediate on when we receive our ashes; **"remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."** There is perhaps nothing that focuses us more on what's really important than thinking about our own death and then judgment. Being reminded of our own death reminds us of the purpose of our lives, to be the saints the Lord is calling us to be. Thinking about our own mortality humbles us and keeps us down to earth.

Jesus also says: **"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father."** He says we're not supposed to perform good deeds **"to win the praise of others."** We are supposed to do good deeds, but not with the intention of winning human praise but rather, to win the praise of our Heavenly Father. The key here is that we have the right intention, not that we shouldn't do good deeds that happen to be seen by people.

We are told this a few verses earlier in this Gospel where Jesus tells us **"your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."** So, the good deeds of faith and love that we do, whatever they might be, are meant to be done because they are God's will and we do them as followers of Christ.

So friends, as we prepare to join Christ in praying, fasting and almsgiving....we do so not seeking the praise of other people, but the praise of our Heavenly Father, and our Heavenly Father who knows our hearts and our deeds, will repay us.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Mike





In today's Gospel, Jesus was moved with pity and touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.



ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 17

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Prayer service at 4:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required for all.

(There will be a livestreamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

This Mass is a school only Mass.)

The Ash Wednesday collection will be designated entirely for our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help support the good work they do in serving the poor of our community.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent - 6:30 p.m. (English) and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

You will need to sign in at the door and to sit in a designated section of the church.



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to Saturday afternoon between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available each Monday of Lent between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

*“The confessional
is not a
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the Lord's Mercy
MOTIVATES US
to do better.”*

— POPE FRANCIS



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	
July 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021	
Year-to-date budget	\$260,750
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Ordinarily, Singing is the Proper Thing to Do



Last week we covered how the Mass can be sung (and should be, to the best of our ability, particularly on the highest solemnities). This is important for understanding why the music of the Mass is governed by the Church. The music of the Mass, as I said in the 2nd installment of this series, accompanies the prayers of the Mass. There is not a point at which we “insert a song here”. The function of the music itself in a Liturgy is to elevate the text of the prayer being said. (As an aside, yes, there are allowances for sacred instrumental music at certain points, but those are in addition to circumstances which are beyond our current focus).

The texts of the Mass are classified as one of two kinds. The Ordinary of the Mass are those texts which stay the same from one Mass to another. The Kyrie and Gloria are great examples of the Ordinary - they are always the same. On the other hand, there are the Propers of the Mass. These are texts that change from Mass to Mass. Examples of Propers include the Scripture Readings, Responsorial Psalm, and Communion Antiphon. An easy way to remember the distinction is as follows: the texts that are proper to this specific Mass, and not to any other, are the Propers. The texts that are always the same are ordered to be so - they are the Ordinary. Next week we will talk about the first Proper of the Mass, the Entrance Antiphon. You will also have an opportunity to hear it, so make sure you are listening for it at the beginning of Mass!

With Lent starting this Wednesday, the Church provides some specific musical guidance. Lent is a penitential season, a back to the basics, if you will. Our lives reflect this through the increased focus on prayer, almsgiving, and sacrifice. The sanctuary reflects this with a more barren decor - no flowers during Lent. The musical accompaniment of the Mass likewise reflects the penitential nature of the season.

The Gloria is omitted and the Alleluia is replaced with a Psalm Refrain or with just a verse alone (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 53, 62). The playing of musical instruments as solos is not permitted - except on Laetare Sunday (Musica Sacra 60). Finally, the organ [or piano] is to only be used to support congregational singing (Roman Missal, Lent rubric 4). During the Lenten season, our musical accompaniments will be more bare to reflect the season and we will be refraining from playing prelude music. I realize this may not be as energetic as many of us may like, or be used to, but it is a great way to unify our prayer expressions. Let's allow the simplicity and silence of the season to help us focus in a new and special way on the Lord.

St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity...Pray for us!

--Mark Wozniczka, Music Director (mwozniczka@archchicago.org)



40 DAYS OF LENT

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Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



WE ARE CALLED

Join our parish — and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the table in the vestibule.

During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

The parish office and parish school will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.



