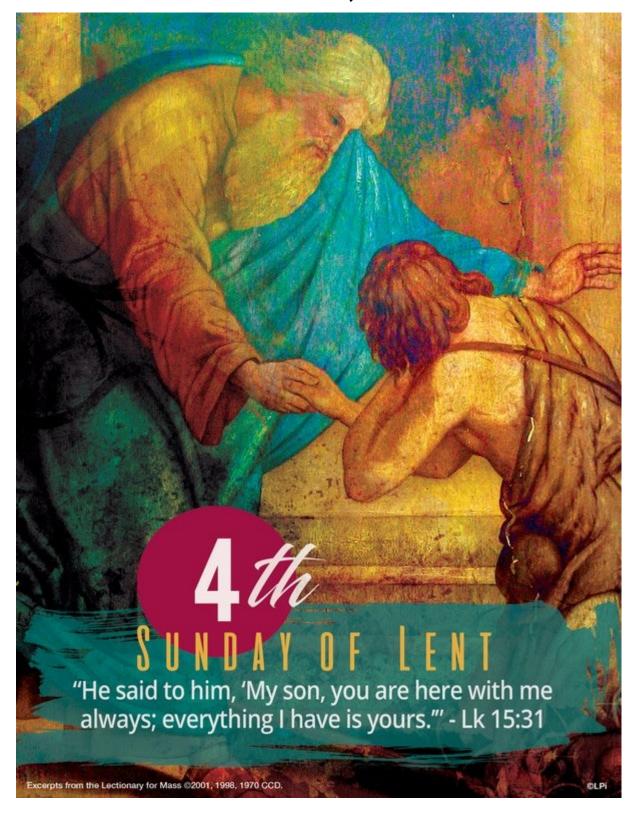


# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



### MARCH 27, 2022



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## FROM THE PASTOR...

Pope Francis has called the world to give him feedback as the Church prepares for the Synod on Synodality. Cardinal Cupich is asking the people of this Archdiocese to offer their feedback through the Archdiocesan website at: <a href="https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod">https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod</a>. The theme for the Synod is Communion, Participation, Mission.

Here are some sample questions you could consider answering as you give your own prayerful thoughts:

Communion, participation, mission are all forms of journeying together:

for me *Communion* means....

for me *Participation* means....

for me *Mission* means....



Here are the questions given directly from the Archdiocesan Synod workbook for you to reflect on: "A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together." How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?"

"Communion: In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road. How are we called to grow as companions? Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, or bold and forthright speaking; that is, in freedom, truth and charity. Who are those in the margins in our local community? How do we encounter them and listen to their voices? How does what we hear inform how we journey together?"

"Participation: The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Vatican II, 1963) called all the faithful to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations. What has that come to mean in our post-pandemic church? Can we maintain participation without people at Sunday worship? Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church in which all members are called to participate."

"Mission: Sunday worship is the most visible aspect of our religion. The church's mission also includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. Does our faith steer us when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation and ongoing learning. Above all the Church works for justice, peace and respect for all human life."

You can submit your feedback through the Archdiocese at the link above or via email or mail at:

SynodWorkbook@archchicago.org

Please send written reflections to:

Synod Workbook, Cardinal Meyer Center, 3525 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653-1402

The Holy Father may not read your comments personally but who knows, either way he will receive the general feedback he is asking for. May we listen to each other, but even more importantly may we listen to how Christ is calling us to holiness, fidelity, and love in these times.

With more local news, we have over 50 children being confirmed by Bishop Bartosic this Wednesday evening. Please pray for these candidates, their parents, and sponsors, how much we all need the gifts the Holy Spirit to help us stay faithful to Christ in a scattered world. But the Lord is with us and is always ready to receive us back when we stray.

This Laetare Sunday we heard the beautiful parable of the prodigal son being received by his loving father and the older brother resenting his warm welcome home. Whichever son we identify with more the Lord wants us to know that we are His children not servants, His love for us can't be earned. And since we are all sinners in need of the Lord's mercy, we can imagine God the Father saying to us "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because you were dead and have come to life again, you were lost and have been found." God bless,

Fr. Mike



In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

In the month of March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist two families in need, providing food and other essential needs. Thank You!

A big thank you to JoAnn Keto, the Night Players, and to all who contributed at the St. **Joseph Table.** Our conference received \$635 from this wonderful event!

#### THIS WEEK FOR LENT...

Evening Prayer (Vespers): Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: Friday at 6:30 p.m. in English (Mass at 7:45 in Spanish)





#### **DRIVEN BY A DREAM**

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others ac-

cess what they need this Lent? Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Monday, March 28 at 7:00 **p.m.** Entrance to the junior high building of the school is off Moody through the wrought iron gates. New members & beginners are welcome. Come join us to make comforting shawls for those who are sick, or lap robes or baby blankets - whatever your interest. We have supplies. Questions?? Call Carol 773-775-1649. See you then.



Also a general notice - please note that we have a huge supply of plastic bags. We do not need any more at this time. Thanks for your support in the past.

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## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

#### **2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

2021 contribution statements are now available by request.

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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 should receive an acknowledgement directly from the Archdiocese.

### YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S SYNOD IN ROME

All laity have been invited to participate in the planning for next year's Synod in Rome. Please visit: <a href="https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod">https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod</a> for more information.

