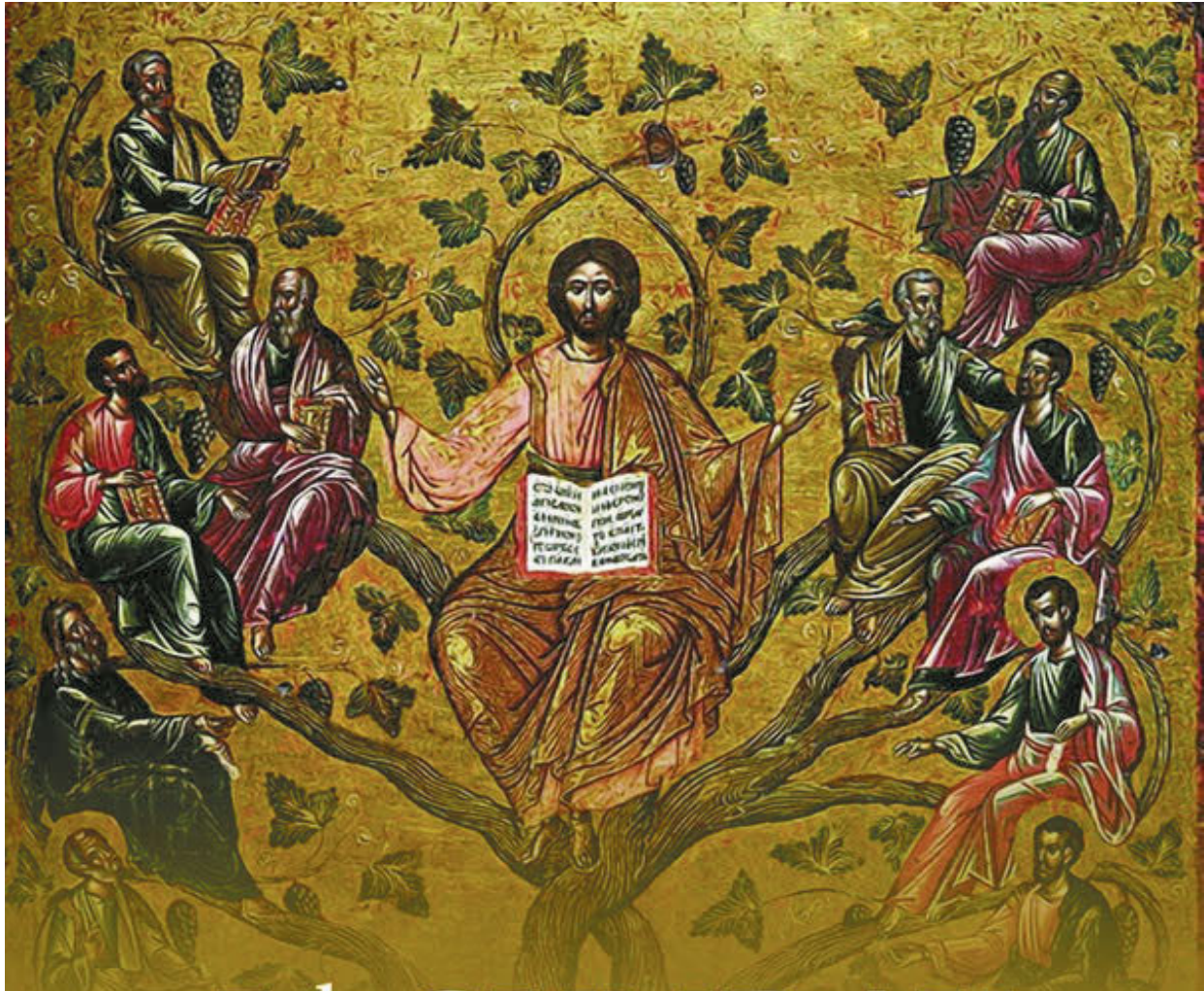




# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**APRIL 28, 2024**



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

Last Sunday was the World Day of Prayer for Vocations when Pope Francis asked us: *“Dear friends...I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say ‘yes’ to God.”*

This is the last weekend that two of our Tolton Teaching Parish Program seminarians will be with us: Deacon Matthew Cooke and Deacon Miles Swigart.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Matthew and Miles will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Wichita. Please pray for them as they begin their priestly ministry in their own parishes. Also, I’m sure they would appreciate a word or note of encouragement from you. We are grateful for their work and ministry here over the years. You were probably touched by a word they spoke in a homily or by their kind and Christ-like presence after Mass. They might like to hear that directly from you. Both Deacon Miles and Deacon Matthew have a farewell note in this bulletin with contact information.