GREETERS NEEDED

Greeters are the people who check you in at the door when you come to Sunday Mass. They also sanitize hands at Communion and dismiss people from their pews at the end of Mass. We need additional help at all of our weekend Masses.

We also need more people who are willing to assist at funerals. At funerals, the greeters sign in people at the door, distribute hand sanitizer at Communion time and sanitize the pews after Mass. More times than not, funerals are on Saturday mornings, but they take place on weekday mornings as well.

During Lent we also would like help at Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

If you can volunteer please call the parish office at: (773) 763-8228.

Why not consider this to be a good Lenten activity!



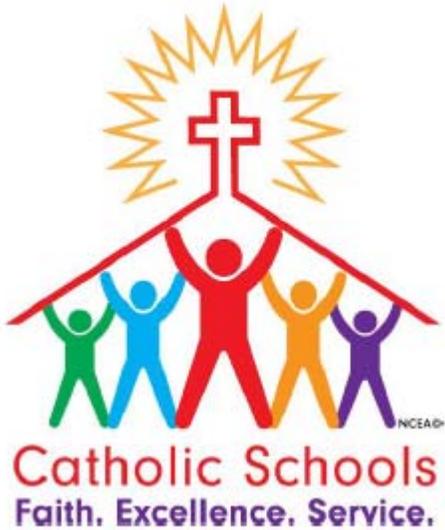
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(Call the rectory office
to have your name added to the list)



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During the last week in January, schools across the country celebrated Catholic Schools Week. This is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, and this was the 47th year! Each day, students not only celebrated their Catholic education, but also those who made it possible, such as their parents, staff, and clergy. And of course, we celebrated our students, with an hourly dance party, a pizza lunch (individually boxed of course) and an all-school bingo! We ended the week with our families speaking at Mass and an Open House for prospective families last Sunday.



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RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
VIRTUAL CLASSES

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH
IN-PERSON CLASSES

Lent Pray Fast Give

As hard as it is to believe, Lent begins on Wednesday this week. Oftentimes, people think of Lent as a time to give up chocolate, TV, candy, etc. and while fasting is one way to live out Lent, there are also two other important aspects to keep in mind.

The Big Three

Prayer is essential for our soul and Lent can be a time to form new prayer habits and spend more time with our Lord.

Fasting, purposely saying "No" to things, can be difficult, but it helps us to see that God is the only one who can truly fill us with happiness.

Almsgiving is the giving of something important to those in need. Most of us think this refers to just material items like food, clothing or money, but it also means giving to those who are in need spiritually by spending time with them either in person, over the phone or through the mail.

Each day during Lent, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will be sharing family friendly ways to live out The Big Three and help us all make room for the Holy Spirit to grow and work in our hearts this Lent. Be sure to follow St. Elizabeth of the Trinity's social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Ash Wednesday

All RE families are cordially invited to attend the 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass on February 17th. At the conclusion of Mass, there will be a special blessing for families. Sign-up for the Ash Wednesday Mass on the parish website or by calling the parish office at 773-763-8228.

Program Update

Thank you to everyone who responded to the poll regarding the switch to twice a month in-person classes. The Leadership Team of the parish took the results of the poll into consideration and decided that the RE classes will continue to meet once a month in-person and once a month virtually. Thank you for your input!



A Papal Encyclical - On Fraternity and Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti) – Part I

On October 4, 2020 Pope Francis signed the above-named Encyclical at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi, in Assisi, Italy. Much of the inspiration for what the Pope wrote was motivated by St. Francis and by several encounters the Pope has had with Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch, and the Grand Iman Ahmad Al-Tayeb of Cairo, Egypt.

One definition of an encyclical is simply an official letter a pope uses for teaching purposes.

I would like to print excerpts of this document throughout Lent. I think that there are many worthy ideas for us to reflect on and to act on. Doing spiritual reading is certainly one of the prominent aspects of Lent. I'd like to suggest that you use these excerpts as a starting point. The entire Encyclical can be found online.

Jim Madura

18. Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, “persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, ‘not yet useful’ – like the unborn, or ‘no longer needed’ – like the elderly. We have grown indifferent to all kinds of wastefulness, starting with the waste of food, which is deplorable in the extreme”.

