



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



MARCH 3, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

“Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” Jesus Christ spoke these words, as reported in the Gospel of John, after he had aggressively driven the money changers from the Temple. We also know from the Synoptic Gospels that He said: ***“My house shall be a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves”*** (Mt. 21:13). The Lord is reminding, even with righteous anger, that the physical houses of worship, like our churches where He is present, should be places of prayer. Jesus dwells in the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament and He also wants to dwell within us, in our hearts and minds.

Prayer is first a relationship with God, our hearts and minds are raised to our Father who knows what we need before we even ask and wants to provide for us.

I recently reached out to the local Carmelite Monastery in Des Plaines to learn more about the spirituality of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and had some nice conversation with one of the nuns there. They also promised to pray for us. Sr. Josephine encouraged me and the whole parish to pray to the Holy Spirit, and ask to receive the Holy Spirit for ourselves and for the parish. The Carmelites are very inspiring.

Sr. Josephine told me a story about the founding of their house in Des Plaines. The Archbishop at the time, Cardinal Stritch, asked Mother Agnes: “What do you do?” and she probably presuming the Cardinal knew of their charism she mentioned the tasks that the Carmelites sisters engaged in to support the community like making liturgical or devotional items. Here is Cardinal Stritch’s response, which they take very much to heart:

“We don’t need you to make vestments or rosaries or altar breads. Do you pray? We need your prayers. Pray for this Archdiocese, the Archbishop, the priests and all the faithful. Pray that we will be what we ought to be.”

The Carmelites carry out this mission of prayer without ceasing, but we too are meant, as our state in life allows, to keep our minds and hearts raised to God in prayer.

The parish has so many opportunities for prayer, especially during Lent with Stations of the Cross, Vespers on Mondays, Adoration, Confessions and Mass on Tuesdays, or just quiet time with the Lord throughout the day. Our own homes, the domestic church, can be places of prayer, communal prayer before meals, before bedtime, perhaps with the rosary or part of it.

Cardinal Stritch’s question can stay with us too: “Do you pray?”

If we wrestle with how to begin personal prayer with the Lord, it could begin simply by placing ourselves in the Lord’s presence, in our “inner room” and thanking Him for something in our day or life in general. We can thank the Lord for His blessings. Jesus also tells us to ask for what we need, with persistence. We must try to listen too to the quiet voice within, for He is speaking and wants to strengthen and guide us if we would let him.

Sr. Josephine also sent me a booklet about St. Elizabeth of the Trinity with a beautiful quote. I will leave it with you. It is about how we should talk to Jesus in prayer:

“Let yourself be loved...act as you would with someone you love; it’s so simple. There is no need for beautiful thoughts, only an outpouring of your heart” (Letter 273 to her mother).

May our Lenten practices and prayer be fruitful and help us to grow in love of God and neighbor.

In Christ,

Fr. Mike





In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can You show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

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

TOMORROW!

**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.

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Baptism



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Kevin & Victoria
(Pokomowski) Hastings

JOIN US DURING LENT FOR THE FOLLOWING...



Evening Prayer (Vespers)

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)

RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY



Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



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—Steve Hovde—Helzing Aguilar—
Flavia Langan—Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Alice Ward—Arthur Hamilton—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—Raffaella Mucerino—Hector Magnanao—Jose A. Reyes—
Carmen R. Reyes—Connie Larek—Calli Olivera
(Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed)

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Today, 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 today, March 3, **after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for hospitality in the auditorium.**

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Totus Tuus: Save the Date!



We hope to have Totus Tuus return to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity this summer July 7th-12th This is a great summer opportunity full of fun and faith formation. Registration will start as soon as our date is confirmed. If you would like to be on a list to get registration information as soon as it is available please email aguinn@archchicago.org

If your family would like to help be a host family for two of the missionaries that week please contact Ashley Guinn in the parish office.

Dear St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parishioners,

It is with deep regret that I must step aside from saying Mass at SEOT. My health is failing and I have begun hospice care. Not enough energy to continue.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I continue to pray for you.

Fr. Dan Fallon

Fr. Daniel Fallon
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Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed Students

The Rite of Confirmation was conferred by Bishop Jeffrey Grob at the Confirmation Mass on Thursday, February 22nd. Seven candidates also received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen the faith of our students and fulfill in them the work begun by Jesus.

Andre Ariza	St. Peter	Kaylee Landa Alexander	St. Elizabeth
Rosalie Avella	St. Rose	Ava Ligety-Lopez	St. Francis
Erik Avila	St. Dominic	Gabriela Mendoza	St. Cecilia
Luke Burns	St. Sebastian	Olivia Migliore	St. Philomena
Miguel Campoverde	St. John	Sophia Morales	St. Veronica
Kelly Campoverde	St. Francis	Devon Mott	St. Edward
Annie Carroll	St. Brigid	Karelis Navarrete	St. Maria
Anthony Chavez	St. Francis	Amy Ojeda	St. Gabriel
Valeria Correa	St. Francis	Timothy Onita	St. Francis
Nora Cowgill	St. Cecilia	Haidy Ortega	St. Mary
Erin Daly	St. Elizabeth	Molly Pawlowski	St. Florian
Nicolette DeLira	St. Cecilia	Ethan Pulse	St. Sebastian
Jack Diete	St. Tarcissus	Ethan Ramirez	St. Nicholas
Keyla Duenas	St. Jude	Andrea Richter	St. Francis
Jair Duenas	St. Anthony	Roman Salvador	St. Valentine
Bridget Fedoruk	St. Francis	Alexandria Sanchez	St. Cecilia
Brian Fletcher	St. Sebastian	Rosalin Saucedo	St. Mary
Henry Gonzales	St. Jerome	Michael Simic	St. Ambrose
Eric Alexander Guel	St. Sebastian	Jonathan Soto	St. Jude
Molly Howard	St. Maria	Keira Stieve	St. Francis
Carly Jablonski	St. Anne	Collin Surnit	St. Christopher
Leah Johnson	St. Genesis	An Tran	St. Francis