We will have at least two Wichita seminarians with us for next year, Grant Huslig and Dominic Jirak. Grant will be ordained a Deacon for Wichita this year and we look forward to hearing his homilies next year! Dominic is just finishing his 1<sup>st</sup> year of Theology this year and served as an RE catechist in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, a work he excelled at and enjoyed. Please pray for them and all young men and women discerning vocations to priesthood and religious life. Giving Jesus everything for the sake of the kingdom brings us joy and blessings now, with eternal life besides.

Talking about and praying for future priests and religious reminds us also of those who have faithfully served us in the past. Fr. Dan Fallon comes to mind who died last month on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Fallon was such a kind and stable voice in the school and RMC parish mergers. I personally appreciated his mentoring way, his calm leadership, and his honesty. Fr. Fallon said what he thought and that is always preferable. We’ve included in this bulletin a nice obituary from those priests that knew him best for you to keep and remember him fondly by. Please pray for Fr. Fallon. Also, the Easter Season of Christ’s resurrection reminds us that *“all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us together in life, do not unravel at death”* (Vigil for the Deceased).

We are grateful to all those who have helped us remain with the Lord on this pilgrim journey. ***I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.***

The Lord’s words to us are both consoling and cautionary. He wants us to remain in Him, to rest, find shelter, encouragement, and ultimately, love. Do we allow ourselves to rest, to find rest in the Lord’s gaze? So often I think we can incorrectly think that Jesus is driving us in a hard way, but that isn’t true. He wants us to bear fruit in Him, not from our own human energy alone. A spiritual hero I am recently learning more about, the Venerable Bruno Lanteri, would encourage his spiritual directees regularly:

*“Above all I recommend with all my heart that you guard against discouragement, disturbance, and sadness. Seek always to keep your poor heart in peace and encourage it and always to serve God with holy joy. Be of good heart because the Lord is with you, and He loves you.”*

The Lord is risen!

Fr. Mike

**“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5**

Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference gathered after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on April 21 to recommit to their Vincentian calling to grow in holiness, to build a more just world through personal relationships, and to serve people in need.



### FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Our annual First Communion will take place during the regular **11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 5.**

Please be advised that if you regularly attend this Mass there will be many more people in attendance and more than half of the pews will be reserved for the First Communicants and their families.

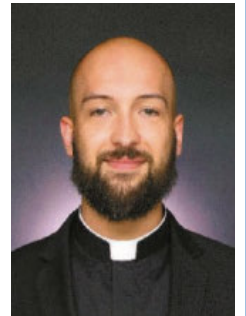
Thank you for your understanding and congratulations to all of our First Communicants!



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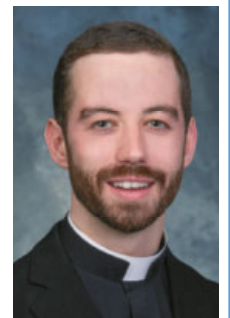
Thank you for welcoming me into your community these past three years! It has been a great joy to be a part of the parish serving Masses, teaching religious education, and preaching as a deacon. While I am going back to my home diocese in Wichita very soon, I will look back fondly at the time I spent here. May God bless you all and continue to draw the parish closer to Him!

In Christ,  
Deacon Miles Swigart  
University of St. Mary of the Lake  
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As I return home for my priesthood ordination, I want to say thank you. My time at Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity has been incredibly blessed. I have learned many different things, both about myself and about the blessings and complexities that come with parish ministry. Thank you to everyone who took the time to say "hi". Also, thank you for the different moments where you shared graces you had received through my ministry. Moments like these were an encouragement as I continued to move to ordination. Please know of my continued prayers as I leave for Wichita. Please keep me in yours.

In the Father's Love,  
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## FR. DANIEL FALLON – Rest in Peace



Rev. Daniel R. Fallon, former pastor of St. Cornelius Parish on Foster Avenue in Chicago passed away March 9, 2024. He was 74 years old.

Fr. Fallon was born on March 1, 1950, in Chicago. He attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago, Niles College in Niles, and the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein. He also earned his master's degree in divinity at DePaul University in Chicago.

Fr. Fallon was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 1976, by Cardinal John Cody, and he celebrated his first Mass on May 15 of the same year at Divine Savior Parish in Norridge.

After ordination to the priesthood, he served the archdiocese as assistant pastor of St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Niles. He was associate pastor of St. Pascal Parish on Irving Park Road, St. William Parish on Sayre Avenue and Our Lady, Mother of the Church Parish on Lawrence Avenue all in Chicago where he also served as pastor from 1996 to 2008. Later, he became pastor of St. Cornelius Parish where he served until his retirement in 2020.

