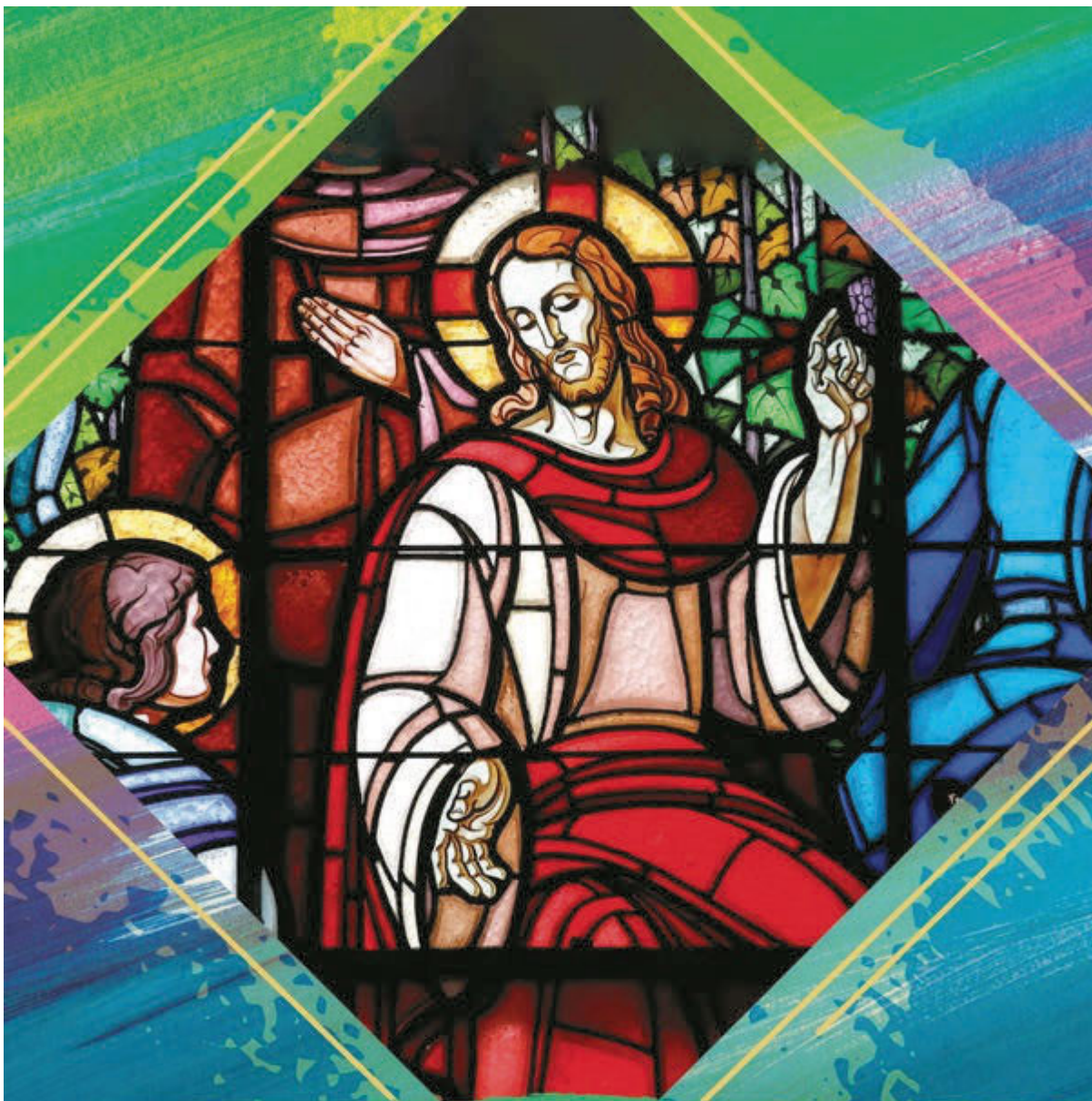




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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

FROM FR. MIKE

September 24, 2024

This weekend was our annual Parish Social, a chance for us to come together as a Catholic community of faith. After the 4:00 p.m. Mass there was live music, games for the adults and bouncy houses for the kids, a car show, a variety of good food, desserts, and adult beverages as well. I hope you were able to meet some new friends or just had a chance to relax with family and friends. We are blessed to have our parish.

