



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



3rd Sunday OF LENT

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” -Jn 2:14-15a

FROM THE PASTOR...

March 7, 2021

This past week we had mornings of retreat for our confirmation candidates from the school and RE programs. Please pray for them, their sponsors, and parents, that they may all be open to the grace of the Holy Spirit working in their lives and through this sacrament. We have a total of thirty candidates who will be confirmed by me on March 18th. The Mass is reserved only for the confirmands and their guests due to Covid restrictions. May they all grow as Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ.

You may notice this weekend that the tabernacle in church is different. It's from the old convent chapel across the street and it's only temporary! We have the original tabernacle out for restoration. There are also two old chalices and the ciborium from the tabernacle out for restoration. These sacred vessels are sterling silver, but with gold plating that has mostly worn off. They are beautiful, but need livening up. The Lord deserves our best! We are to love Jesus in the poor, in each other and certainly in the Blessed Sacrament.

Here is what is being planned for the tabernacle: It will be completely disassembled and all mechanicals will be checked and repaired, if needed. All exterior pieces will then be chemically dipped to remove any oxidation and lacquer. The pieces will be polished in a combination of high polish and satin finish. They will then be spray lacquered and oven baked for superior durability. Finally, everything will be reassembled, and a new silk interior will be installed. The whole process will take about two months.

In the last week, just from verbal announcements at daily and two Sunday Masses, we've raised about \$1,800, which is enough for the two chalices and ciborium. The tabernacle will cost about \$6,300, so if you would like to contribute, you can make a one-time donation on Faith Direct, noting that it is for the tabernacle, or you can donate with a check or cash as well, noting the same. With the focus on buildings, operations etc... it is good for us to remember the Lord Himself and the way we honor and worship Him.

There are no real updates about Fr. McCarthy's Archdiocesan internal investigation. He is safe and doing relatively well. Please continue to pray for him and his accuser. There are no process updates that I am aware of, so he's still waiting for news, as we all are.

"Zeal for your house will consume me." This week's Gospel from St. John describes Jesus cleansing the temple of the money changers. The animal sacrificial system at the Temple of Jerusalem was something God had ordained (for a time), but like any good thing, it could be abused. Christ reveals that the Temple was His Father's house, a house of prayer, not a marketplace. This cleansing is necessary for us to consider.

The church is primarily the house of God, a place of prayer where Jesus is present in the Holy Eucharist and we get to pray together in the Sacred Liturgy. Of course, we need money to run the whole parish/school operation, which we receive through donations, fundraising, tuition etc... But the point of the Church, and the parish as a whole, is that we become disciples of Christ, a people of prayer, such that our own souls become the dwelling place of the Holy Trinity.

May this Lent be a time for us to make our hearts and souls a fit dwelling for our Heavenly Father to be with us. Can we let Jesus drive out the secondary elements of our lives for the one thing necessary?

God Bless,

Fr. Mike



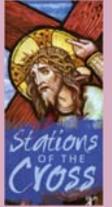


In today's Gospel Jesus is asked: "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a neighborhood family you know who needs assistance? Please contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

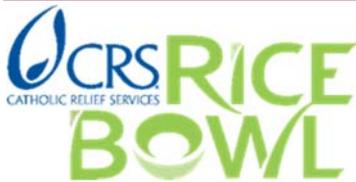
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.,
the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available each Monday of Lent between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

If you did not get a Rice Bowl box (and included envelope), you may find more on the table in the vestibule.

TABERNACLE RESTORATION FUND

As you may have heard Fr. Mike mention at Mass, we are going to have our tabernacle completely restored, inside and out. This six to eight week process will include replating and polishing plus a new interior. The tabernacle is nearing 70 years old and this home for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is certainly worthy of this restoration. The total cost is \$6,300.

If you would like to help defray the cost of this endeavor, you may place your donation in the Offertory Box in an envelope labeled "Tabernacle Restoration."

You may also use Faith Direct. Just make your donation under "Other Parish Needs" and include a note that it is for tabernacle restoration.

Dear St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parishioners:

Hope this finds you well this day.

After six months of prayerful discernment, my wife, Helen, and I have decided to transfer to St Edward's Parish. I was blessed to baptize our granddaughter, Maja, at St. Edward's Parish back in September 2019. The presence of our extended family adds to the warmth of the worship space at St. Edward's. St. Edward's currently has no assigned Permanent Deacon to assist the Pastor and Staff. Based upon these points, we have discerned that St. Edward's Parish will be the best fit for us to continue on our faith filled Diaconal journey.

Best of success on the journey ahead. You remain in my daily prayers.