Evelyn Diaz	St. Monica	Previously Confirmed; Reaffirmed Promises
Madison Marias-Avila	St. Genesis	Will receive the Sacraments in May

Calling All Interested Parents!

The parish is holding an open discussion forum on the *Future of SCOUTING*
at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Tuesday, March 5th - 7:00 p.m. – School Auditorium

Agenda Topics

Opening and Introductions
History of Scouting at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Current State
Open Discussion / Next Steps



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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 30:
Intercessions
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



We likely recognize the phrases “We pray to the Lord” and “Lord hear our prayer” from the General Intercessions at Mass. After the Creed, as a conclusion to the Liturgy of the Word, the community prays together, asking God for various needs. This part of the Mass has several names, including the **Prayer of the Faithful, General Intercessions, Universal Prayer, or Petitions**.

As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* teaches, “In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is desirable that there usually be such a form of prayer in Masses celebrated with the people, so that petitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world” (*GIRM*, 69).

Of course, praying together as Christians has been part of our life from the beginning. As Charles Belmonte notes, “To pray for the needs of the Church and of the world is an early Christian custom. St. Paul admonishes Timothy, one of his disciples: ‘First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.’ (1 Tim 2:1–2)” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 104). Thus, it shouldn’t surprise us that this part of the Mass stretches all the way back to those earliest descriptions of the Mass, including the one by St. Justin Martyr (+165 AD).

The Church United in Prayer

The names “General Intercessions” and “Universal Prayer” instruct us on the composition of these prayers. They are prayed in a general way for wide-ranging needs, typically following a pattern of praying for the needs of the Church, for public authorities and the salvation of the world, for those burdened by any kind of difficulty, and for the local community. Often, the final intercession will include prayers for the deceased. While these prayers are envisioned to be “general,” the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* does note that for a particular celebration like a Confirmation or a wedding, “the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion” (*GIRM*, 70). After the series of petitions, the Prayer of the Faithful ends with the concluding prayer said by the priest, asking God to accept our petitions.

As the name “Prayer of the Faithful” indicates, from the earliest times the baptized members of the congregation (the faithful) took part in this prayer (Those who weren’t yet baptized were dismissed after the readings and homily so that they could further study and prepare to be received into the Church). In a wonderful way, the Prayer of the Faithful highlights one of the great privileges we have as God’s people: being able to join together in asking God for what we need. Having just listened to God’s Word and professed together our Faith through the Creed, we are then standing united together in faith as we ask God for what we need. Jesus has told us that our prayers are powerful when even two agree on what to pray for (Matthew 18:19). Just imagine how powerful our prayer is when the whole Church is joined together in union. It is amazing to think about!



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, MARCH 2, 2024

5:00 PM — Marcos Fernandez Sr, Lydia Fernandez, Don Love, John Stuckel, Irma Carmita Herran

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

7:30 AM — John C. Barrett, family & friends of the Duszynski family, Philip Bober
 9:00 AM — Dawn Cavins, Edward Pomierski, Fr. Dan Fallon, Women's Group
 11:00 AM — Margo Bissen (2 month anniversary), John Stuckel, Frank O'Connor, Nan Kemp
 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, Alfonso Contreras Estrada, Hector Castaneda

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

8:30 AM — Richard Fratesi

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

8:30 AM — Eugene Chmielowski, Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — Eugene Chmielowski, John & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

8:30 AM — Hector Aguilar (15th anniversary), Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

8:30 AM — Virginia Siepko
 6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

8:30 AM — Mary O'Malley

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish
 3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — Jessica Bach, Don Love Jr, Joe Dudek, Linda Hess

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski
 9:00 AM — for our parishioners
 11:00 AM — Marcos Fernandez Sr, Angelina Turco, William J. Egan, Mary E. Sievert
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Elvia Suarez, Julia Suarez

Presider Schedule - March 9 & 10

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Sepulveda / *Guitar Ensemble*
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / *organ*
 9:00 a.m. —Fr. Grisolan / *parish choir*
 11:00 a.m.— Fr. Grisolan / *organ*
 1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



STARTS NEXT WEEKEND!



Thea Johns

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Monday: St. Casimir
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday:
 Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
 Friday: St. John of God, Religious
 Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious; St. Catherine of Bologna
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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During these weeks of Lent, let us make space for the prayer of silent adoration, in which we experience the presence of the Lord...Let us lend the ear of our hearts to the One who, in silence, wants to say to us: '... Let My love touch the deepest, most hidden corners of your heart and reveal to you your own beauty, a beauty that you have lost sight of, but will become visible to you again in the light of My mercy.'

- Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday Homily, February 14, 2024

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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)

*"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*