

AUGUST 27, 2023



heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19



It has become more common now in Catholic circles to talk about having a personal relationship with Jesus, which is a true statement and not just for Evangelicals or other Protestants. We all are unique just like the early disciples and have our own relationship with Christ, as I once heard it said, God's grace to us is as personal as our own spit. Jesus looks at us and speaks to us by name.

"Who do you say that I am?"

The Lord asked this of the disciples after first asking the safer question of what others thought about Him. It's safe for us to talk about surveys, polls, sociological analysis of the people around us, what we think other people think. But the Lord doesn't really need us to tell Him what others are about, He wants to hear what we are about, and what we think. The Lord wants to know where our heart is.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

An interesting fact from faithful Catholics in the recent DMI survey is that even when we believe the faith in our minds we may have a hard time believing that others can believe in Jesus Christ or something He taught. I think of it as the "You can't handle the truth" mindset that Jack Nicholson had in A Few Good Men.

The recent DMI survey showed that of the 225 respondents almost all believe that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, but 90% have never mentioned the thought of priesthood or religious life as a possible vocation to another person and many reported feeling uncomfortable about sharing the faith with others. I witness this phenomenon in other ways where people I know to be believing Catholics appreciate a certain retreat, faith series, talk, or the beauty or goodness of the faith but then say, "But I'm worried what others might think about it."

Part of loving others is sharing what we most treasure with them. People want us to be our authentic self and not so worried about what others might think. When we have deep love and passion for something, we want to share it with those that we love. The Lord wants to strengthen each one of us in His love and grace so that we will be more confident in sharing Him with others.

In this time of Eucharistic revival and evangelization, we are trying to offer more opportunities to help people connect with Christ and one another. Just as a reminder, the church is open for prayer every day until 5:00 p.m. and there is Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. with formal exposition and ending with Benediction.

Another recommendation from the U.S. bishops about strengthening faith in Christ is to offer the sacrament of reconciliation more. We will now be offering confessions on Sunday at noon in English or bilingually when Fr. Leo is the confessor. Hopefully this added time on a Sunday will help accommodate the challenging business of people's lives. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing that Jesus gave us, He never gives up on us, be not afraid.

Jesus told Peter that it was a gift of God's grace that Peter could profess His identity. While it's true that we can't give what we don't have, the Lord loves us and wants to strengthen us where we might feel awkward in giving witness to Him. Let's be confident that if the gospel and everything Je-

sus taught us is good for us, it will be good for others as well!

God bless,

Fr. Mike

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16



Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals Himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society?



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

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 Low Price of \$150 (\$125 without transportation)



Please see handouts in church vestibule for registration, email 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. to 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!





MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir is looking for new members aged high school and up. We sing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the choir loft. Can't commit to singing every week? No problem, scheduling is flexible! Rehearsals start on Tuesday, September 5th. All experience levels are welcome!

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 Hirami at: brian.hirami@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.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

Beginning next Sunday, Confessions will be heard each Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.. They will be bilingual when Fr. Leo is available.





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

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 Ca-

thedral in Chicago, Illinois.
Please email gwa@archchicago.org or con-

Please email gwa@archchicago.org tact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit

pvm.archchicago.org/ events/goldenwedding.



Fall 2023 Training for New Ministers of Care

The next New Ministry of Care Training will take place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview at McDonnell Hall, on two Saturdays – September 30 & October 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Chaplain Rick Nash and Jim Vlazny, Coordinators of the Ministry of Care at OLPH, will facilitate this training program. Attendees must attend <u>both</u> Saturday sessions to be mandated as a Minister of Care in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For more information contact our parish Minister of Care Coordinator, Tony Lupinski through the parish office.





SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—Nicholas Guerrieri—Cathy Minnick—Marie Brasher—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—Fr. Dan Fallon—Cary Muldoon-Pauly—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—Darlene Russo—Constance Anderson—Dolores Nano—Roberto Drueca—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—Lois Schulmeister—Charles Jacobucci

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



Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why is everything so obviously messed up?

What if anything has God done about it?

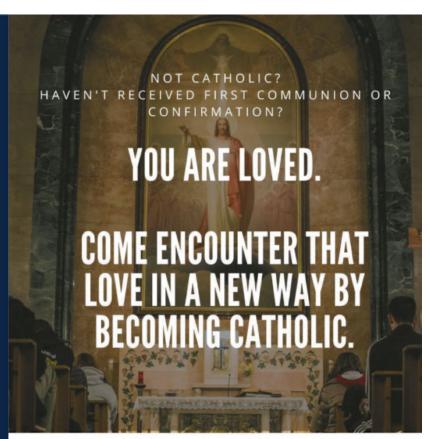
How should I respond?



Have you or someone you know ever asked these questions? If so, we would love to have you join us for Rescue Project. Register using the QR Code, on the parish website, or by con-

tacting
Ashley
Guinn in
the Parish
Office.
Starts
Thursday,
October
5th.





Classes for becoming Catholic begin on September 10th and we will partner with our brothers and sisters at St. Paul of the Cross.

Deepen your faith, journey with others, and be welcomed as a member of the Catholic Church. Contact Ashley Guinn at aguinn@archchicago.org to learn more.



Did you have Your Child Baptized at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity? We would love to have you join us for hospitality and a chance to meet others with children in our community

SEPTEMBER 17TH

following the 11:00 Mass in the Auditorium.