Peace and good,

Deacon Mike McManus



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021

Year-to-date budget	\$260,750
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Increase from prior year	\$2,472



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Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Baptism

Kathleen Joyce child of
William &
Colleen (Quirk) O'Mara



Congratulations to Adriana Maribel Samayoa who celebrated her Quinceañera at the 1:00 Mass last weekend.



Quinceañera means “one who is fifteen.” The Quinceañera is the celebration of a girl’s fifteenth birthday, marking her passage from childhood to womanhood. Many Catholic families request a Mass and a blessing for their daughter. The Quinceañera began as a tradition in the Americas, particularly in Mexico, Central and South America. It is also frequently celebrated by Hispanic Catholics in the dioceses of the United States of America.

Quinceañera History

Since the dawn of time, people of all cultures and eras have celebrated the coming of age of their children. The origin of the quinceañera is not very clear. It is linked to ancient Aztecs rites of passage, around 500 B.C. At fifteen, boys were inducted as warriors, while girls were honored for their capacity to give new warriors to the community. The future of the tribe depended on them. It is said that during the ceremony, the King himself would instruct the fifteen-year-old Aztec girl in the duties of womanhood. An Aztec woman who happened to die in childbirth received the same honors at her funeral as a warrior who had fallen in battle.

With the Spanish conquest, the tradition was Christianized and the quinceañera evolved into a rite of social initiation intended to teach and reinforce important Christian values.

Nowadays

Today, a quinceañera is a celebration of thanksgiving for a young girl's life and her passage into womanhood. Her parents, relatives, and friends ask God to pour his blessings and protection upon her as she matures into a young woman.

The celebration is not a sacrament. The Quinceañera Mass is an act of thanksgiving for life and faith, crowned by God’s blessing. It is an opportunity for the young girl to consolidate her commitment to her faith. A joyful party and dance gathering extended family and friends usually follows the Mass.

Due to the pandemic and also to the shyness of our Quinceañera, Adriana and her family did not have a separate Mass for her quinceañera, with all the fancy dresses and attendants, opting for a simple dedication of the quinceañera to God. May God bless Adriana on the celebration of her 15th birthday.

(The information above is from Catholic QuincePrep.com)



It's [Not] Greek To Me!

We have covered the Entrance Antiphon (relatively) extensively, and we now come to the Introductory and Penitential Rites. If you want to review, be sure to check out the bulletin archive via the LPI website, or send me an email/stop by the choir loft. Both the Introductory and Penitential Rites are part of the Ordinary of the Mass - meaning they are always the same from Mass to Mass. This is where we are greeted by the priest and call to mind our sins. Both of these Rites can be sung (and depending on the degree of solemnity - they are). You are likely more familiar with singing the Penitential Rite. We are currently speaking the Confiteor (I Confess...) and then singing the Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy). Fun fact: The Kyrie is the only Greek found in the entire Mass!

When I was growing up, I always thought that the melodies for both of these Rites were made up by the priest on the spot. In actuality, the Church provides us with music for them, just as it does with the Entrance Antiphon. The Introductory Rites have a specific chant tone (melody) assigned to them, although the priest has three different text options to choose from. The Penitential Rite has three different forms and they, too, have musical settings provided by the Church. The exception to this is the Confiteor itself, which is almost always spoken (although it is sung at Pontifical Masses in the Extraordinary Form). In the case of the Kyrie, the Church has a number of musical options to select from. We are currently using Kyrie XVI. The Kyrie has also been set to different music by composers throughout the history of the Church. In fact, a search of just one public domain archive of music gave me 2,180 different versions - and that was just the Greek text from one site! We could talk about why there are so many musical settings of the Kyrie for a LONG time, but the one sentence explanation is that the Kyrie, specifically, is generally regarded as the first "big ticket" musical part of the Ordinary, and thus, composers generally start there. Some of these are more suited to liturgical use (think the setting we use, or the Haydn Mass in G), and some are very clearly designed for entertainment purposes (Think of the Mozart Mass in C minor). Next week is Laetare Sunday, so we will have a slight aside for it. Then it is onward to the Gloria!



St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity...Pray for us!
--Mark Wozniczka, Music Director (mwozniczka@archchicago.org)

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



2020 contribution statements are now available by request. These statements cover contributions to St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, St. Thecla and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

We would prefer to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, but they can also be mailed. You may call or email the parish if you would like to request a copy. Call 773 763-8228 or email: jmadura@archchicago.org.

If you are a Faith Direct user, you are able to print out your own report through their website. If you have made contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal or To Teach Who Christ Is campaign, you will receive an acknowledgement directly from the Archdiocese.



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



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Prayer Partners: Students in grades 2nd and 8th met recently to complete a project together. This is the second time they have come together to get to know each other and talk about the sacraments both classes will be participating in this year. Next year, we hope to get all our classes together with their Prayer Partners.



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RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH
IN-PERSON CLASSES

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST
VIRTUAL CLASSES

Lent Pray Fast Give

Give

Commonly known as almsgiving, most people associate giving during Lent with the donation of money and items such as clothing or food. However, almsgiving, the practice of giving something important to those in need, extends beyond material items to the giving of our time through acts of love and service.

St. Mother Theresa once said that in America there are more people who are in need *spiritually* than in any other country in the world. As part of your almsgiving, God may be calling you to spend time with someone who is lonely or doesn't have a relationship with Jesus. Calling that person, sending him/her a card, offering him/her a ride to Mass are all ways we can practice almsgiving this Lent and be the face of Christ for others.

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TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School and RE Program are collecting travel and sample sized toiletries this Lent. Please drop off your items no later than March 10th. (RE students, please bring your items on March 7th.)

ITEMS REQUESTED BY GRADE LEVEL

PreK & K
Comb, Hairbrush, Shampoo (regular and dry), Conditioner

1st & 2nd Grades; First Communion Years 1 & 2
Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Floss

3rd & 4th Grades
Hand and Body Lotion, Bars of Soap, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer

5th & 6th Grades
Shaving Cream, Disposable Razors, Chapstick, Washcloths, Wet Wipes

7th & 8th Grades; Confirmation Years 1 & 2; High School Confirmation
Nail Clippers, Emery Board, Individual Packages of Tissues, Band-Aids, Sunscreen



Please keep the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity RE Program and School students who will be making this First Reconciliation on Thursday, March 11th in your prayers.



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

This is the continuation of excerpts from Pope Francis' recent Encyclical Fratelli Tutti. I think there are many worthy ideas for us to reflect on and to act on. Spiritual reading is certainly one of the prominent aspects of Lent. I'd like to suggest that you use these as a starting point. The entire Encyclical can be found online.

Jim Madura

127. ..., if we accept the great principle that there are rights born of our inalienable human dignity, we can rise to the challenge of envisaging a new humanity. We can aspire to a world that provides land, housing and work for all. This is the true path of peace, not the senseless and myopic strategy of sowing fear and mistrust in the face of outside threats. For a real and lasting peace will only be possible “on the basis of a global ethic of solidarity and cooperation in the service of a future shaped by interdependence and shared responsibility in the whole human family.”

129. ...Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarized by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. For “it is not a case of implementing welfare programs from the top down, but rather of undertaking a journey together, through these four actions, in order to build cities and countries that, while preserving their respective cultural and religious identity, are open to differences and know how to promote them in the spirit of human fraternity”.

131. ...It is therefore crucial to establish in our societies the concept of full citizenship and to reject the discriminatory use of the term minorities, which engenders feelings of isolation and inferiority. Its misuse paves the way for hostility and discord; it undoes any successes and takes away the religious and civil rights of some citizens who are thus discriminated against”.

135. Immigrants, if they are helped to integrate, are a blessing, a source of enrichment and new gift that encourages a society to grow”.

137. ...We need to develop the awareness that nowadays we are either all saved together or no one is saved. Poverty, decadence and suffering in one part of the earth are a silent breeding ground for problems that will end up affecting the entire planet. If we are troubled by the extinction of certain species, we should be all the more troubled that in some parts of our world individuals or peoples are prevented from developing their potential and beauty by poverty or other structural limitations. In the end, this will impoverish us all.

140. Life without fraternal gratuitousness becomes a form of frenetic commerce, in which we are constantly weighing up what we give and what we get back in return. God, on the other hand, gives freely, to the point of helping even those who are unfaithful; he “makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good”. There is a reason why Jesus told us: “When you give alms, do not let your right hand know what your left hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret” We received life freely; we paid nothing for it. Consequently, all of us are able to give without expecting anything in return, to do good to others without demanding that they treat us well in return. As Jesus told his disciples: “Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give”.

147. Let us realize that as our minds and hearts narrow, the less capable we become of understanding the world around us. Without encountering and relating to differences, it is hard to achieve a clear and complete understanding even of ourselves and of our native land. Other cultures are not “enemies” from which we need to protect ourselves, but differing reflections of the inexhaustible richness of human life....



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, March 6, 2021

5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski
 Cashman, Daniel Burke, Don Love, Jr., George
 Giovannoni

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

7:30 AM— Alice Kern
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don
 Quinn, Henry Mitchell, Lawrence, Kathleen &
 Patricia Martin, Gary Sowell, Mary Gillespie, Mary
 Marek
 11:00 AM— Robert Coffman
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

8:30 AM— Mary Ann O'Malley

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

8:30 AM— Richard Picur

11:00 - 2:00 PM - *Adoration with Benediction at 1:50*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

8:30 AM — Marcella Marszalak, Terrance, Edward &
 Mary Wilk

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

8:30 AM— (livestreamed) - Stanley R Erie (18th anniversary)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

8:30 AM— Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

8:30 AM— for our parishioners

3:30 - 4:30—CONFESSIO

5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski
 Cashman, Joseph Dziedzic, Jessica Bach, Angelina
 Turco, Carmen Rosario Castro, deceased
 members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

7:30 AM— Alice Kern
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don
 Quinn, Holy Name Society, Milka Stanojevich
 11:00 AM— Clara Dellumo
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

Presider Schedule - March 13 & 14

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. Reyes

DISPENSATION

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



REST IN PEACE

**Robert Werba
 Elsa Orlandi**



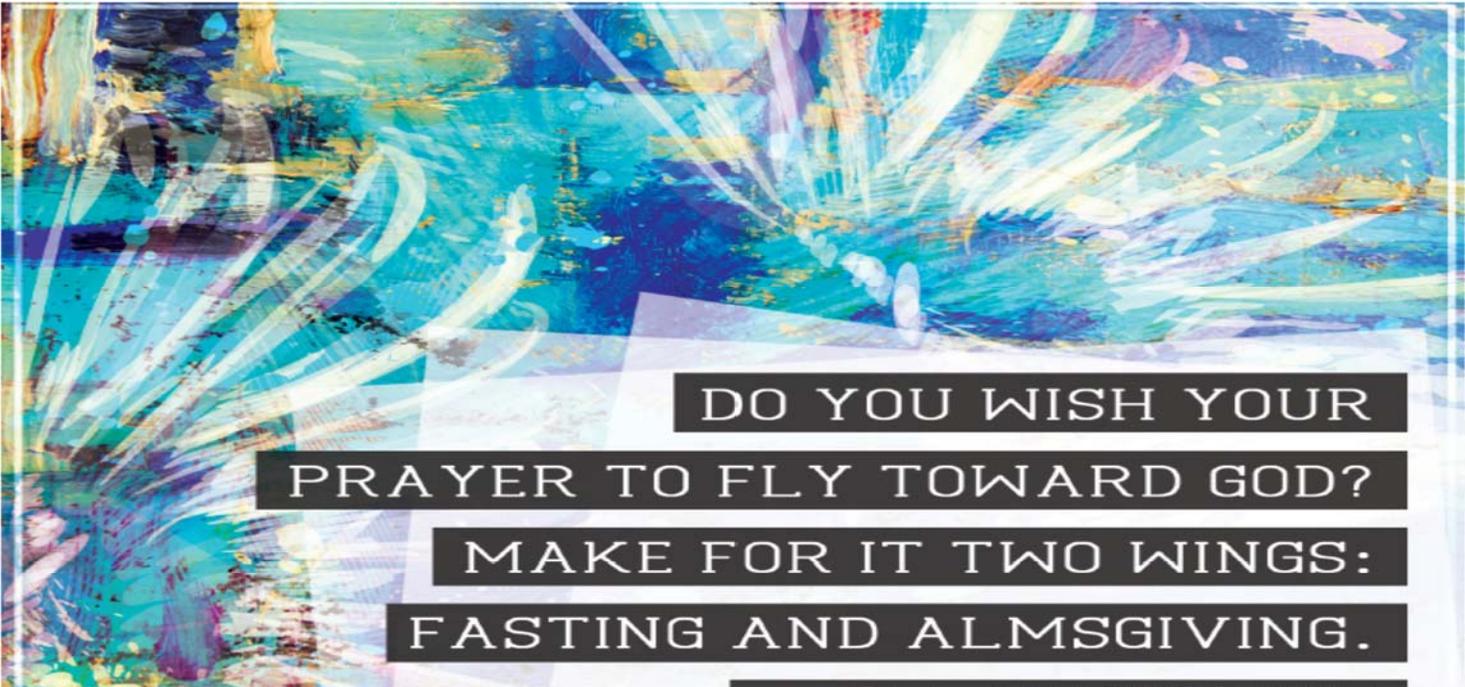
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Monday: St. John of God, Religious
 Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time
 begins

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8,
 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-
 25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom
 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf
 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8
 -9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
 Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-
 23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos
 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6
 -7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8
 -14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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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