



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



FEBRUARY 25, 2024



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

Next week we look forward to our Lenten mission speaker, Fr. Tim Anastos. You might know Fr. Anastos from his time as the Associate Pastor at Mary Seat of Wisdom. He is currently on assignment at the UIC St. John Paul II Newman Center doing very good work there as a chaplain. I had the benefit of recently completing the spiritual direction training program with him, he is a faithful and engaging priest. Fr. Tim will speak about encountering Jesus Christ more deeply in the Eucharist and in the quiet of Adoration. Come join us if you can on Monday, March 4th, 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Please read the letter from Dr. Hillmann in this bulletin on our goal to raise money for financial aid to qualifying families for our school, the Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund (TTAF). We had about 20 students per year qualify for the former Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship, with a total of about \$125,000 of annual need. We are looking at finding a couple of larger donors who would be able to offer matching gifts to help incentivize others for this annual collection. We currently have raised over \$25,000 for next year already. Thank you for your generosity in supporting Catholic education for those that need some help.

Now to the 2nd Sunday of Lent, ***“He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified”*** (Mk. 9:6). This was how Peter told St. Mark he reacted to witnessing Jesus being Transfigured before them after he offered to be a tent builder. Jesus was revealed in His Divine glory, shown talking with Moses and Elijah and fulfilling God’s promises, but Peter felt compelled to speak and not take it all in, presuming the good Lord would reveal more. Perhaps Peter wanted to say something to dim the mystery before him, to domesticate and bring it down to earth.

Had Peter waited he would have heard the Father speak from the cloud ***“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to Him.”*** Jesus Himself was to explain further what this sign meant and that they would understand more after He had risen from the dead. We are an impatient lot we humans, and we often feel the need to speak when listening would be better for us. Part of the discipline of Lent, is trying to discipline our senses, including our speech so that we can try to prioritize not just listening to others, but hearing the voice of the Lord guiding us in our daily lives.

One benefit of not talking as much as we tend to is that we might appear less foolish, as Peter did, as the saying goes “Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and to remove all doubt.” But we ought not to care too much what others think of us, especially if there is a need to speak a necessary but uncomfortable truth. Wise people are not always silent, but they know when to be.

St. Alphonsus Ligouri has powerful reflections on the importance of the practice of silence: *“It is hard to find a truly holy person who talks much. But they who have the spirit of prayer love silence, which has deservedly been called a guardian of innocence, a shield against temptations and a fruitful source of prayer. Silence promotes recollection and awakens good thoughts in the heart.”*

People often try to fill the quiet time in their life with noise and distraction, perhaps out of fear of being or feeling alone. But we are not alone.

Be still before the LORD; wait for Him” (Ps. 37:7).

God bless,

Fr. Mike

“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM.” - MK 9:7

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul Society poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.



JOIN US DURING LENT FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Evening Prayer

Every Monday of Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 6:30 p.m. and
7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Lenten Mission: “Jesus, Make Me Fully Alive” March 4th 7:00 PM in the Auditorium

COME JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH THIS LENT

After evening prayer in the church, head over to the auditorium for an engaging talk about how the Eucharist and Adoration can help us recharge our relationship with Christ.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served and
RSVPs via Flocknote are strongly
encouraged.



Bio:

Fr. Tim is the assistant chaplain at the Newman Center at UIC and a eucharistic preacher for the USCCB. Fr. Tim releases Reel Homilies, one-minute reflections on the Sunday Mass readings through the lens of Church tradition, pop culture, and self-improvement with Spirit Juice Studios.

TODAY!

Monthly Teen Mass

Feb. 25th 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 aquinn@archchicago.org

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

On Sunday, March 3, all ladies of the parish are invited to join Women's Group members in church to pray the **Rosary at 8:30 a.m.** before we gather for the **9:00 Mass.**

ALL PARISHIONERS

You are invited to join the Women's Group next Sunday, March 3 **after the 9:00 a.m. for hospitality in the auditorium.**

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



2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2023 contribution statements are now available *by request*. We would prefer to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, but they can also be mailed. You may call or email the parish office if you would like to request a copy. Call 773 763-8228 or email: parishoffice@setparish.org

If you are a Faith Direct user, you can print out your own report through their website. If you have made contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal your acknowledgement comes directly from the Archdiocese.

Dear Father Grisolano,
Mid-winter blessings!

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish for your generous contribution of \$3,458.49 toward the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the year.