The parish social weekend is a good time to be reminded of the deeper questions of life. What is a parish for? A good working reminder of a parish's purpose is: *"To form a community of disciples of Christ."* At some point our motive for anything we do here, with the school, RE, ministries, social groups, or events, is to form Catholic disciples of Jesus and encourage one another in faith. This might seem too obvious or basic to some, but as parishes have closed due to lack of involvement, we can reasonably and necessarily remind each other of what life, and the parish is supposed to be about.

The purpose of the parish mergers as part of Renew My Church, as painful as it has been for so many, is to help bring about a real renewal in faith. The Lord desires this for us and even now, in the surveys that we have taken (DMI) people express a desire to have a deeper relationship with Jesus and to become more confident in their faith.

To help meet this need, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish will be offering "The Rescue Project" which seeks to proclaim the Gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight weeks in a small group format along with a meal. Perhaps we all at times see our faith and good works as a gift back to God, maybe we subtly feel like we're doing Jesus a favor. The greatest work we can do is to receive God, to receive from Jesus Christ the grace, love, and teaching He offers. Can we allow ourselves to be rescued by the Lord?

On the Thursday evenings that these sessions are held this fall, I will be in the church at 6:00 p.m. praying for all those attending by name, that Jesus may touch their hearts in a new way. I encourage anyone that is not directly participating or volunteering in the program to pray in church for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the parish and for the needs of the participants. Intercessory prayer is powerful and reminds us that faith is a gift and none of us converts anyone, it is God's work that we all get to be a part of.

The page next to this column shows four questions that will be answered in creative and engaging ways by Fr. John Riccardo who created this ministry. He will also be speaking on September 25th at the Archdiocesan Day of Renewal. He presents Jesus' saving work in very engaging and dramatic ways. Watch the trailer and see for yourself. But most of all, ask the Lord to increase your faith and the faith of those you love.

I remember a colleague at a company I worked for before entering the seminary; he used to ask the question as a boy about life in general: "What does it all mean?" he would ponder. We should not be afraid of the big questions because our hearts desire real answers. God has not left us alone; we were made for times such as these. Come and see.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Mike





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?

Ever asked yourself these questions?
We have. Join us.



Come Join us and grow in your relationship
with God and others through food, a
thought provoking video and meaningful
conversation. Thursdays from 6:15-8:00 pm
starting Oct. 5th.

Register using the QR Code,
on the parish website, or by contacting
Ashley Guinn in the Parish Office.



New and Slightly Used Coat and Blanket Drive

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity St Vincent de Paul Society
is sponsoring a coat and blanket drive.

Help people stay warm in winter!

Bring us those coats that no longer fit and
blankets that you are not using.

This weekend before and after all Masses.



Baptism

Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Liam Patrick, child of
Patrick & Caitlin
(Melaragni) Kelly



Sebastian Liam, child of
Mark & Sheila
(Nicolas) Pinelo



Leon Aldo, child of
Stephan & Selina
(Suarez Del Real) Rodney



Save the date!

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



Date: Sunday, October 22nd

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Phil's Pizza D'Oro

Cost: \$6.00 per person

This year's event will be carry-out only

MENU

Salad

Bread

Spaghetti with meat sauce

Dessert

Proceeds will be donated to the Station School in Rwanda

Tickets will be sold outside of the church on October 14th & 15th or you can purchase at the rectory

You will have an opportunity to sign up for sponsorships when picking up your dinner order or during pre-ticket sales
If you have sponsored a student and have not yet picked up your *thank you* letter, you can do so at the event

Thank you for your support!



SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
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Paul Wierdak—Victoria Judson—Anthony Pfeifer—Paul Konietzny—Kathy Burns—Joan Harriss—
Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—Charles Jacobucci—Nancy Wesclitz
(Call the rectory office to have your name added or removed)



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Room of the school** - entrance through wrought iron gates on Moody.

Calling all knitters, crocheters and wannabes. Come share ideas, supplies, and togetherness and make Prayer Shawls and lap robes to comfort those who need them.

We also crochet sleeping mats for the homeless using plastic grocery bags. Come see this amazing and simple process which is easy to learn.

