



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."**

—JEREMIAH 33:14

This weekend as we begin Advent, with its reminders of the Son of God's entry into the world, we also take stock as a parish with our Annual Report. I would like to thank our Finance Council in a special way for all its dedication and competence in preparing and presenting this report to all of you and for advising me: Mike Parilla (Director of Parish Operations), Dr. Kristine Hillmann (School Principal), Bill O'Hara (Chair), John Fiore, Donna Quirk, Tim Jacobs, and Donna Kay (Bookkeeper).

The Annual Report published in this bulletin includes both the Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position for the FY ending June 30th, 2023. Overall we have decreased the deficits, though they are still significant and we have slightly increased church side revenue. Your generous donations and the assets from sales are being well spent. The ongoing capital projects continue apace, this year we will focus on campus roofs: the church and some of the school roofs. Please refer also to the special insert in this bulletin which is the full commentary from the Finance Council including some updates about the property sales and good news about debt forgiveness from the Archdiocese.

The most important sign of growth at any parish is an increase in faith, which usually manifests in ministry involvement, prayer opportunities, good works, and of course, Sunday Mass attendance. Jesus Christ, present to us in the Eucharist, is the source of our strength for evangelization and ministry. We now publish every month in the bulletin the monthly offertory as well as the average Sunday Mass attendance. Our attendance has increased this year from last year by about 70 people per weekend, a small sign that the Holy Spirit is active, but the fields are still ripe for the harvest.

One of the things we have been most pleased with this past year was the introduction of the Rescue Project evangelization program. The first offering had 29 participants and about ten volunteers involved over the eight weeks of sessions. One word that was used repeatedly by the respondents was that they had a "transformative" experience! The participants gathered for a meal in small groups of about 6-8, watched a powerful video from Fr. John Riccardo (founder of the Rescue Project), had small group discussions. The whole series had a retreat toward the end. I led a small prayer team before each session that prayed a rosary before the Lord for each participant by name, which also happened at the Spanish prayer group. I'd like to thank Ashley Guinn for spearheading this work with the other volunteers, it has born some fruit!

We start Advent today, the period when we not only prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas but also His second coming at the end of time. Over the last few weeks the Readings have focused quite a bit on Christ's second coming and this week the Lord gives us a specific command to be "watchful." ***"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming whether at evening, or at midnight, or in the morning...may he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."***

Jesus' command to be watchful even to the point of not being able to sleep might sound exhausting and beyond our power, therefore causing us fear. But what the Lord wants is for us to not be surprised and therefore unprepared. When a teacher repeatedly tells students to be ready for a quiz any day of the week, when the quiz comes, they have no reason to act surprised, rather they should be ready with pencils sharpened. So too with us, we know Jesus is coming back at some point in glory, or our lives end first, whichever it is, let's be ready with faith and love.

God bless,

Fr. Mike



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Statement of Activity
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Church</u>	<u>As a %</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>As a %</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>As a %</u>
<u>Operating Revenue</u>						
Collections	\$ 647,948	86%	\$ -	0%	\$ 647,948	32%
Tuition and fees	18,608	2%	1,101,266	85%	1,119,874	55%
Grants and outside funding*	-	0%	152,458	12%	152,458	7%
Fundraising	-	0%	11,896	1%	11,896	1%
Other	<u>89,704</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>21,445</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>111,149</u>	<u>5%</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>756,260</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>1,287,065</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>2,043,325</u>	<u>100%</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>						
Salaries and benefits	539,478	59%	1,171,158	77%	1,710,636	71%
Assessments	96,516	11%	10,288	1%	106,804	4%
Insurance	84,574	9%	39,855	3%	124,429	5%
Utilities	46,073	5%	86,834	6%	132,907	5%
Repairs and maintenance	42,743	5%	95,003	6%	137,746	6%
Other	<u>104,865</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>108,802</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>213,667</u>	<u>9%</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>914,249</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>1,511,940</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>2,426,189</u>	<u>100%</u>
Net Operating (Deficit)	<u>(157,989)</u>		<u>(224,875)</u>		<u>(382,864)</u>	
<u>Extraordinary Revenue</u>						
Sale of property, net	1,262,362	92%	-	0%	1,262,362	93%
Bequests	11,285	1%	-	0%	11,285	1%
Investment income (loss)	15,173	1%	(3,418)	100%	11,755	1%
Other	<u>85,385</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>85,385</u>	<u>5%</u>
Total Extraordinary Revenue	<u>1,374,205</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>(3,418)</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>1,370,787</u>	<u>100%</u>
<u>Extraordinary Expenses</u>						
Capital projects	429,365	77%	112,100	100%	541,465	81%
Other	<u>129,038</u>	<u>23%</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>129,038</u>	<u>19%</u>
Total Extraordinary Expenses	<u>558,403</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>112,100</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>670,503</u>	<u>100%</u>
Net Extraordinary Surplus (Deficit)	<u>815,802</u>		<u>(115,518)</u>		<u>700,284</u>	
Total Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ 657,813</u>		<u>\$ (340,393)</u>		<u>\$ 317,420</u>	