Gratefully,
Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.
Retirement Fund for Religious, Coordinator



OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsrice-bowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope



PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Our first meeting of the new year will be on **Monday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in our meeting space in the Art Room of the school building, which you can enter off of Moody Ave. It will be good to get together again. Bring anything you have made over our break or just bring yourself and we will start off our new year together.

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Our Lenten Journey Has Begun!

Occasionally, Lent begins on Valentine's Day, as it did this year. So, this Ash Wednesday, we skipped the exchange of chocolates and focused on the message of Love. What better way to begin the Lenten journey of preparing our hearts for Jesus! Contemplating the three pillars of Lent, the R.E. students made resolutions to pray, make sacrifices, and do "40 days of Kindness". Second Graders learned to pray for others using the seven words that St. Elizabeth of the Trinity often used. Whenever Elizabeth was asked for prayers, she would petition Christ using the words that Martha and Mary, the beloved sisters of Lazarus, used when they sought help: "*Lord, the one you love is sick...*". The students wrote their prayers in the same manner and put them at the foot of the Cross. RCIC students took home Lenten Resolution Trackers and magnets to prominently post their trackers on the refrigerator as a daily reminder. Go to the R.E. webpage to get printable copies if you would like to use the tracker in your home.

Our parish community joined in prayer and fellowship for the Ashes & Pizza event. We were pleased to welcome over 150 guests! (Next year, we will order more pizzas!!) A special thank you to our RE families, including the students preparing to receive Confirmation and their parents, who volunteered to help with this event. We could not have done it without you!

Speaking of prayers, our Confirmation students attended the 9:00 a.m. Mass last Sunday and received a special blessing. As Fr. McCarthy proclaimed: "These students are the future of the Church." Thank you to the parents, godparents, sponsors, catechists, our clergy, and Deacon Matthew for being strong witnesses to our youth during their sacramental preparation. Throughout this Lenten season, let us continue to keep the newly confirmed students in our prayers.

Peggy Bradley

Coordinator of Religious Education



Leave a Legacy to Bring Hope to the World

As we stand before God's promise to make all things new, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by including a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal in your will or trust. A bequest can be made to the Annual Catholic Appeal using the following language:

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Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Catholic School

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February, 2024

Dear Parents, Parishioners and Friends of St. Elizabeth,

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity officially opened its doors, amid a pandemic, to students in the fall of 2020, after merging with St. Thecla and Pope Francis Global Academy - North Campus. Since then, we have remained open, offering in-person education for all our students, when other schools did not. We are very fortunate that new families joined St. Elizabeth during these past few years, because we remained open - and provided a Catholic education to all students.

In 2017, Illinois created the Invest in Kids Act, which allowed students to attend a private school with partial or full tuition covered, if they reside in a failing public school district as well as showed financial need. This program, also known as the Tax Credit Scholarship Program, awarded about 14% of our student population the funds to attend St Elizabeth, in the amount of around \$125K. Unfortunately, the Illinois legislature did not renew this program which leaves many families unsure of how they will afford private education. Schools are working tirelessly to work out a budget that will allow their students to remain in school.

I write to all of you today to ask for your financial support to help keep these students at St. Elizabeth. The boards of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity created the Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund, to help cover the costs of tuition for families in need. The tuition for one child per year is \$6840. I am asking for you to give what you can, whether it be \$500 or \$5000! Every little bit helps to ensure these 25 students remain at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity for years to come. And, I hope to continue to grow our Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund, so that anyone who wants to be a part of St. Elizabeth in the future, is able, no matter their financial situation.

If you would like to donate to the Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund (TTAF) you can send a check to my attention at school or donate online through GiveSmart <http://e.givesmart.com/events/AJX> or Faith Direct <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/IL795/54688>. Again, any amount is appreciated as we get this fund started at St Elizabeth. Please know that no matter the amount in the TTAF, Father Mike and I will work with families to ensure that any student who wants to attend St. Elizabeth is able through school and parish support.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at the above number or at k.hillmann@stelizabethtrinityschool.org. I thank you for taking the time to consider my request.

Yours in Christ,
Kristine Hillmann, Ed.D.
Principal

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Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 29:
The Creed as Statement of Faith in the Trinity
by **FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



Having considered the Creed in general, let's take a closer look at the contents of this statement of our Faith. As we look through the phrases, the Creed is very clearly laying out the main truths about the Holy Trinity, our belief in One God in Three Persons. As our current *Catechism* quotes from the *Roman Catechism* (or the *Catechism of the Council of Trent*), explaining "The Creed is divided into three parts: 'the first part speaks of the first divine Person and the wonderful work of creation; the next speaks of the second divine Person and the mystery of his redemption of men; the final part speaks of the third divine Person, the origin and source of our sanctification'" (CCC, no. 190).