We look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Women's Group - Sunday, October 1

Women's Group Mass 9:00 a.m. (*All women of the parish are invited*)

Hospitality in the Auditorium 10:00 a.m.

(*All parishioners are welcome!*)

10:45 a.m. - All women of the parish are invited to join us in the auditorium after hospitality for **Adaptive Yoga/Chair Yoga** presented by Debra Auger, a certified instructor (*no mat required*).

PET BLESSING

The annual blessing of pets, will take place in the **Ardmore parking lot at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 4**, which is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets (and their owners are welcome!)



Baby Bottle Project

In honor of Respect Life Month, the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Respect Life Committee is supporting the fundraising efforts of The Women's Centers of Chicago by having a Baby Bottle Drive. The drive will start the **weekend of October 7/8** and run through October 28th/29th.

Please take a baby bottle from any church entrance and fill it with your spare change (or currency). Every cent goes to support the important work of the Women's Centers of Chicago. Make checks payable to: "The Women's Centers".



SPECIAL ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR



The Law Firm of Kuczek & Associates, in partnership with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish, is hosting a free educational program.

Tuesday, October 24 - 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
You'll learn ...

- *Which option is best for you...wills, trusts and planned giving options
- *The- importance of planning now and how a planned gift can help insure your legacy
- *Professional advice at no cost to help you navigate your estate planning strategy
- *A living trust can avoid the pitfalls of guardianship and probate
- *The dangers of having an old trust
- *How to protect your family from the confusion, complications and legal fees of an incomplete estate plan

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founded the firm in 1984 to focus exclusively on estate planning – wills and trusts.

Parish Survey Findings



Key Facts About the Data:

- Importantly, 225 individuals in our parish community filled out the survey. That exceeded the target set by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
- However, it's well to note that the profile of the survey respondents was skewed towards females, married persons, and those over age 56. Further, 79% of the respondents were Caucasian and 15% were Hispanic/Latino; 97% were English speaking and 3% Spanish speaking.
- Overall, this means, going forward, we will invite and engage a broad and diverse audience of parishioners to look over and then comment on the responses.
- Another survey facet to underscore is that it was not constructed as a type of "customer feedback survey" with which we are all familiar. Rather, this parish survey is intended to identify "go forward" areas for the parish as a whole and individual parishioners.

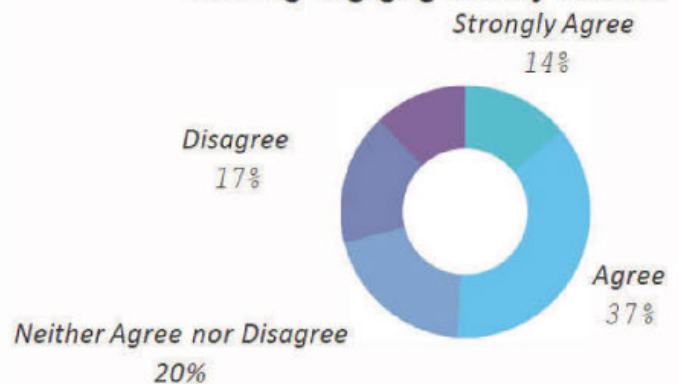
How Can You Help?

We're planning three parish teams to review the data and propose suggestions. If you haven't already volunteered to join one, we urge you to consider doing so. The three teams are:

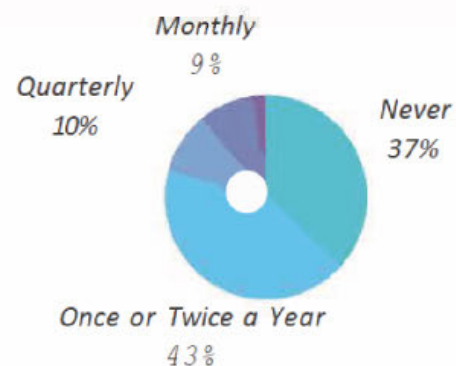
- "Personal Spiritual Growth & Sharing the Faith" Key example: Bolstering evangelization
- "Sunday Experience" Boosting active participation and prayerful engagement in the parish liturgy.
- "Communications - Vision/Mission" Communicating the parish's cornerstone statements, which is the charge of the Parish's Pastoral Council (PPC), and open to new volunteers.