Near the bottom of the page there is an area for you to share your thoughts with the Archdiocese. These will be compiled with all other comments from throughout the United States and sent to Rome.

Submissions are requested April 1st.



For a synodal Church



Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Carol Williams—
Gary Sowell—Virginia Barski—Jeffrey Lalowski—
Jadwija Chudzynski—Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—
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(Call the rectory office to have your name added or removed)

#### LADIES GUILD

The date of our next meeting is Thursday, **April 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the school auditorium. Note that this is a change from the earlier announced date. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Niles Metropolitan Chorus and Musica Lumina Orchestra – Marek Rachelski, Artistic Director and Conductor Perform

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#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.



SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH CLASS

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The Prodigal Son helps us to better understand the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. The son, recognizing his actions hurt himself and others, returns to repent and to be reconciled with his father. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we do the same with Our Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn Lord. We admit our sins and are sorry for them, ask for forgiveness,

resolve to sin no more and, through absolution, are reconciled to God. And, just like the father in the parable who welcomed his son home, God the Father always welcomes us home when we return to Him seeking forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



## HELP THE FOOD PANTRY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School and RE Program are collecting the items listed below during Lent this year. Please drap art your items no later than April 4th (KI students, please bring your items no later and April 3m i

#### ITEMS DEQUESTED

Individually packaged tooth brushes Loothpaste Bars of spap Small bottle of dish soap Wool blankets! Hand warmers Undershirts (men and women all sizes)

McDonald and Dollar Tree Sift Cents (recommended arrount \$10 a card)

'Monetary donations are appreciated and we will purchase the wool blankets

#### The Sacrament of Confirmation

On Wednesday, March 30th, over fifty of our young people will be confirmed by Bishop Bartosic. Please keep them in your prayers this week, and always.

#### **Holy Spirit Prayer**

Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love only what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me so, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen



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This week we are starting a new unit in Physical Education called "Capture the Flag." Students must strategize and work together as a team to accomplish the task of capturing their team's flag that's being protected by the other team. They are showing determination, perseverance, and teamwork. Great job, Phoenix student-athletes!









#### SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please visit **St Elizabeth of the Trinity School** on **Sunday, April 10th, from 12:00 noon until 2:00p.m.** Classrooms will be open with staff present and there will be various activities in the auditorium. Come check us out!



## **JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS:** BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

- 1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.
- 2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
- 3. It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
- 4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."
- **5.** It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
- **6.Don't do too much.** It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

- it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.
- 7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
- 8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.
- 9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.
- 10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



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 26, 2022

5:00 PM — Don Love, Michael Maughan, Kevin Paczkowskyj, Winifred Chambers-Tierney, Louis Gonzales, Gonzales, McManus & Tierney families (special intention)

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022**

7:30 AM — Gonzales, McManus & Tierney families (special intention), Winifred Chambers-Tierney, Louis Gonzales
9:00 AM — Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Gonzales, McManus & Tierney families (special intention), Louis Gonzalez, Winifred Chambers-Tierney, Frank Serritella
11:00 AM — Kenneth Hoppensteadt, Ann Finnerty
1:00 PM — (Spanish) - Andy Flores, Anna Picciolini

#### MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

8:30 AM — Marty Fulara

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSIONS 6:30 PM — Gloriana Bata

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

8:30 AM — Rose Carlson, Hector Agular, Robert Spychalski 6:30 PM — CONFIRMATION

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

8:30 AM — for peace in Ukraine

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

8:30 AM — Robert Crescio, Stanley J. Sokol, Teresa 7:45 PM — Mass (Spanish)

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022**

8:30 AM — Pryst & Kepros families
3:30 - 4:30 — CONFESSIONS
5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family,
Michael Maughan, Ed Smythe, Marty Bucaro,
Thomas O'Brien, Angelo Borghi (special intention)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

7:30 AM — Alice Kern, Thomas O'Brien, Carmen Rosario Castro, Angelo Borghi (special intention)

9:00 AM — Éileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Ladies Guild, Thomas O'Brien, souls in Purgatory, Angelo Borghi (special intention)

11:00 ÅM — Thomas O'Brien, Angelo Borghi (special intention), souls in Purgatory

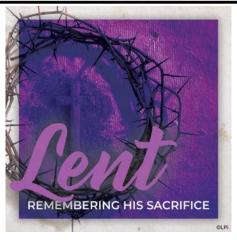
1:00 PM — (Spanish) - Jose Luis Bucio, Andy Flores, Anna Picciolini

#### Presider Schedule - March 26 & 27

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Landfried 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano 11:00 a.m. — Fr.Landfroed (Spanish) 1:00 p.m. - Fr. Landfried

#### DISPENSATION

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



#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday:

Friday: April Fools' Day

Saturday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

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## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

[9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a

and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1

-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn

5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21

and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn

7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/

Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners! Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv,

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us, O Lord

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slate our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;

Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain!

Illumine our consciences; may our will not be done; Abandon us not to our own actions!Stop us, O Lord, stop us! And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for

him. He is our brother. O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord!

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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., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and

First Friday: 7:45 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.

and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements: <a href="mailto:qbzdon@archchicago.org">qbzdon@archchicago.org</a>

#### 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)

"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. Eligabeth of the Trinity