



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**NOVEMBER 12, 2023**



**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"You know neither the day nor the hour."  
- Mt 25: 13**



***"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."***

We are coming to the end of the liturgical year and the Readings always focus on death, judgment, and Christ's second coming. The Lord is reminding us of how fleeting life is so that we don't forget the point of it all. Especially when the world around us seems unstable, Jesus wants us to focus on what is stable.

Some years ago, Cardinal George shared a story about when the Holy Father was elected after the conclave. He was asked what he was pondering as he stood on a balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square. He was contemplating that at the center of St. Peter's Square is an obelisk that was brought by the Roman emperor Augustus from ancient Egypt. For centuries now it has stood with a cross on top of it. The cardinal noted that the kingdoms of ancient Egypt and Rome are long gone but the Church of Jesus Christ remains. It is good for us to be reminded that the kingdoms of the earth and their rulers come and go, we remember some, but most are forgotten.

Keeping our mind on the big picture of what life is all about and our final destination is a major theme from the Readings this time of year. Jesus doesn't want us to be surprised either when we die or when He comes in glory.

When you're at the DMV, airport, a drive-thru, or someplace where the waiting lines are long, you need to have your ID, cash, or other things ready when you're called on. There might even be volunteers and signs reminding us exactly what kind of paperwork or items we should have ready. We're often exasperated when people seem surprised and unprepared when it's their turn. The thought comes to us: *"We've all been waiting here for a long time for this very thing, how can you not be ready?"*

That's what Jesus basically tells us in the parable today about the foolish bridesmaids who aren't ready with oil for their lamps to celebrate the bridegroom's coming. The oil that the wise virgins had was their good works of faith, that's why it couldn't be shared with the others who had little or none of their own. At the moment we die, it will be too late to amend our lives, to forgive someone, or offer any meritorious act. Death is immediately followed by the time of review, of evaluation...of God's judgment. The Lord is not trying to frighten us but to focus us to live our lives without regret.

This past week was also the feast day for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, our patroness. She foretold that she would have a mission from heaven to those on earth. I thought I would share some of her powerful and encouraging insights.

Many of her letters and writings come from the final eight months of her life when she was only 25 years old and suffering terribly from Addison's disease. It could not be treated back in 1905 and was quite debilitating, painful, and fatal. But she maintained tremendous joy, peace, and love through all of her suffering. It was from her infirmary room that she wrote these words:

*"In the light of eternity God makes me understand many things, and I come to tell you as though it were coming from Him...I wish I could make myself heard by everyone in order to tell them of the vanity, of the nothingness of what passes, unless it is done for God."*

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Mike

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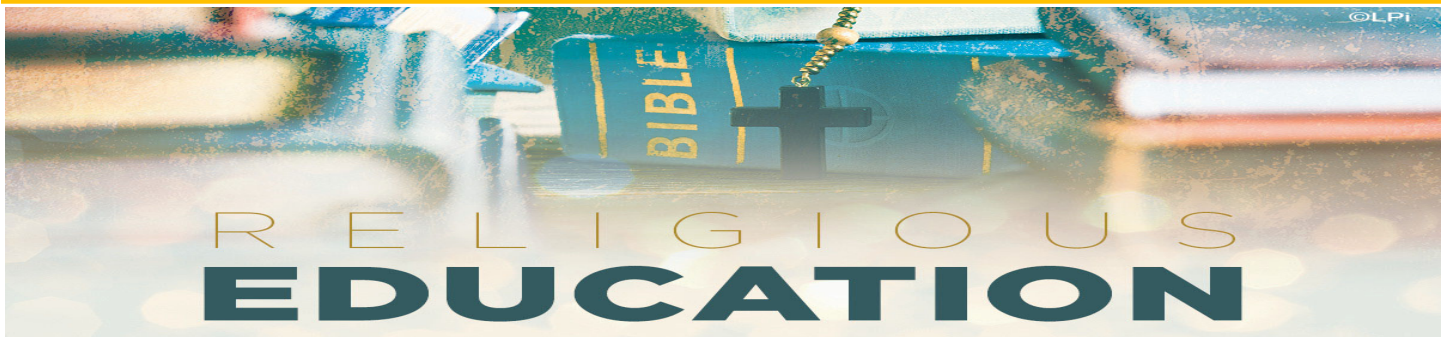
In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

**Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Society poor box so that those who are in need will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.**

### **A Tax-Savvy Way to Support St. Elizabeth of the Trinity**

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to our parish, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

**To make a stock donation to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, please visit [archchicago.org/stockgiftform](http://archchicago.org/stockgiftform) and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form.** Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago** at 312.534.7461 or [kwhitehead@archchicago.org](mailto:kwhitehead@archchicago.org).