* See bulletin insert regarding sunset of the Invest in Kids Act.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2023

Assets

Cash - Operations	\$ 891,395
Cash - Auxiliary Group funds	183,498
Cash - Other	31,178
Investments - Holy Name Memorial Fund	32,196
Investments - Parish Education Fund	337,829
Investments - Property sale proceeds	<u>5,527,899</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,003,995</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 118,289
Unspent Auxiliary Group funds	183,498
St. Tarcissus Parish Archdiocesan obligations	73,590 *
St. Tarcissus School Archdiocesan obligations	605,688 *
St. Cornelius Parish Archdiocesan obligations	74,085 **
St. Cornelius School Archdiocesan obligations	<u>27,551 *</u>
Total Liabilities	1,082,701

Net Assets

5,921,294

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$7,003,995

* See bulletin insert regarding debt forgiveness.

** \$71,300 was repaid in FY 2024; see bulletin insert regarding debt forgiveness for remaining \$2,785 of accrued interest.



Seamus Cillian child of
Sean & Kylie
(Sanders) Riley



Brian William child of
Shawn & Aryn
(Burke) Fletcher



Mason Alexander and
Giana Sage children of
Javier & Amanda
(Garcia) Robles



St Vincent de Paul Society 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 holidays.

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 presently one of the poorest neighborhoods in the City of Chicago. The purpose of the Mission is twofold: to assist the materially poor and to share the treasure of our 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 Parish at the Masses on **Saturday December 9th and Sunday December 10th**.

We are requesting that NO clothes be purchased which require a size. Priority gifts are for teenagers this year; suggestions below:

Girls:

craft kits (sewing, beads etc.)
jump ropes / adult coloring books
fashion scarves / headbands
nice toiletries / lotion / body wash
simple / inexpensive jewelry

Boys:

model planes / trains / cars
toy cars and trucks
men's toiletries
water bottle
watch

Either:

basketballs / soccer balls /skateboard
stuffed animals
coloring book with crayons or colored pencils
Etch A Sketch / other drawing toys
plastic toy animals / duffle bags
play science kits / Bluetooth speaker
books (nonviolent, non-magic)
play doctor / play kitchen / any play-grown-up toys
Toiletries / blankets
Bluetooth hat / sunglasses / wallet / school supplies

RETURN GIFTS AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

building toys / Legos / Tinker Toys / erector sets
non-violent games
educational toys
push pop fidget toys
Rubix cubes / mini notebooks

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

*The St Vincent de Paul Society
St Elizabeth of the Trinity Conference*





Our Women's Group invites you to
hospitality in the auditorium after the 9:00 a.m. Mass TODAY.

Our Spanish Community invites you to
hospitality in the Auditorium after the 1:00 p.m. Mass TODAY.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

**Join the Women's Group for their monthly Mass at 9:00 a.m.
TODAY, December 3**

AND

**All women of the parish are invited
to our Women's Group
Christmas Potluck**

**Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
Kolping Center, 5826 N. Elston Ave, Chicago**

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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Anything for Dec. 10, including Mass intentions, is due Dec. 4

Anything for Dec. 17, including Mass intentions, is due Dec. 8

Anything for Dec. 24, including Mass intentions, is due Dec. 14

Anything for Dec. 31, including Mass intentions, is due Dec. 21

- Jim Madura—jmadura@archchicago.org

PHOTOS OF THE DECEASED

If you brought pictures to be displayed in our Shrine of the Faithful Departed in November, you can pick them up on the table in the vestibule.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Friday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

We will have a Mass on Thursday December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Spanish.

Masses on Friday, December 8 will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Join us in church on the three Monday evening of Advent at 6:30 for Advent Evening Prayer. Take advantage of this ancient prayer form in preparation for Christmas. The service consists of song, chant, scripture, intercessions and lasts no more than 20 minutes. Come get away from all the frenetic activity and place yourself in the presence of the Lord.



FEAST IN HONOR OF

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish
6020 West Ardmore Avenue
Chicago Illinois 60646-5320



DECEMBER
12th



You are invited from December 3rd to the 12th
to celebrate the festivities of our

Blessed Mother, Queen of Mexico
and Empress of the Americas and the Philippines

Bilingual Novena

- Sunday** December 3rd Rosary and Novena Prayer 2:15 pm.
- Monday** December 4th Rosary and Novena Prayer 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday** December 5th Bilingual Holy Mass and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm.
Rosary 7:15pm.
- Wednesday** December 6th Bilingual Holy Mass and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm.
Rosary 7:15 pm.
- Thursday** December 7th Holy Mass in Spanish Vigil of the Immaculate Conception
and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm. Rosary after Mass.
- Friday** December 8th Holy Mass in English of the Immaculate Conception
and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm. Rosary after Mass.
- Saturday** December 9th Rosary and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm.
- Sunday** December 10th Rosary and Novena Prayer 2:15 pm.
- Monday** December 11th Rosary and Novena Prayer 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday** December 12th Mañanitas to Our Lady 5:30 am.
Dawn Mass in Spanish 6:30 am.
School Mass in English 8:30 am.

Bilingual Mass of the Roses 6:30 pm. (Mariachi Ángeles of Puebla)
presided over by Rev. Michael Grisolano and Rev. Leonel Sepulveda.
Reception to follow after Mass in the school auditorium.

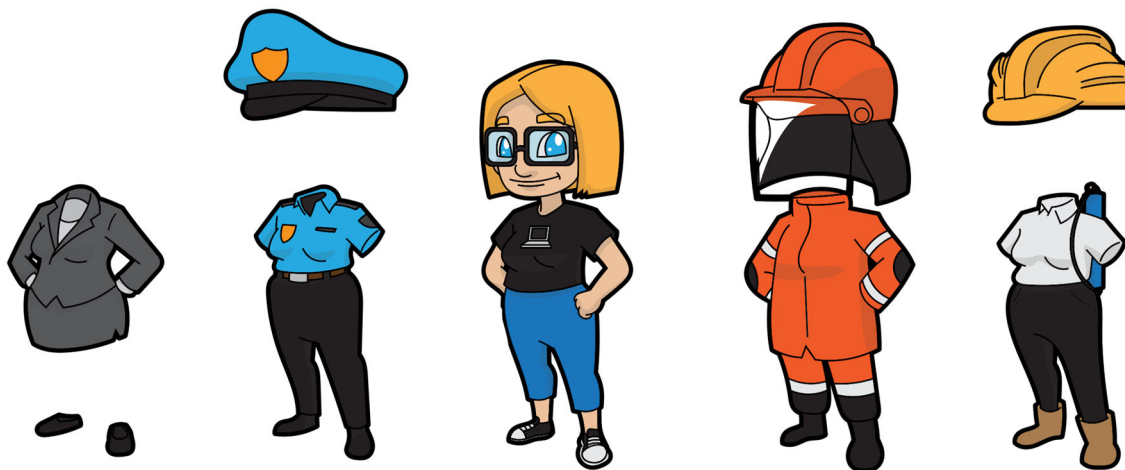


ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY SCHOOL

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Fair!!!

Please come and volunteer for our Career Fair. It is a rewarding experience to help open up ideas and worlds for students.



When: Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Where: St. Elizabeth of the Trinity's Auditorium

Time: 9:00 am- 11:00 am

If you can volunteer, please fill out your information below and return to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School's office by Friday, December 15th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. O'Malley or Mrs. Foszcz

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Please mark down below what you will need for your display.

Half table: _____ **Full table:** _____



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, DECEMBER 2, 2023

5:00 PM — Marcos Fernandez Sr, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Ceniza Cabrera (death anniversary, Lucas Cabrera (2nd anniversary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski, Jerry Stemper (9th anniversary)
 9:00 AM — Dawn Cavins, Jerry Stemper (9th anniversary), Women's Group, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Kuss & Dziedzic families
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Contreras—Manon, Rafael Ruiz (22nd anniversary), Cirilo Pacheco, Diana Calderon, Cesar Hernandez Marin

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

8:30 AM — Lucy Neri, deceased members of the Gonsalves and D'Souza families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

8:30 AM — Eleanor, Samuel, Grace & Joseph Holden, John Strischek, Richard Mally, Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — John & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

8:30 AM — Pete Eck, Annie Eck, Lorraine Rzendzian (special intention)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

8:30 AM — Mary Sroka, Patrick Rodden
 6:30 PM — (Spanish)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

8:30 AM — Sophia Nowak Kepros (21st anniversary), Leticia Gonzalez, Ed Smythe & Smythe family, Pajak & Piotrowski families
 6:30 PM — Carmen Rosario Castro (health)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

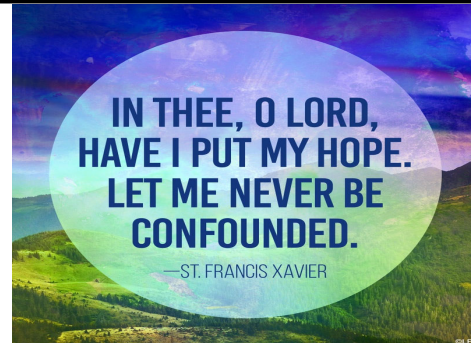
8:30 AM — for our parishioners
 3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — Diane Rudden, Don Love, Patrick Rodden, Ralph Schmidt, deceased members of the Raleigh family, Debbie O'Hagan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — Coleman McDonagh, Timothy Hiram, Patrick Durkin
 11:00 AM — Megan Carmona
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco

Presider Schedule - December 9 & 10

5:00 p.m.—Fr. McCarthy/ *Guitar Ensemble*
 7:30 a.m. —Fr. Grisolano / *Deacon Miles preaching / organ*
 9:00 a.m. —Fr. Sepulveda / *Deacon Matthew preaching / Piano / Parish Choir*
 11:00 a.m.—Fr. McCarthy / *organ*
 1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



BORN INTO
Eternal Life

Kathleen Zahn
 Florence Sheridan

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
 Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



Happy New Year! (Actually, Happy Liturgical New Year!)

So why does the Church's new year begin before January? The liturgical year follows the life of Christ. We start off the new year with hope, as we commemorate the biblical events leading to the Annunciation and birth of Jesus.

Advent starts about four weeks before Christmas, on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Feast Day (November 30), but the number of days can fluctuate between 22 and 28 days.

This year, we only have 22 days to prepare our hearts and our homes to celebrate the birth of the newborn King! Religious Education families stopped by the Advent Fair during RE classes to get ideas for family activities; from how to make-your-own Nativity Advent Calendar, to the Mary on the Mantel alternative to Elf on the Shelf, to the Giving Manger that focuses children on the real meaning of Christmas. Check out these and other ideas for all ages on the Religious Education page on the parish website. May your journey towards Christmas be hopeful, prayerful, and intentional.

Peggy Bradley



SICK LIST

**Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—
Nicholas Guerrieri—Fr. Dan Fallon—Marie Brasher—Paola Estrada—Judy Biala—Eva Anderson—
Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—Cary Muldoon-Pauly—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—Darlene Russo—
Constance Anderson—Dolores Nano—Roberto Druca—Doreen Ciesla-Huglung—Steve Hovde—
Helzing Aguilar—Flavia Langan—Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Alice Ward—Arthur Hamilton—
Paul Wierdak—Anthony Pfeifer—Paul Konietzny—Kathy Burns—Joan Harriss—
Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—Charles Jacobucci—Nancy Wesclitz—Ciara Czajkowski—
Donna J. Kolinski—Richard Muench—Frank Delia—Steve Miller**

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

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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 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual)
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday: 12:00 to 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. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 7:50 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 parish office to make arrangements.

Food Pantry: Open Tuesdays - 9:00 to 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)

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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*