



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**AUGUST 20, 2023**



## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

This week starts the first week of school after a summer of projects, preparations, camps, and some vacations and down time as well. The parish and school staff, including a few new ones, gathered for a morning of introductions and reflection. Dr. Hillmann and I encouraged the staff about the importance of everyone's role, and how we all matter in the parish's mission. We also heard from an inspirational author, speaker, and educator to help use the Gospel to combat burnout, her most famous book being *"Dear Jesus, is it June Yet?"*

One of the things that can combat burnout for any of us in our vocation is purpose. Our energy comes from our purpose and each one of us has a Christ-given purpose, we have a mission. A parish, with its possible school, has a purpose that Jesus has given it through His Church.

We might define a parish's purpose in different ways and given the current context of the Church in the Archdiocese with Renew My Church and parish and school mergers/closings it is reasonable for us to remind each other of the overall mission. From the general we move more easily to the particular.

What is a parish for? **"To form a community of disciples of Christ."** It's Jesus who loves us, gives us our identity, and calls us together, the Church as a whole, and the individual parishes come from Him. We all have other identities with or family members, our country, our profession, and they are important, but secondary. The one thing necessary is what God the Father said: ***"This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."***

The parish, with its programs, ministries, school, athletics, buildings and so on has the primary purpose of helping us to be formed day by day as Jesus' followers, as His intentional disciples. The parish does this in some ways we are familiar with like witnessing to Jesus through works of mercy, teaching the Catholic faith to children, offering the sacraments, and so on.

Given the decline of faith and practice, we can say that in general the parishes in the Archdiocese have not been successful in forming communities of disciples of Christ. We need not fear though, Jesus Christ is still risen from the dead and sends the Holy Spirit for renewal, God is not dead, He isn't even tired.

One of the exciting initiatives that we are undertaking to help people experience the love of Jesus and so become His disciples, is the Rescue Project. Fr. John Riccardo, a priest of the Diocese of Detroit, created a ministry that helps people reconnect in an accessible way their identity as sons and daughters of a Heavenly Father who loves them. What is this program and how does it work?

This is how Fr. Riccardo describes it: *"I believe that the most urgent task is the compelling proclamation of the gospel, one that not only shares it in an attractive – and concentrated – way, but that also offers people a way of seeing reality, and of making sense of the world, history, and life that is vastly different from the story our modern culture tells."*

*Until this happens, the Christian faith is often experienced as a mere set of rules and disciplines, and simply going to Church isn't likely to lead a person to embark on the great adventure that is following Jesus and continuing His mission of the rescuing of this world."*

*I don't think most people have ever heard the gospel."*

There will be eight sessions over eight weeks offered on Thursday evening starting October 5<sup>th</sup>, registration will be starting next weekend. Check out the full page in this bulletin for more information. Please pray that we all have a deeper appreciation of Christ's love and that faith increase, stay tuned.

God bless,

Fr. Mike





The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

**With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what clothing and household items you no longer use...and give them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

### **ANNUAL SUMMER MISSION CO-OP COLLECTION SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend a representative of FROM MISSION TO MISSION will be speaking with our parish to share about their work in the mission field and its impact. FROM MISSION TO MISSION serves missionaries, both lay and religious, in their time of preparation and during re-entry back into life and mission here in the U.S. For more than 40 years FROM MISSION TO MISSION has been the only organization of its kind to assist missionaries upon return to the U.S. Missionaries face many challenges when they return "home". Whether missionaries have served for one year or for fifty, most find re-entry the hardest part of the experience. FROM MISSION TO MISSION helps missionaries deal with this difficult transition and to find ways to bring what they learned in mission to life here in their home culture. Once described as the *Wounded Warriors Project for Missionaries*, FROM MISSION TO MISSION also offers care to the many missionaries who experienced violence or trauma in mission.

A second collection for the work of FROM MISSION TO MISSION will be taken during their visit. Your generosity will help them to be able to continue to care for missionaries, and they are grateful for your support.