19. A decline in the birthrate, which leads to the aging of the population, together with the relegation of the elderly to a sad and lonely existence, is a subtle way of stating that it is all about us, that our individual concerns are the only thing that matters. In this way, “what is thrown away are not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves”. We have seen what happened with the elderly in certain places in our world as a result of the coronavirus. They did not have to die that way. Yet something similar had long been occurring during heat waves and in other situations: older people found themselves cruelly abandoned. We fail to realize that, by isolating the elderly and leaving them in the care of others without the closeness and concern of family members, we disfigure and impoverish the family itself. We also end up depriving young people of a necessary connection to their roots and a wisdom that the young cannot achieve on their own.

22. It frequently becomes clear that, in practice, human rights are not equal for all. Respect for those rights “is the preliminary condition for a country’s social and economic development. When the dignity of the human person is respected, and his or her rights recognized and guaranteed, creativity and interdependence thrive, and the creativity of the human personality is released through actions that further the common good”. Yet, “by closely observing our contemporary societies, we see numerous contradictions that lead us to wonder whether the equal dignity of all human beings, solemnly proclaimed seventy years ago, is truly recognized, respected, protected and promoted in every situation. In today’s world, many forms of injustice persist, fed by reductive anthropological visions and by a profit-based economic model that does not hesitate to exploit, discard and even kill human beings. While one part of humanity lives in opulence, another part sees its own dignity denied, scorned or trampled upon, and its fundamental rights discarded or violated”. What does this tell us about the equality of rights grounded in innate human dignity?

30. In today’s world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia. What reigns instead is a cool, comfortable and globalized indifference, born of deep disillusionment concealed behind a deceptive illusion: thinking that we are all-powerful, while failing to realize that we are all in the same boat. This illusion, unmindful of the great fraternal values, leads to “a sort of cynicism. For that is the temptation we face if we go down the road of disenchantment and disappointment... Isolation and withdrawal into one’s own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal. Rather, it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter. Isolation, no; closeness, yes. Culture clash, no; culture of encounter, yes”.



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

5:00 PM— Don Love Jr., Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski Cashman, Ramualdo Carballo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

7:30 AM— Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Alice Kern, Anna, Estelle, Joseph & Walter Dyjak, Jo & Ed Sanborn, Alice Kern
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Marty Fulara, Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Harry Polcyn, Geraldine Pfister
 11:00 AM— Joseph Dziedzic, Ely Tablante (thanksgiving)
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

8:30 AM— deceased members of the D’Souza & Gonsalves families, Richard Picur

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

8:30 AM— Eleanor, Joseph, Samuel & Grace Holden
 11:00 - 2:00 PM - Adoration with Benediction at 1:50

FEBRUARY 17, 2021—Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM — Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk, Carmen Rosario Castro, Kathy Harrity
 10:00 AM — (livestreamed only)
 4:00 PM— Prayer Service
 7:00 PM —for our parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

8:30 AM— Pauline Haas

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

8:30 AM— Rose & Bill Trunk

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

8:30 AM— Kenny Micek
 3:30 - 4:30—CONFESSIO
 5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski Cashman, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Electo Infante, Mary Marek

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

7:30 AM— Alice Kern, for those in nursing homes
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Gloria Putman, Geraldine Pfister
 11:00 AM— Patrick Collins
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

Presider Schedule - February 20 & 21

5:00 pm — Fr. Ouda
 7:30 am — Fr. Ouda
 9:00 am — Fr. Grisolano
 11:00 am — Fr. Grisolano
 (Spanish) 1:00 pm - Fr. Ouda

DISPENSATION

Cardinal Cupich has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Mass until further notice.



REST IN PEACE

**Kathy Ryjewski Cashman
 Jan Kalinowski
 Edward O’Malley
 Kenny Micek
 Gerri Axium**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine’s Day
 Monday: Presidents’ Day
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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— POPE FRANCIS



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SERVICES

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
(English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday : 8:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Benediction at 1:50 p.m.)

Rectory Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 5:00

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements:
gbzdon@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information: kadriscoll@archchicago.org

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Steve Wagner through the rectory to make arrangements.

High School Youth Group: Mr. Mike Wuich HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

*"It seems to me that I have found my
heaven on earth,
because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."*

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity