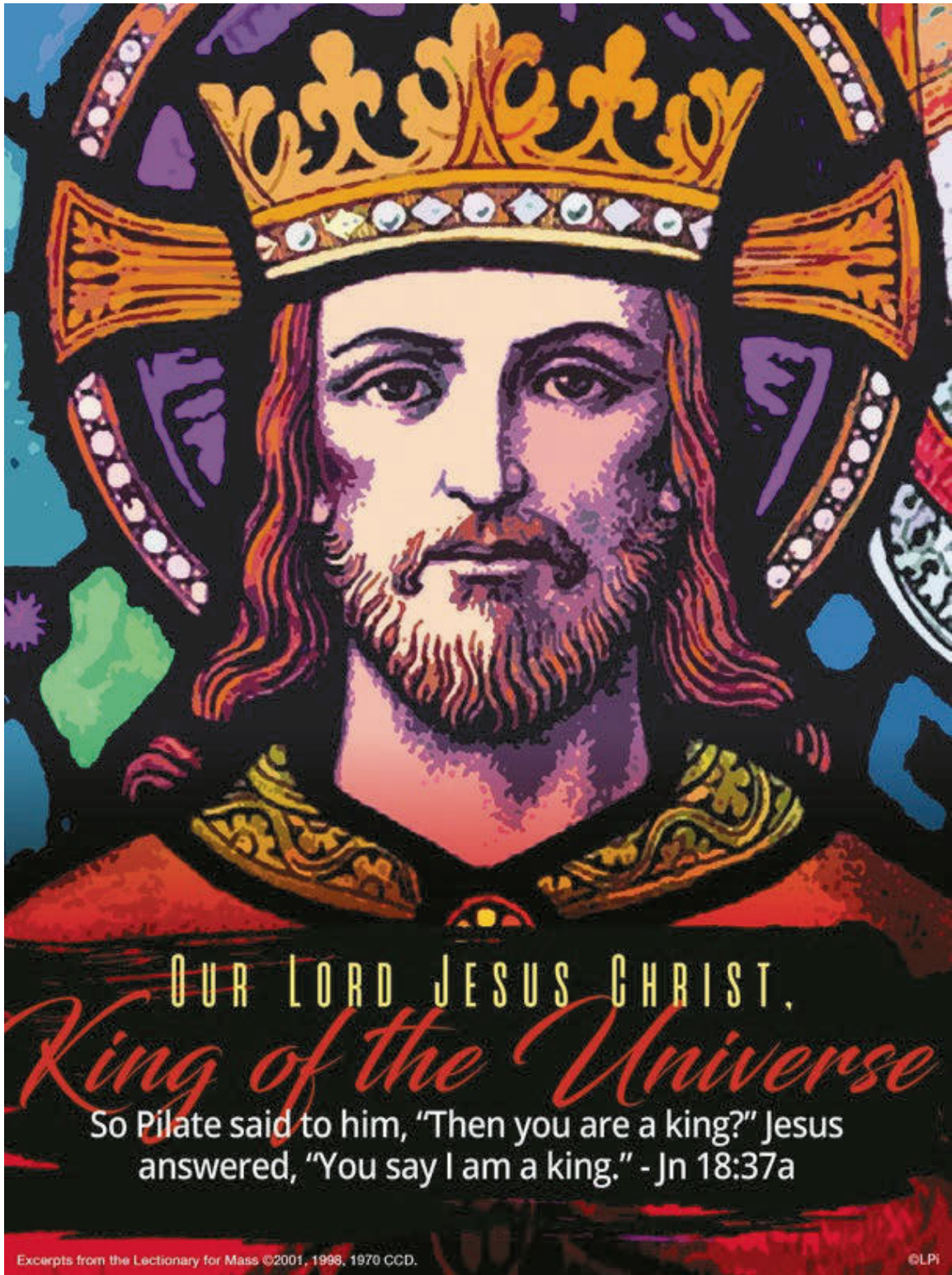




ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



NOVEMBER 21, 2021



I know we're not even at Thanksgiving yet, but people have been asking about the Christmas Mass schedule and it will be available in next week's bulletin. We are basically keeping a Sunday Mass schedule with the addition of a 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. That means both a 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass time which was very popular last year and it's much easier to find musicians at these times than for a midnight Mass! Christmas Day will have the normal Sunday Mass offerings of 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Spanish.

This weekend marks the end of the liturgical year when we celebrate **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. I bolded those words for a reason. Just pause and reread them...it's an amazing and epic title for Jesus, isn't it? While we've never had kings and queens in the U.S., we do know something about them even if they're largely figure heads in this day and time. Still, none of them ever claims to be more than the monarch of their country, certainly not "King of the Universe." What are we meant to take away from this solemnity that attributes to the Lord such an exalted title?

Firstly, this title of Jesus is completely accurate and even more accurate than for earthly rulers. Kings have power and are lords over their dominion. Sometimes kings abused their power and people might cynically say "it's good to be the king." But only God is all powerful and exercises power perfectly. Only God can really be considered the Lord of anything. Since Jesus Christ is God, He is called King of the Universe, or as we heard in the second reading from the book of Revelation, **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."** You'll notice these letters of the Greek alphabet "alpha" and "omega" throughout our church, reminding us that Christ reigns over all time and space...and hopefully over our hearts.

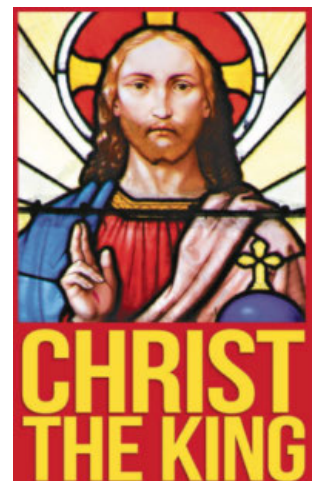
When Jesus was asked by Pontius Pilate "are you a king?" His response included: **"My kingdom is not of this world."** The Lord does not govern over this world in the same way that a worldly king does, but Jesus does want to reign over our hearts. Christ wants this world to be a kingdom of love, peace and faith and gives those who follow Him the grace and guidance to live in such a way. However, until we're dead or Christ comes in His glory, we're not in heaven yet, we're still on the journey. Here's what the prophet Daniel foretold of Jesus' coming in glory; **"The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, His kingship shall not be destroyed."** Jesus will come again and reign perfectly in the kingdom of heaven but for now the kingdom is more subtle.

So, Christ is King because He is God and Lord of His creation. But He's also a servant king. He's the king whose throne in this age is His cross. Jesus deserves our love and fidelity because He is the Son of God who came and meekly offered Himself up for our sins. He testified to the truth about Himself to the point of death. Jesus is a servant king who came **"not to be served but to serve and to give His life for the ransom of many."** Famous art portraying Christ's second coming also show the instruments of His passion being carried by angels while he Himself presents the sacred wounds on His body, which He will have for all eternity. In a time when kings ruled, they partly won the love and respect of their people because they would literally lead the troops in battle. The Lord himself conquered the devil and leads us in the path of holiness.

And of His kingdom, there will be no end.

God bless,

Fr. Mike





Today we celebrate our Lord, Jesus Christ King of the Universe. May we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build His kingdom here on earth.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to two families, providing aid with transportation and food. We also delivered 46 backpacks with many essentials, blankets, winter coat/sleeping bag to our friends in need. God Bless You!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



We invite you to join the entire St. Elizabeth of the Trinity community in celebrating Thanksgiving by attending Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 25.

As a tangible sign of your gratitude, we are requesting that you bring non-perishable food items for our parish food pantry OR adult sized thermal underwear for distribution by our SVDP. You may place all of these items in the receptacle in the vestibule before Mass.

Another way to show your gratitude to God would be to contribute financially to the Thanksgiving Day collection. It will be split between the food pantry and our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray,

God our Father,
graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from Your love of Your creations.

Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know that all good gifts come from You.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



“THANKSGIVING DINNER TO GO”



The Joined Hands Food Pantry, is a joint partnership of St. John Lutheran Church and our Lady of Victory Church. They are offering complete meal food boxes on Thanksgiving to families in need. All family members must be present for the pick up. Bring your own bag. The pick up location will be at St. John's playground at 4939 West Montrose between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

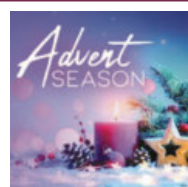
We are looking for families, couples, or individuals to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Sunday Mass of Advent (Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, and 19).

Those who sign up will join in the Entrance Procession and light the candle on the wreath.

Please sign up in the vestibule where you will see a sign up sheet on an easel.



ADVENT CALENDAR AND ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE



Please be sure to get an actual paper bulletin next weekend, the first of Sunday of Advent. In it you will find an inserted Advent calendar on one side and the complete listing of the parish's Advent and Christmas season liturgical offerings. We suggest you keep it handy for use throughout the two seasons.

Baptism



Luna Beatrice child of
Brandon & Alison (Sansone) Yates

Welcome OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Izael Nicolas child of
Johnny & Elizabeth (Perez) Alvarez



Get to Know the Members of the Parish Council

Richard Muench

Hi, I am Richard Muench. I have recently become a member of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish after having been a member of St. Cornelius Parish for 65 years. For more than 40 years I have been a Minister of Care, a ministry I find more rewarding every year.

My professional background includes work in banking, both investment and commercial, and owning and operating a venture capital business.

I started my journey through Catholic education at St. Andrew's Grade School and moved to St. Ferdinand's Grade School and then Campion Jesuit High School and Marquette University and finished at Northwestern University with a Masters Degree.

My wife Arlene and I raised six children, who attended St. Cornelius Grade School and Loyola and Regina High Schools. We now have 15 grandchildren and five great-grandkids. All live fairly close by, so that keeps us busy.

I just retired as Chairman of the American Hearing Research Foundation, after serving on the board for 40 years. We give grants (\$325,000 this year) to researchers at American universities looking for ways to improve hearing and balance disorders. It has been very gratifying to see the progress that has been made in hearing impairment.

I hope and pray that they highly talented St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Council we have in place will produce similar results in praising God and recognizing our parish for all the good works our parish can and will accomplish.



Sick List

**Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Carol Williams—
Gary Sowell—Virginia Barski—Jeffrey Lalowski—
Jadwija Chudzynski—Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—
Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—Kasia
Worth—Nicholas Guerrieri—Cathy Minnick—Marie
Brasher—Stan Wolenczuk—Beverly Underwood—Molly
Morris—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—Elise
Fernandez—Gerard Rangel—Roger Rangel—Emery Tanski—
John Carr—Fr. Dan Fallon—Cathy Muldoon-Pauly—
John Morrison—Sr Roda Villaruz MSHT—
Sr Kelly Masdat MSHT**

(Call the rectory office to have your name added or removed)



St Vincent de Paul - St Elizabeth of the Trinity Conference Christmas Sharing Program

The purpose of the Christmas Sharing Program is to provide gifts to families in need during the Christmas Season. This small gesture can help adults and children experience the magic, joy, and spirit of the Christmas season.

Gifts collected from our Christmas Sharing Program will be distributed to the **Mission of Our Lady of the Angels**. The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels is located in the West Humboldt Park area on Chicago's west side. This area is one of the poorest neighborhoods in Chicago. The purpose of the Mission is twofold: to assist the materially poor and to share the treasures of the Catholic faith.

Please do not wrap the gift – gift bags are acceptable. Also note that all items must be new. The gift can be returned to the St Elizabeth of the Trinity Church at the Masses on **Saturday, December 4th and Sunday, December 5th**.

Due to strict Covid-19 guidelines, we are requesting that no clothes be purchased which require a size.

Gift suggestions are below:

hats, gloves, scarves
colored pencils / crayons / chalk
socks
any clothing items not requiring a size
Etch-A-Sketch / other drawing toys
plastic toy animals / stuffed animals
craft kits (sewing, beads etc.)
play science kits
jump ropes
books (non-violent, non-magic)
model planes / trains / cars
play doctor / play kitchen / any play-grown- up
toy cars / trucks
toys
basic sports equipment— ESPECIALLY basketballs
Legos
erector sets
Tinker Toys
Lite Brite
non-violent games
other educational toys



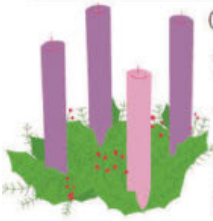
We thank you for your kindness and generosity and we wish you a Blessed Christmas Season.

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RELIGIOUS ED

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



One week from today we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. What is this season of Advent? How can we celebrate it in our homes?

The word Advent comes from the Latin word for "coming" and it is a season of waiting, hope and peace. The Church sets this time apart because it is intended to be a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Pope St. John Paul II said, "The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a 'domestic church,' a little church." The domestic church is the first place children learn their faith and how to live it in their daily lives. There are many Advent traditions we can live in our domestic churches:

- Advent Wreath: Placed on the dinner table or other prominent place, it is used as the focal point for family prayer throughout the season.
- Advent Calendar: The Advent calendar helps us joyfully anticipate the birth of Christ and not because there is a chocolate behind each door, but because of great gift of the Incarnation we receive on Christmas morning
- The Jesse Tree: Another way of joyfully anticipating Jesus' birth, the Jesse Tree gives us an overview of Salvation History throughout Scripture. Each ornament hung on the Jesse Tree represents the people, prophecies and events leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ.

RE Calendar

November 21st: Class (10am-11:30am)

November 28th: No Class-Thanksgiving Break

December 5th: Class (10am-11:30am)

December 12th: Class (10am-11:30am)



Students in the Confirmation Prep classes participate in Holy Fire.



Fr. Christopher visited the 5th grade class to talk about St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.



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Here are some scenes from the school's Veteran's Day celebration.



The student mascot votes are in and the mascot that received the most was...the **Phoenix!** There is a great deal of symbolism with this new mascot. The mythical Phoenix rose from the ashes which is symbolic of Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead. We are also starting something new together with St Elizabeth of the Trinity parish and school. The Coat of Arms of the Archbishop of Chicago is also emblazoned with the Phoenix because of the Chicago Fire and the new city that rose from the ashes.

So, let's go, St. Elizabeth Phoenixes!



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SOURCE AND SUMMIT



One of the most important documents promulgated by Vatican II was the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. And in my opinion, one of the most important points it makes comes near the very beginning. It says that the liturgy should be the “*source and summit*” of our very lives. Liturgy in this context is referring to the Mass.

I’d like us to take some time and reflect on what this concept means for each of us.

First of all, I would like to look at the dictionary definitions of these two words.

“Source” means origin, place of information, and supplier among other things, while the thesaurus gives us words like foundation, basis, birthplace, cradle, font, home, and starting place.

“Summit” means the highest point, while the thesaurus has the following: peak, top, pinnacle, and apex.

So how might these words apply to us and to the Mass?

When we come to Mass, we should be using this experience to form a foundation on how to live our lives. It is where we come to learn about our Catholic faith. This information can be gleaned from every aspect of the Mass, such as: the scripture readings, the homily, the hymns, the prayers, Holy Communion, and even the gathering of the faithful together in real communion.

It is at Mass where we learn about the origins of our Faith starting back with the prophets and their prophecies in the Old Testament, leading to their fulfillment in the New Testament. You can say that the Mass serves as a guide as to how we should live our lives as Catholic Christians. We learn about the Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Precepts of the Church. We learn about the Sacraments and grace and the many ways that we have been blessed by God and how we are to use these graces and blessings. All of this helps to form the foundation - the cradle - the source of our faith, and thus, the source of our very lives.

That leads us next to the summit - the peak - or the highest point. What is, or at least should be, the highest point of our lives? What is it that we are aiming for - that we are trying to achieve? The answer of course, is eternal life - the living out of eternity in the loving presence of God. It is the place we call heaven - a place filled with unlimited happiness, peace, and love.

So the Church teaches us that it is by going to Mass that we learn about what we need to do in order to achieve eternal life - the summit of our lives.

By our very human nature, we are weak and fallible. One way to help us overcome our weaknesses is to attend Mass, at least on a weekly basis. We should use that experience to help build the foundation of our lives.. As we continue to learn and to grow, we continue to get closer to that apex or summit, which is eternal life.

Please realize that going to Mass is not the only thing we need to do to help us to achieve eternal life - but it does give us that starting point - that source.

At Mass we should learn how to live our lives. Mass tells us how we should practice our faith. Mass teaches us how we should interact with our brothers and sisters, wherever they may be. Mass teaches us how to use the many blessings that God has bestowed on us. Mass teaches us how we are to see the grace we have received and how to put it to good use in our daily lives.

To summarize, in thinking about the concept of “source and summit” and the Mass, try to imagine the shape of a triangle or a pyramid. The base of the triangle is the source. We build on that base through our Mass attendance week after week and year after year and decade after decade. The peak of the triangle is the goal we are aiming for - the goal of eternal life in heaven.

So the next time you come up with a list of excuses why you can’t or don’t want to attend Mass, think of all of the reasons why you have to and want to attend Mass. We need every opportunity that we can get to build on that foundation of our faith. We need every opportunity we can get to reach for that pinnacle that is eternal life with God. Let’s not squander the opportunities we are given throughout our lives to achieve that growth!

Jim Madura



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, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

5:00 PM — Michael Maughan, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Loraine & Ralph Schmidt, Patrick Rodden, Margaret Rodden Wydra, Vincent Martin, Mary McSweeney, Brian Hoplanson, Patricia Martin, Jeanne Ryjewski

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

7:30 AM — Carmen Rosario Castro
 9:00 AM — *(livestreamed)* - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Sr. Ann Marie Cwick (2nd anniversary), Ginny McManus, Michael Honan, Si O'Donell, Soichiro "Pat" Hiram
 11:00 AM — Michael James Shannon, James C. Foster
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) - Maria Gamboa

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

8:30 AM — Mike McLaughlin

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

8:30 AM — Don Love, Jr.
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - *Adoration / Benediction at 6:00*
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSIONS
 6:30 PM — Tom Neuville

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021

8:30 AM — Mary, Terrance & Edward Wilk

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

(Thanksgiving Day)

9:00 AM — Rafaela Flores, Katherine Markowski (birthday remembrance), Ginny McManus, to St. Anthony & St. Jude for favors received, Fr. Dennis Dempsey, Leonard Karwowski, Joseph & Mary Tryblowski

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

8:30 AM — Richard Bartuce, Lydia Fernandez

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021

8:30 AM — for our parishioners
 3:00 - 4:30 PM—CONFESSIONS
 5:00 PM — Clarence Brens Jr., Michael Maughan, Don Love, Regis Fay, Cichowski family (in thanksgiving), Broderick family (special intention), Jeanne Ryjewski

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

7:30 AM — Carol Simmons Kutska, Broderick family (special intention)
 9:00 AM — *(livestreamed)* - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Marie Martin, Tom & Ginny McManus, Louie Gonzales, Thomas Malachy Travers, Ethan Hartwell
 11:00 AM — Fr. Dan Fallon, Martin F. Hawkins (100th birthday remembrance), Geraldine Pfister
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) -

Presider Schedule - November 27 & 28

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

DISPENSATION

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



REST IN PEACE

**John Skrodzki
 Mary Narut
 Margaret Tadeschi**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Monday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
 Thursday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
 Friday:
 Saturday: BVM
 Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Food Pantry Update

Effective **Tuesday, December 7, 2021** the Parish Food Pantry will be operating out of its new location on our main campus. It will be in the **gym building at 5859 N. Moody. Entrance will be off the parking lot** behind the church. The food pantry will be open for patrons on **Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** These times provide some flexibility for volunteers and patrons and avoid conflicts with school drop-off, recess, and pick-up.

Sign-Up Genius will be used to communicate the need and scheduling of volunteers. The link will be available on our parish website and once you sign up, your email will be added to receive further updates. You can also email us at: food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org to have your email added. There will be a great need for volunteers over the next couple of weeks to prepare the new space and move the stock. The Sign-Up Genius site will have the latest information.

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Food Pantry is a ministry of the parish with the objective, for those who serve and are served, to experience the unconditional love of Christ. It is through experiences like this that we can all grow in our relationship with God and know that we are loved. It is also our hope that as we continue to unify our “new” parish, that this ministry will be a means to enhance our relationships with our fellow parishioners as we work together in performing the corporal work of mercy of feeding the poor.

Love & Peace,
Shannon and Jerry Nelson
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Food Pantry Managers



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Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (English) and
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Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and
First Friday: 8:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Church is open daily for private prayer until 5:00 p.m.

Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Friday: 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. (bilingual)
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office) Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 Kathleen Driscoll at 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)

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*"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