## **VOLUNTEER**



<https://stelizabethtrinity.org/parent-fair-share-volunteer-opportunities/>

### **Parishioners & Parents of RE Students:**

**Are you looking for volunteer opportunities to support the Religious Education Program?**

**Check out the dates & times on the Religious Education page on the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity website.**

- Family Mass Volunteers
- RE Program Administration Volunteers
- RE & Parish Event Volunteers

# Baptism

## Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Madison Joy child of  
Aaron & Mary Beth  
(Stehl) Heidebrink



Jayden James child of  
Robert & Michele  
(Rialla) Kopp

### AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

All women of the parish are invited to the next meeting of the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Women's Group on **Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 p. m.** in the auditorium. Please join us for a fun evening!

## Monthly Teen Mass

**Nov. 26th at 5:00 pm**

with prayer time accompanied with music and Confessions starting at 4:40 and followed by an open Gym until 8:00 pm

**All** are welcome to join us for prayer and Mass  
**Teens in grades 7-12** are welcome to join us in the gym, after mass for some food and fellowship.

If you have questions or are a teen who would like to help lector or alter serve at the Mass please contact Ashley Guinn in the Parish Office or at [aguinn@archchicago.org](mailto:aguinn@archchicago.org)

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

**Anything for the November 26 bulletin, including Mass Intentions, needs to be submitted by Thursday, Nov. 16.**

**Thank you!**

### Stewardship Report

#### Sunday Giving (Fiscal Year July 2023 - June 2024)

		October	
	2023		2022
Monthly Total	\$50,196		\$48,878
Yearly Total / Fiscal YTD	\$185,619		\$191,302
Weekly Average Attendance	809		691



## 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-Hugglung—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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## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



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# CCHD 2023 COLLECTION

**For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has carried out the mission of Jesus Christ to...**

### **BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR**

In a society where millions lack the necessities of life, particularly in the time of a global pandemic.

### **BRING LIBERTY TO CAPTIVES**

When so many are enslaved by poverty, addiction, ignorance, discrimination, violence or disabling conditions.

### **BRING NEW SIGHT TO THE BLIND**

In a culture where the excessive pursuit of power or pleasure can spiritually blind us to the dignity and right of others.

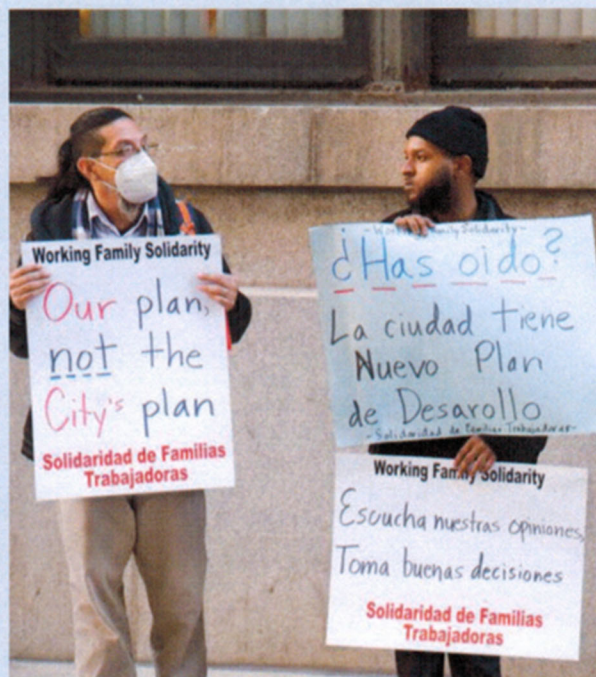
### **SET THE DOWNTRODDEN FREE**

In communities where health, economic and moral forces leave people without real hope. (cf. Lk 4:18)

**Please support the second collection in your parish on November 18 – 19.**

Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or how to donate, please visit [CCHDchicago.org](https://CCHDchicago.org).





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.



## Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Patroness



Our parish commemorated the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity in special ways this past weekend.

**Fr. Britto:** On Saturday, Fr. Britto Berchmans celebrated Mass, joined us for hospitality, and enlightened us with his humorous and poignant presentation entitled: “Men and Women in Conversation – Different Communication Styles.” Special thanks to the Nelson’s, the O’Leary’s, and Michie Burke for their event coordination and elegant hospitality.

**Hospitality:** On Sunday, the Women’s Group hosted hospitality after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, and La Comunidad Hispana hosted hospitality for over 120 parishioners and friends after the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Our Spanish community will continue to provide hospitality after the 1:00 p.m. Mass on the same Sundays as the Women’s Group (usually the first Sunday of the month). All are welcome!



**Novena to our Patroness:** In Religious Education class on Sunday, students learned that praying to a patron saint is like asking a friend to speak on your behalf, meaning you don’t have to carry your burdens alone. Students were introduced to the pious practice of praying a novena using the Carmelite Order’s special novena to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. In addition, each student shared intentions and incorporated them in the intercessory prayer.

Their intentions reflected an understanding of the Great Commandment to love one another and a belief in the power of prayer. Intentions included: a hope to get others to return to Mass, peace in the world, a cousin who is about to become a father, repentance of people who hurt others, that the needs of the poor are met, for a sister who is Heaven, global warming, and the financial means to help with medical needs of a loved one. Parents, you are doing a great job raising such conscientious, prayerful children!

If you are interested in praying this novena, search for the “Carmelite Quotes. Blog” and the “Our Novenas” tab, or use this link: <https://carmelitequotes.blog/2023/10/30/liznovena23-int/>

*Thank you to the members of the Women’s Group and the Spanish Community blessed with the gift of hospitality, for providing parishioners with opportunities for such welcoming fellowship!*





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**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass  
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 15:  
The First Reading  
by FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



After spending some time reflecting on the Liturgy of the Word as a whole, this week we begin looking more closely at each part, beginning with the First Reading. We might hear the lector proclaim, “A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. In the days of Ahaz, king of Judah, son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, Rezin, king of Aram, and Pekah, king of Israel, son of Remaliah...” (Isaiah 7:1-9). With all these names, which many of us may not even know how to pronounce, we might wonder: Why do we use the Old Testament at Mass, anyway?

### **A Witness to God’s Faithfulness**

As we said earlier, the First Reading at Mass is generally from the Old Testament. When we hear the stories of the Old Testament, we hear about how God called and began to form his people. If you are familiar with the Old Testament, you know there are times of faithfulness and falling away. There are prophets, judges, and other leaders that help call the people back to faithfulness. There are times where God is clearly directly involved and times where he seems to be more in the background. We learn about God’s faithfulness, even in the midst of our unfaithfulness. I am often struck by that faithfulness of God: we know we don’t deserve it, and yet there he is, consistently loving, forgiving, leading, providing, and protecting, doing all the things that good fathers do for their beloved children. Hopefully, as we hear those words each week, they remind us we can always go to our loving God and Father.

As we reflected before, generally when we talk about the Old Testament, we talk about a preparation. Through Moses, the prophets, and other writers, God was preparing his people (and us) to receive the truth about Jesus—that he truly is the Messiah who came to set us free from sin and death so that we might live with the Father forever. The Old and New Testament work together: the Old prepares for the New, and the New tells us what we’ve been waiting for, namely, Jesus Christ (cf. *Dei Verbum*, no. 15).

### **The Family of God**

But why do we need all those names? The whole Bible, even parts we don’t understand or that don’t seem helpful, is part of God’s precious word to his people. Charles Belmonte reminds us that, just as every particle of the Body of Christ is precious, so too is every word (and name) of the Bible. Sometimes the readings may seem “obscure” to us because we don’t understand the ancient cultures of the Middle East. Sometimes they just mildly hint at one of the great mysteries of God and their importance can be easily overlooked. Sometimes we stumble over the names or we don’t understand the poetic language. “Nevertheless, we can be sure that if we do our best, the Holy Spirit will give us enough capacity to grasp whatever we may need for our sanctification and mission in life. And even if what we have read [or heard] does not stay in our memory, the Word of God has purified and nourished our souls” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 85)

We might think that the names aren’t that important, but what they show us is a continuous string of people who are in relationship with God, an ongoing family which the Lord is building over time. Just like we remember the names of our grandparents and great-grandparents because they are part of our family tree, so too do we remember the names of these people who in some way had (and still have) an important part to play in God’s family tree. As the Church teaches, “Christians should accept with veneration these writings which give expression to a lively sense of God, which are a storehouse of sublime teaching on God and of sound wisdom on human life, as well as a wonderful treasury of prayers; in them, too, the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way” (*Dei Verbum*, no. 15).

One of my favorite things about the Old Testament is that God teaches us little by little. There is always a story to go with what we hear; there is always a bit-by-bit explanation for what God is trying to tell us. The Old Testament isn’t just strange names and long stories with some songs and poetry mixed in. It is God speaking to us and saying gradually, “Come a little closer... Please get to know me... You will find happiness in me... I want to take care of you... I will send the Messiah to save you... I am your loving Father.”





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, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

5:00 PM — Marianne Connolly, Ralph Annunzio, Marcos Fernandez Sr., deceased members of the Ognibene family

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

7:30 AM — Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Jo & Ed Sanborn, Anna, Joseph, Estelle & Walter Dyjak, Richard Swiec, Eugene Fraczkowski, John & Anna Bartosik (40th wedding anniversary)  
 9:00 AM — Pete Eck, Richard Muench, Peter & Alicia Uliasz (60th wedding anniversary)  
 11:00 AM — William Davitt, Paul Varga, John Needham, Eraine Mally (100th birthday), Christine Reclusado  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) for our parishioners

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

8:30 AM — Russell Kellner, Stanley Sokol

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

8:30 AM — Eraine Mally - 100th birthday, 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, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

8:30 AM — Joshua Albert, La Vonja Komatowski, Jesus Gonzalez, Peter Eck, Special Intentions

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

8:30 AM — Sharon Tuzik (1st anniversary), Mary Iacullo (anniversary)  
 6:30 PM — BILINGUAL CONFESSION

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

8:30 AM — John J. Fergus, William, James & Philip Hague

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

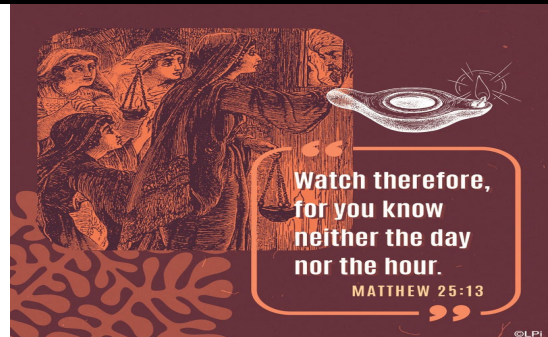
8:30 AM — Florentina & Rose Cervantes  
 3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION  
 5:00 PM — Don Love

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

7:30 AM — Cheryl Sinatra  
 9:00 AM — Richard Muench  
 11:00 AM — Barbara Connolly, Helen Michalik, Diane Rizzuto, Milka Stanojevich, Geraldine Pfister  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) for our parishioners

#### Presider Schedule - November 18 & 19

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



George E. Van Durme  
 Joseph Christopher Becker, Sr.

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
 Tuesday:  
 Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin  
 Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious  
 Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin  
 Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13  
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10  
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37  
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8  
 Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



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*Let us never forget  
that an age prospers or dwindles  
in proportion to its devotion  
to the Holy Eucharist.  
This is the measure of its spiritual life and  
its faith, of its charity and its virtue.*

**ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD**



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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](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 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](mailto: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*