If you'd like to volunteer for one of these three teams, please contact the Parish Pastoral Council, parishcouncil@setparish.org, or call the Rectory at 773-763-8228.

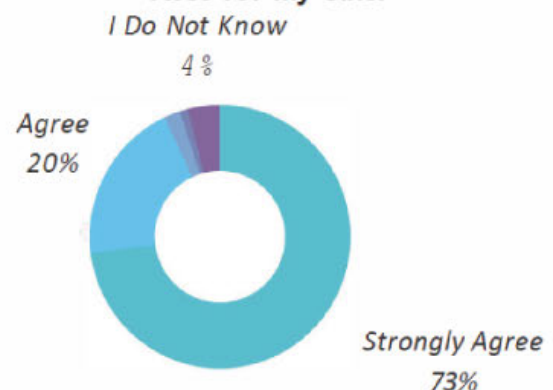
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Dear Parishioners,

The Save My Scholarship Coalition is calling on the Illinois legislature to extend the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program. If the Illinois General Assembly fails to take action in 2023 to save the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program, then 9,500 students from low-income families will lose their scholarships causing many to leave their best-fit school.

St. Elizabeth alone has over 25 students that have qualified for a scholarship - with what amounts close to \$125K! We need to tell legislatures to keep this program!

Please contact your legislatures and tell them how important this program is to our families and school community. You can go to www.SaveMyScholarship.com and click on the "Contact Your Legislator" button. Another way to get on P2A is to text the number "52886" with the message "RTS" to get signed up directly. Finally, you can use/share this link <https://p2a.co/gmqrehi>.

Time is running out - the vote takes place this fall when they are back in session, October 24th. Please help our school community and save this program.

Dr. Kristine Hillmann, Principal



**CALL AND EMAIL YOUR
LEGISLATORS TODAY!**

<http://www.savemyscholarship.com>



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**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 8:
Penitential Act
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



After the priest's greeting and people's response at the beginning of the Mass, we next share in the **Penitential Act**. If you think that sounds like penance, don't worry—it's a good thing! During the entrance rite, we recall that we are in the presence of God. If we are truly sincere in realizing that God (who is all-holy) is in our midst, then we recognize the need for purification. We recognize that when we encounter God, we must draw near with a pure heart. So, we take a brief moment of silence to call to mind our sins and failings, and we ask the Lord to forgive and heal us. After our time of silence, the priest (or deacon) leads the community in praying one of three possible prayers (conveniently known as options A, B, and C—more on them next time).

History of the Penitential Act

Like nearly every part of the Holy Sacrifice, we find descriptions of the Penitential Act in early descriptions of the Mass. One of these, the *Didachē* (pronounced: did-uh-kay), meaning *Teaching of the Apostles*, gives instructions for Christians celebrating the Eucharist: "Assemble on the Lord's Day, and break bread and offer the Eucharist; but first make confession of your faults, so that your sacrifice may be a pure one" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 32). As Father Guy Oury notes, "For a long time in the past this rite concerned only the celebrant and his ministers. Before going up to the altar they remained in silent prayer, lying face to the floor, as is still done in the liturgy of Good Friday" (*The Mass*, p. 49). So that everyone present could be more actively involved in this important part of the Mass, our current options came into use. Besides, except for some of our little ones, it would be really hard for everyone to lie down on the floor inside the pews!

How to Participate

This honest look inside ourselves during the Penitential Act helps us to be aware of our sin and, most importantly, our need for God to help us overcome sin. In a very practical way, this brief reflection recalls the places in our lives where we know we need Christ more. If you haven't yet thought of an intention to join together with the priest's offering of the Mass, this might be a great time to ask specifically for help in overcoming a particular sin or perhaps further healing from the effects of previous sins. We believe that the Mass is our most powerful prayer together because Jesus himself is truly present and we are joining together with Him in the perfect worship of God the Father. In the Mass we take part in the one perfect sacrifice of the Cross where Christ offered Himself so that our sins could be forgiven. Realizing Jesus will be present on the altar or thinking about how the Mass is a sharing in the Cross, this moment can actually be one of great hope. What a great gift!