RSVP Via Flocknote invitation or by Calling

Ashley Guinn in the Parish office.





To learn more about this remarkable woman and the shrine, please visit <u>Our Story – The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion</u> (championshrine.org)

"Teach them their catechism... Go and fear nothing ... I will help you"

By the time this goes to print, I will have returned from my pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, which is transitioning to its new title, Our Lady of Champion.

Champion, Wisconsin is the site of the first and only approved Marian apparition site in the United States. Our Blessed Mother appeared to Adele Brise, a 28-year-old illiterate Belgian who, from a young age, had aspired to become a religious teaching sister.

When Our Lady appeared to Adele, she was clothed in dazzling white, with a yellow sash around her waist, and a crown of stars around her head. On her third visit, Mary instructed Adele to "Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation." Adele responded: "But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?"

"Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing, I will help you."

Not only did this illiterate young woman succeed in establishing a chapel, school, and convent in the wilderness, she led the community in fervent prayer, resulting in a miraculous survival from The Great Peshtigo Fire of 1871 that claimed between 1,200 and 2,400 lives.

While at the Shrine's Apparition Chapel, I will be praying to Our Lady of Champion, that she may continue to bless our Religious Education families and faith formation leaders, and that she may send us individuals who are feeling called to join our mission.

We are still looking for catechists, classroom aides, and substitute catechists.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to help teach our children "what they should know for salvation?"

Do not be afraid to answer the call - no prior experience is needed.

"Fear nothing ... I will help you."

~ Mary

Contact Peggy Bradley @773-763-8228 for more information on how you can help.



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Some scenes from the first day of school...













A prayer for our teachers

Dear God,

Thank you to the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education.





AMEN



Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 4: Opening Hymn By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL



Now that we have reminded ourselves of our Baptism (<u>holy water</u>), given reverence to Jesus present in the tabernacle (<u>genuflection</u>), and quietly said our <u>prayers of preparation</u>, we are ready to stand for the Introductory Rites. For most parishes, these rites will begin with a hymn or the Entrance Antiphon.

There is no doubt that everyone has their "special way" of singing during the Mass. Some really belt out the song, whether they have a pleasant voice or not. Some lightly mumble the words so that even if they had a microphone, you could barely hear them. Some seemingly know the songs so well that they don't even open the books! Some must have such a deep interior connection with God that they don't even sing out loud—just in their hearts!

Let us pray

Why do we sing? Looking back in our history and to the Jewish roots of our liturgy, we see that music and singing is an important part of our prayer together. Singing is one of the most fitting praises for God, since it involves the body and soul even more than speaking. (Singing is a lot more work than speaking!) When we sing, we use our whole beings to praise God. The *General Instruction for the Roman Missal* explains the importance of singing:

"The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves,' and there is also the ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'" (*GIRM*, no. 39).

Given these admonitions, "Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass" (*GIRM*, no. 40).

At the beginning of Mass, the most common options for the "Entrance Chant" are an Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon. The purpose of singing at this time is "to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers" (*GIRM*, no. 47). The Entrance Hymn or Antiphon helps us to "get into" what we are about to do; it helps us set aside everything else that is going on in our lives and helps us to prepare our hearts to praise God and participate in the Mass. This singing especially reminds us that we are a community, because it is the first act that we all do together at the Mass.

I often hear individuals say, "I feel self-conscious because my voice is terrible!" To quote our Lord, Pope St. John Paul II, and many others: "Be not afraid!" God gave you the voice you have, and in singing praise to him, you are offering the gifts (or lack thereof) that he gave you. So, pick up that hymnal and join the song!



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, AUGUST 26, 2023

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, Carmen Rosario Castro, Ceferina Monteron

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Ursula Perez, Pablo Dominguez

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

8:30 AM — Zofia Kalemba, Doug & Sue Dasse

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

8:30 AM — Robert Spychalski, Maryjo Pelley, Sean G. Hawkins (10th anniversary)

11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — Harry Higgins, Gary & Susan Device

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

8:30 AM — Charles Boyd, Frank Jakubiak

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

8:30 AM — George Berndt

6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina, Sister Katherine Forsyth BVM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

8:30 AM — Kepros & Pryst families, Roberto Villaflor Sr. (thanksgiving)

3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION

5:00 PM — Dick & Peggy Lomeka, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Glen Langseth

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

7:30 AM — Frank Gauss IV, Eugene Fraczkowski

9:00 AM — Peter Eck, souls in purgatory 11:00 AM — Paul Stompor (birthday), Michael

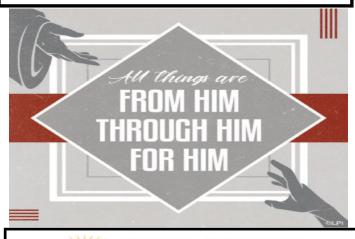
Edward Stompor (baptism), Keith D Walker, Carmen Carballo Rosario (health), Glen

Langseth

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio

Presider Schedule - September 2 & 3

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





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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

The Passion of St. John the Baptist Tuesday:

Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/

Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-

6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/

Mt 23:27-32

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and Thursday:

17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-

12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/

Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Pope Francis, like Pope Benedict XVI before him, has eloquently drawn the connection between the celebration of the Eucharist and care for the environment. All creation gives glory to God, and journeys toward divinization, toward union with the Creator.

Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, no. 40



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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. , Sunday: 12:00 - 12:45 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

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

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