For more information go to  
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### **St. Elizabeth of the Trinity HOLY NAME SOCIETY 3rd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

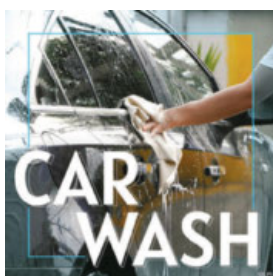
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. shotgun start – 4 ball scramble  
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Includes golf, cart, food and drinks at the course, post-golf reception plus transportation.

Please see handouts in church vestibule for registration,  
email [stelizabethhns@gmail.com](mailto:stelizabethhns@gmail.com)  
or call Tim Jacobs at 773.410.0736

Registrations and payment due September 1



### **CLASS OF '24 CAR WASH**

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 8th grade class of '24 will be having a car wash fundraiser on Sat. Sept. 9th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in our back parking lot. The cost will be \$12 for cars and \$15 for trucks and SUV's and donations are welcome and appreciated! Please consider stopping by on the 9th to help our 8th graders raise money for the upcoming school year!





The day will begin at 4:00 p.m. with Mass. There WILL NOT be a 5:00 p.m. Mass on September 23.

## HOW CAN YOU SERVE THE LORD?

Why not as one of the Liturgical Ministers at Mass?

We would like additional ushers for all of our Masses, especially at 5:00 & 9:00. So, if you are already there anyway, why not offer a helping hand? The duties are minimal and the rewards are spiritually rewarding. If you are able to help out please let any usher know or contact Jim Madura in the parish office.

Or perhaps you would like to assist in the distribution of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ at Communion time at Mass once or twice a month please. If you feel compelled to assist in this ministry contact Jim Madura for more information.

## GUITAR ENSEMBEL OPENING

The Guitar Ensemble is St. Elizabeth's contemporary music group. They are seeking musicians to accompany them. If you or someone you know plays the bass guitar, flute or violin and has a desire to participate in this important ministry, please contact Brian Hiram at: [brian.hiram@gmail.com](mailto:brian.hiram@gmail.com) or call (773) 710-4873. The Guitar Ensemble plays once per month at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass, and rehearsals are held on most Tuesday evenings. Ability to read basic music is required.

## Married in 1973?

Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass? Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.**

The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Please email [gwa@archchicago.org](mailto:gwa@archchicago.org) or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit [pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding](http://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding).

We hope to see you there!



## SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—  
Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—  
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Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—Fr. Dan Fallon—Cary Muldoon—Pauly—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—  
Darlene Russo—Constance Anderson—Dolores Nano—Roberto Druca—Doreen Ciesla-Hugglung—  
Steve Hovde—Helzing Aguilar—Flavia Langan—Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Alice Ward—  
Arthur Hamilton—Paul Wierdak—Victoria Judson—Anthony Pfeifer—Paul Konietzny—  
Kathy Burns—Joan Harriss—Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—Jim Martin—Lois Schulmeister  
(Call the rectory office to have your name added or removed)



## What is it?

*The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way through meaningful video content while participants encounter both Christ and each other by enjoying food, and then sharing their experiences of life's joys and struggles in small group conversations. As part of our parish's evangelization efforts, we will be running this eight week experience which is meant to help people connect with Christ through conversation, food, and prayer. To get a taste of the content use the QR code:*



## When is it?

*The Rescue Project will take place on Thursday evenings from October 5th to November 16th with a retreat day on Sunday November 12th. The Thursday evening sessions will begin with dinner being served at 6:15 and we will start showing the video around 6:30 once everyone has their food. After the video, we will move into small group discussion and the whole evening will be over by 8:00.*

## How can you help?

**Prayer Team:** We need people who will gather in church before or during our sessions to pray for all the participants and other volunteers and ask the Holy Spirit to help everyone to be open to the graces God wants to give them.