Rev. Kenneth Fleck, retired priest and former pastor of St. George Parish in Tinley Park, remembered his classmate as a beacon of devotion to his parishioners. "With a quiet but serious demeanor, he served those entrusted to his care," Fleck said. "His sermons were heartfelt reflections on our faith and their relevance to everyday life. He saw his priesthood as a vocation, not a job. In so doing, he touched countless lives leaving behind a legacy of compassion, kindness and faith."

"Fr. Dan was a special priest. He served generously and in an entirely unassuming way," said Rev. Louis J. Cameli, archdiocesan priest and a friend of Fallon. "He rooted his life and ministry in prayer and, from that experience, was able to bring people close to the Lord and to each other. He quietly but effectively built bridges to unify the communities he served." Cameli added, "Cardinal Francis George was deeply grateful to Father Dan, because Father Dan had cared for the Cardinal's parents in St. Pascal Parish. Many people will miss him, but they will continue to be inspired by his witness and ministry."

Rev. Vincent Costello, pastor emeritus at Holy Cross Parish in Deerfield and a classmate, described "Fr. Dan" as a very dedicated priest. "He always did what was expected of him. He cared very much for the people he served and he had tremendous amount of courage in the way he faced his illness."

His funeral Mass took place at Our Lady, Mother of the Church Parish, 8747 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, on Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 a.m. The main celebrant of the Mass was Most Rev. Francis J. Kane, auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Fr. Louis Cameli was the homilist.

He is buried at Maryhill Catholic Cemetery in Niles.



*Let perpetual light shine upon him  
and may his soul,  
and all of the souls of the faithful departed,  
rest in peace.*



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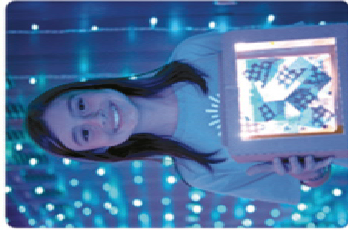
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**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass  
Do This in Remembrance of Me,  
Part 38, Incense  
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



As we continue through the Offertory of the Mass, we now come to the point where **incense** can be used. Some of us may like incense, and others may not. Do you know what incense is made of and why we use it?

**What is incense, and where does it come from?**

According to the *Catholic Source Book*, “Frankincense... is the main ingredient in the incense used in today’s liturgies. A resin produced by a family of desert trees that grow in southern Arabia, it is derived from a sap that dries, forming crystalline lumps of an amber/gold color. For Christians, it has a rich prayer and purification symbolism. From the earliest Christian days, it has been associated with Christ, beginning with the Magi’s gift (Matthew 2:10–11). Even before that, the Jews regarded its rich spicy scent as a pure offering, pleasing to God” (p. 307). Charles Belmonte adds, “Incense is a resinous substance which, when placed upon glowing charcoal, gives off a balsamic odor as it burns. It had a place in Israelite worship; in fact, the psalmist compares our prayers to the smoke of incense, rising up to heaven. In the Book of Revelation, it is seen as a symbol of the prayers of the saints” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 50).

**Where is incense mentioned in the Bible?**

Besides the Book of Revelation, incense is mentioned in the Book of Numbers 7:14 as part of an offering for the dedication of the altar. Deuteronomy 33:10 makes reference to “the smoke of sacrifice.” Exodus 30:34–38 describes blending aromatic substances with pure frankincense in equal parts, even describing how it should be ground into fine dust. In Revelation 5:8, St. John tells us the elders had “gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones.” In another reference, Revelation 8:3–4 describes an angel with a gold censer: “He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones... The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God...”

Hopefully, it is clear from these passages that there is a connection between incense and prayer and sacrifice. When incense is used in the Mass, there are times when it is clearly used to reverence people and things, which is especially clear when incense is used during the Offertory of the Mass. Referring to this part of the Mass, *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, after the bread and wine are placed on the altar, “the Priest may incense the gifts placed on the altar and then incense the cross and the altar itself, so as to signify the Church’s offering and prayer rising like incense in the sight of God. Next, the Priest, because of his sacred ministry, and the people, by reason of their baptismal dignity, may be incensed by the Deacon or by another minister” (*GIRM*, 75). As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “this particular incense shows a connectedness between the altar of sacrifice, those offering the sacrifice, and those uniting themselves to the sacrifice. Before being incensed we bow not only as a sign of reverence but as a sign of affirmation that, like the incense, we offer our lives to God and pray they be lifted up and transformed” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 12).