During this part of the Mass, as you recall your sins, you might feel unworthy of what we are about to celebrate. Although it may be uncomfortable to think about where we need healing and growth, it is actually a good sign of grace at work in our hearts. We are made out of love for love. We are made for life and communion with God and each other. Of course, sin disrupts and breaks that communion: sin moves us away from where we belong. The reason we feel frustrated or embarrassed or sad when we think of our sins is that we know deep inside that sin is contrary to the life to which God calls us. Hopefully, that discomfort will spur us to seek out the forgiveness of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sometimes We Use Water Instead

For a little bonus info: Have you ever noticed during this time that the priest might walk around with Holy Water instead? As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, "From time to time on Sundays, especially in Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism" (*GIRM*, no. 51). As people from my parishes could tell you, this is often one of my favorite parts of the Mass! Using an aspergillum (typically a small reservoir with a sponge inside on the end of a handle, sometimes referred to as a sprinkler) or perhaps even an evergreen branch, the priest will dip it into the water and then sprinkle the water over the people. As when we talked about using the Holy Water upon entering the church, this water recalls our baptism and the joy of being freed by Christ from sin. No wonder the priest is often so generous with the Holy Water at this part of the Mass!



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, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

4:00 PM — Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer, deceased members of the Ognibene family, John & Helen Ptak, Marcos Fernandez Sr, James Martin, Michael Byrne

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

7:30 AM — Danilo Rivera, Lillian Faudalan Garcia
 9:00 AM — Valeria Noradin, Jim Martin
 11:00 AM — Serafino Bertolucci (20th anniversary), Roberto Santiago, Karol & Helen Leja (50th wedding anniversary)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Antonio Ruiz, Yvonne Ruiz, Carla Flores (21st birthday), respect for life

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

8:30 AM — Mathijas Halter, Danilo Rivera

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

8:30 AM — Danilo Rivera
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — for our parishioners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

8:30 AM — Natalie Walter, Walter Czaplá (special intention), Peter Eck, Danilo Rivera

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

8:30 AM — Zofia Kalembe, Danilo Rivera
 6:30 PM — BILINGUAL CONFESSION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

8:30 AM — Happy Feast Day & Blessings Sr. Gabriella

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

8:30 AM — Charles Boyd, Sofia De La Rosa
 3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — Esther Ormachea, Frank Tadusiak, Helen Ptak, Don Love, Diane Rudden, Henry Cieccko (birthday remembrance), Jeffrey Eric Friedlieb

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

7:30 AM — Lillian Faudalan Garcia
 9:00 AM — Dawn Cavins, James Martin, Catherine Minnick, Women's Group, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — for our parishioners
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Raul Rousset, Cesar Hernandez Marin

Presider Schedule - September 30 & October 1

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



Matthew Gonzalez & Luz Almaguer-Martinez - I



Richard Kolomay
 Cathy Minnick
 Lois Schulmeister
 Danilo Rivera

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priest hood Sunday
 Monday:
 Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
 Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
 Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
 Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Joe Paprocki, a national consultant on faith formation, referred to a catechist as someone who “hands on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.” At St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, we are blessed with devoted teams of catechists who are doing just that. Thank you to all our catechists and volunteers involved in passing on our Catholic faith.

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1 st Grade Mary Kay Hastings	Pre-K Bea Cavoto	Darlene & Ryan Duggan
2 nd Grade Gilda Rivero	Jr – K Rebecca Fisher	Christa & Joris Soeding
3 rd /4 th Grade Lisa Ford	Kdg Liane Skolak	Ashley Guinn
5 th Grade Diana Campagna	1 st Grade Lauren Slayton	SPRED Judy Castiglioni Kathy Danno Carol Ideler Ashley Guinn
6 th Grade Mary Ann Krupa	2 nd Grade Mary Ellen Gold	
7 th Grade Dominic Jirak	3 rd Grade Jose Flores	
7 th Grade Tristan Invencion, assistant	4 th Grade Katrina O'Malley	
8 th Grade Anthony Garcia	5 th Grade Kelly Szlak-Aimone	
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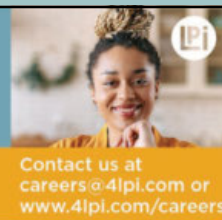
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Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and First Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary:

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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)

Rectory: 773-763-8228
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School: 773-763-7080
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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*