**Facilitators:** We need people who will help facilitate the small group discussions at each table. Training will be provided so don't be nervous if you have not done something like this before. Your job is not to teach everyone everything the church teaches but to help guide a meaningful discussion based around the video and everyone's life experiences.

**Hospitality Team:** We can't have an experience that includes food without the loving help of those who want to make sure everyone feels welcome and has enough to eat. We need people willing to help welcome people to each session, make sure everything is set up for dinner and the food is served. You could also help by donating desserts for a session.

**Participate and Invite:** We hope that this will be a meaningful experience for the people of our parish. If you, a friend, or family member could use an opportunity to encounter or reenounter God through our community here at St. Elizabeth please consider joining us or inviting someone you love to join us for The Rescue Project.

*We need people to help make this experience possible. While it is ideal for you to be present for all 8 weeks and the retreat because the sessions build on one another, don't let missing one or two sessions stop you from joining us or volunteering.*

Want to help or have questions? Call Ashley Guinn at the Parish Office or email her at: [aguinn@archchicago.org](mailto:aguinn@archchicago.org)



# First Day of Religious Education is Sunday, September 10, 2023

We have a special schedule planned to welcome  
our students and their families.



## Back-to-School Mass for Religious Ed Families

**9:00 AM Mass**

All parishioners and RE families are invited



## 10:00 AM – RE Students

Pre-registered students proceed to Door #2 of the school

Students who are not yet registered may proceed with their families  
to the Auditorium to complete registration



## 10:00 AM – RE Parent Meeting

RE parents and younger siblings are invited to hospitality in the  
auditorium – come and meet other RE families

Important information about the RE program, including the Parent Fair  
Share volunteer opportunities, will be presented, followed by a  
reflection from our pastor, Fr. Mike.

At 11:15 AM, families will visit their child's/children's classrooms and  
meet the catechists. Dismissal will be at 11:30 AM

## Can't make the Parent Meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>?

Would you like to register your children before the August 31<sup>st</sup> Early Bird Discount expires?

Stop by the *RE Open Registration Hour* on *August 27<sup>th</sup>*, following the 9 AM Mass

*School Auditorium, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM*

Questions? Interested in volunteering?

Contact Peggy Bradley, Religious Education Coordinator 773-763-8228



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When we come to Mass, we recall the graces of our Baptism, genuflect to acknowledge Jesus truly present, and then we make our way to our seat. What is next? How about one of the best things churches were designed for? If there is a little time before Mass begins, some moments of prayer will help prepare you for the graces of the Mass.

### **Early Foundation**

When I was growing up, I don't remember our family having many rules for us kids to follow. One that definitely stands out is the expectation regarding when we should be in church as a family. Mass was at 8:00 on Sunday morning, and my dad made it very clear that he expected us all to be seated together in the pew by 7:50 am. (Pew is the name for the long bench seats in churches.) Was it so we could get our preferred seat? I doubt it, since everyone in our small country church had our regular places! Looking back now on what dad modeled for us, I realize that the purpose of those ten minutes before Mass was for us to settle in, pray and prepare. I often think about what a great gift dad gave me by making it clear that attending Sunday Mass together was the top priority for our family.

### **How to Prepare**

The *General Instruction for the Roman Missal* says that there should be a quiet opportunity in the church for the faithful to prepare prayerfully for the Holy Mass (GIRM, no. 45). During this time before Mass, you can recall all the great gifts and graces God has given you since you last came to church. This silence also provides the opportunity to reflect on the generosity of our loving Father and to prepare to thank him in the worship of the Mass. In addition to thankfulness, you might also recognize any needs you have—you might talk to God about any difficulties, stresses, or anxieties you are experiencing and offer them to the Lord, asking for his help and grace.