**Why is incense used at Mass?**

One older priest once said to me that he loves using incense to honor holy people and holy things. As he sees the smoke rising, he is mindful that we are gathered together as God’s people in the Mass, joining Jesus in offering the perfect sacrifice to the Father. In the Mass, our prayers are joined together, and the incense gives us a visual reminder of those prayers being offered to God. He also mentioned he places one, two, or three spoons of incense (from the little container called an incense boat) onto the burning charcoal in the censer (sometimes called a thurible). For him, one spoonful calls to mind the Oneness of God; two spoonfuls point to the two natures of Christ (human and divine); and three indicate the three persons of the Trinity. For that priest, this is a simple way to recall core truths about God as we pray together in the Mass.

To summarize for us, Fr. Oury notes that incensing “is a mark of honor paid to the offerings that are going to become the Body and Blood of Christ. The honor extends to all the people participating in the celebration and to their offerings, which represent their life and work. Incensing is also a kind of petition, a deeply meaningful one. Through it we pray that the Church’s offering and the Church’s prayer may mount to heaven, to the presence of God above, like a veritable cloud of incense” (*The Mass*, p. 87).





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, APRIL 27, 2024**

5:00 PM — Sophie Zielazny, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Helen & John Ptak, Margaret Keaney, Lorraine & Ralph Schmidt

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**

7:30 AM — Zofia Kalemba, Antonio de la Rosa (anniversary)  
 9:00 AM — Joseph & Loretta Sikora, Maria Skurski, Antonio de la Rosa (anniversary)  
 11:00 AM — Carmen Rosario Castro, Antonio de la Rosa (anniversary)  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Diana Calderon, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Catalina Chavez, Cirilo Pacheco, Jose y Nelda Garza, Candelaria y Rocio Licea

**MONDAY, APRIL 29 2024**

8:30 AM — Rosemary Sterk, John H. Fergus, Hector Magnano

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**

8:30 AM — Delia Granados, Charles Boyd, Dennis Muczynski, Richard Bekielewski Sr, Conrad Deane  
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00  
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION  
 6:30 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**

8:30 AM — Edward Pomierski, Peter Eck  
 6:30 PM — Bilingual CONFESSION  
 7:00 PM — SPANISH MASS

**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024**

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**

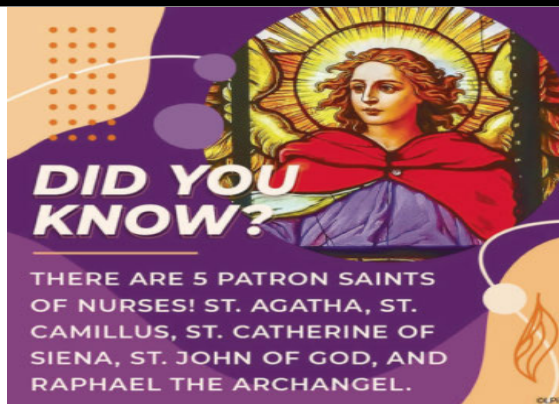
8:30 AM — Elizabeth Mondack, Kepros & Pryst families  
 5:00 PM — Don Love

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024**

7:30 AM — for our parishioners  
 9:00 AM — Dawn Cavins, Lorraine Piaseki, Fr. Don Fallon, Tekla Mruczek, souls in purgatory  
 11:00 AM — FIRST COMMUNION — our First Communicants  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Cirilo Pacheco, Jose y Nelda Garza, Candelaria y Rocio Licea, our First Communicants

**Presider Schedule - May 4 & 5**

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / piano  
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ  
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / parish choir / piano  
 11:00 a.m. — FIRST COMMUNION MASS — Fr. Grisolano + / organ  
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



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Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter  
 Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
 Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope  
 Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker  
 Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer  
 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles  
 Friday:  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter  
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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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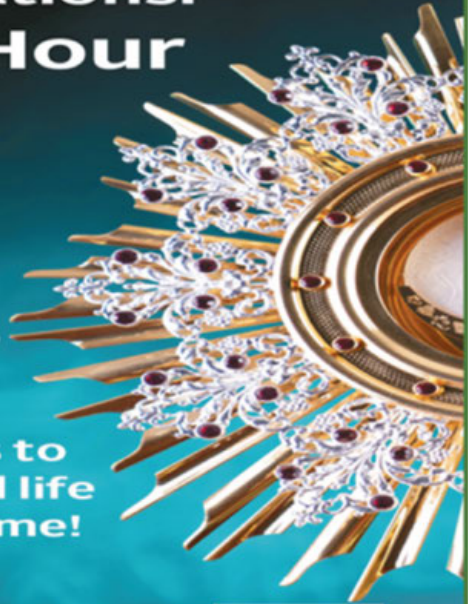
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## SERVICES

### 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*