The Three Parts of the Creed

Charles Belmonte expands this introduction to the three parts of the Creed:

— *A confession of faith in God, the Father*, our Creator, maker of heaven and earth, of all [things visible and invisible].

— *A confession of faith in Christ, our Lord*. He is God, who by the power of the Spirit became incarnate [of] the Virgin Mary and was made man. Then we focus on Christ's Passion and Death on the Cross; his Resurrection, Ascension, and participation in the judgment to reign forever, as it was announced by the angel to the Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:33).

— *A confession of faith in the means of salvation, supplied by God, the Holy Spirit*, the giver of supernatural life. We declare how he works through the Church (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 100-101).

Continuing through the last part of the Creed, Belmonte writes, "[I] believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. [The word] *catholic* means 'universal'—a reminder that the Church exists throughout the world and embraces the *entire* revelation of God... The Church is *apostolic* because she traces her origins back to Christ through the apostles and always teaches the message the apostles received from him" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 101). The Church is one and holy because it is founded by Christ and led by the Holy Spirit toward the unity and holiness that Jesus calls all Christians to live.

We call this list the Four Marks of the Church. These characteristics are like landmarks or distinguishing features that help us to know the one true Church of Jesus.

Words to Speak... and Believe

As we go through each phrase, we are reviewing the truths we believe in, and we are also invited into a reflection on the ways that God has made himself known to us. We recall the steps of salvation history and the moment when God dwells among us. We remember the ultimate gift of God's love and the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps unite us and strengthen us for life in that love. As Belmonte concludes:

"The Creed is none other than the marvelous history of God's love for us... In these times of doctrinal confusion, we should be careful not to compromise the content of our faith, not even in small things... It is worthwhile, above all, to decide to take our Christian life seriously. When we recite the Creed, we state that we believe in God the Father Almighty, in his Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, and in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. We affirm that the Church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic—is the body of Christ enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We rejoice in the forgiveness of sins and in the hope of the resurrection. But do those words penetrate to the depths of our own heart? Or do they remain only on our lips?" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 102).

We say the Creed often, and many of us can likely follow along without even really thinking about the words. But wouldn't it be fruitful to truly ask ourselves what we are saying? What truths are we proclaiming together? What do we mean when we say those words?



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, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family, Diane Dudeh, Lorraine Schmidt, Conal Eamonn Gillespie

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — Cynthia Rubic
 11:00 AM — Ann Mullagh, Carmen Rosario Castro, John J. Fergus, Henryk & Stefan Bujo, Geraldine Pfister
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Diana Calderon, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco, Carmen Maldonado, Elvia Suarez, Julia Suarez
 5:00 — TEEN MASS — for those in our families in need of prayer

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

8:30 AM — Conrad Deane, Sabrina Pena, Eleanor, Samuel, Grace & Joseph Holden, Joseph Turco, Roxanne Bartol (for successful surgery)
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — John & Katherine Misiuda, Sarah & Kurt Estep

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

8:30 AM — Zofia Kalemba, Peter Eck, John Stuckel, Louis J. Cicchetti

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

8:30 AM — Christian Granados
 6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)

FRIDAY, March 1, 2024

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina

SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

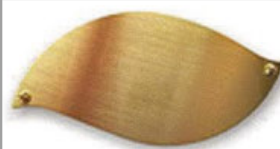
8:30 AM — John C. Barrett, Kepros & Pryst families, Mary Ann Krupa, Mary Jo Ruckauf
 3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — Marcos Fernandez, Sr, Lydia Fernandez, Don Love, John Stuckel

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024

7:30 AM — John C. Barrett
 9:00 AM — Dawn Cavins, Edward Pomierski, Women's Group
 11:00 AM — Margo Bissen (2 month anniversary), John Stuckel
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco, Jose Luis Bucio, Porfirio & Maria Carmen Barajas, Julia Suarez, Elvia Suarez

Presider Schedule - March 2 & 3

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Grisolano / Deacon Miles
preaching / piano
7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / Deacon Matthew
preaching / organ
9:00 a.m. —Fr. Sepulveda / Deacon Miles
preaching / piano / parish choir
11:00 a.m.— Fr. Sepulveda/ Deacon Matthew
preaching / organ
1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Bp. Bartosic



A leaf has been added to our Memorial Tree in honor of

Jeffrey E. Friedlieb



Sandy Reynen

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
 Monday:
 Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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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 Bzdón to make arrangements:

gbzdón@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)

*"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*