It can be difficult to enter into this time of silence to help prepare for Mass, especially if we have not yet made it a habit. If you are short on time, Charles Belmonte encourages you to pray on the way to Mass. He writes, "Prepare your soul for Communion with acts of love of God. Make acts of contrition and atonement...pray for the priest that he may truly minister to the needs of the parish. Pray for the congregation...pray that you may understand what you yourself will be taught at Mass" (*Understanding the Mass*, pg. 38). Belmonte goes on to also encourage using a missal or missalette to review the readings [1] and prayers of the Mass ahead of time. Being familiar with these will also help you to be more attentive and unite your personal prayer more fruitfully with the Mass.

### **Intentions**

One tradition you may not be aware of is the opportunity personally to offer an intention for each Mass we participate in, asking that the graces we receive from the Mass be applied to someone who might need them or to a particular situation. As he prays the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest offers the Mass for a public intention (usually published in the bulletin or announced). Those present are also able to offer a private intention by uniting with the prayers at the altar. For example, you might make an intention for your family to grow in love, the health of a friend, the soul of a deceased relative, reconciliation for a strained relationship, peace in the world, or a greater recognition of the dignity of all life. In addition to assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ, praying about an intention for the Mass is also a great way to help us be more attentive to the prayers and readings and to receive more fully the fruits of the Mass.

Give yourself a goal of arriving at church a bit earlier, and take the challenge of spending a little time in prayer before Mass. In addition to the suggestions above, any of our classic prayers or even composing a prayer of your own is a great way to help prepare your heart for the celebration of the Mass. In our time, when everything can be so busy and hurried, I often think of my dad's great wisdom in giving the family a few extra minutes of quiet preparation.





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

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023**

5:00 PM — Don Love, Ann Kollenberg, Hector Mario Sepulveda, Margaret Keogh, Philomena Lavorato

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023**

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski, Lawrence N. Jonas (55th anniversary)  
 9:00 AM — Frank Greif  
 11:00 AM — Lucyna, Richard & Rudolf Gustek, Michael James Shannon  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish)

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023**

8:30 AM — Richard Bartuce  
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00  
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION  
 6:30 PM — for peace in Ukraine

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023**

8:30 AM — Frank Greif

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023**

8:30 AM — Dolores L. Danikowski  
 6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023**

8:30 AM — Edward O'Malley, respect for life

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023**

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish  
 3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION  
 5:00 PM — Don Love Jr, John & Helen Ptak, Betty Jean Glowinski

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023**

7:30 AM — Jane & Gene Mroz  
 9:00 AM — Vicki Placzek, Peter Eck  
 11:00 AM — Carla Unti, Thomas Kilcoyne  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Ursula Perez, Pablo Dominguez

### **Presider Schedule - August 26 & 27**

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolano / *piano*  
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / *organ*  
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / *piano*  
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / *organ*  
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda

Be gracious  
 to us, O Lord,  
 for we are  
 in distress.

PSALM 31:9

God, bring  
 consolation  
 and relief

*to Maui.*



Elizabeth Koffski  
 Marcos Fernandez Sr.  
 Ceila Pawlowski

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Pius X, Pope  
 Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
 Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
 Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28  
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51  
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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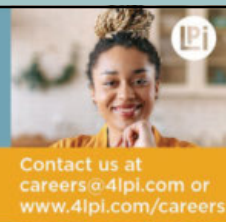


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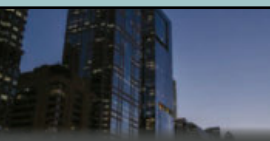
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### SERVICES

#### 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., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and First Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

#### Rosary:

Prayed daily immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

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

#### Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 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.)

Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Benediction at 7:30 p.m.)

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

#### Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements:

[gbzdon@archchicago.org](mailto: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 Peggy Bradley for more information.

**Parish Registration:** New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory.

Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

**Communion Visits:** Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Tony Lupinski through the rectory office to make arrangements.

**Food Pantry:** Open Tuesdays - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the gym  
For more Info email us at: [food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org](mailto:food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org)

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

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**Website:** [www.stelizabethtrinity.org](http://www.stelizabethtrinity.org)  
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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*