

# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



# May 19, 2024



# PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

# FROM FR. MIKE

This weekend is Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, when the disciples were promised that they would receive "power from in high." Without the Holy Spirit, the disciples would never have become Apostles - those who are sent - they would just have remained students or followers and therefore, the Church would never have been built up. While today is the day that our parish has historically commissioned only the liturgical ministers we added all the ministries to the commissioning at Masses last year, and for good reason. The Church has a mission that should not be inward looking or self-referential.

The Catholic Church has been diminishing in the Western world for some time now, with some counter-trends of course, but overall, the numbers are in decline. Very few families encourage their children to religious or priestly vocations and sacramental weddings have been largely replaced by secular, destination weddings. Baptisms and funerals still occur in more significant quantities, and we do our best to use those for evangelization purposes, to reconnect people to Jesus Christ and the basics of faith. But our own parish of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, a merger of three parishes, was mainly needed because of a decline in faith.

I am not being negative, but honest. I have hope because I know as well as you do of a powerful truth. This decline does not need to happen anymore, Jesus Christ, the Son of God is truly risen from the dead and the gifts of the Holy Spirit is still available to us. The Holy Spirit gives us power to witness to Christ and to prioritize Him in our daily living. God is not dead, He's not even tired. "Surrender to God and He will do everything for you."

The parish, as Pope Francis has been calling for, needs to be more outward focused and more missionary minded. While we do need lay people to help at Mass liturgically in roles as lectors, ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, the real task of the laity is to bring the Lord into the world. When Pope Francis was first elected pope, he said we shouldn't laicize the clergy and clericalize the laity. The clergy here will try to do our best to offer the sacraments that Jesus gave us, prayerfully and generously, and we will try to encourage you in faith and with the Word of God. But the Lord calls you to be holy and virtuous in your homes, work, and to show Christ's love to those around you.

Pentecost Sunday is a great time for us to consider what the parish is supposed to be doing, including at Mass. The parish is the place where you can come to get strengthened in faith, worship the Lord at Mass, receive His love and grace, and have some fellowship on the journey so that Jesus can be brought into the world...through you. The parish is not a park district, with people receiving the benefits of space and programing based on being taxpayers. Nor is the parish a business where parishioners are like customers paying for more excellent and entertaining services.

This is a time for us to reclaim the power of our baptism and not to live our faith in fear. St. John Paul II reminded us of our call to witness to the Lord: "To the whole Church is addressed Christ's command: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation' (Mk 16:15). The whole Church, therefore, is missionary and evangelizing; she lives constantly in a state of mission. To be Christians means to be missionaries, to be apostles. It is not enough to discover Christ - you must bring Him to others!"

God bless,

Fr. Mike





Today as we celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence and to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

This month, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able bring the love of God to the poor by helping families and individuals by providing food and assistance with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

#### SPECIAL PENTECOST BLESSING



This weekend the Church celebrates Pentecost. Many people think of this day as the birthday of the Church. In commemoration of this special day, we will offer a special blessing/commissioning of all lay ministers here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.

At all Masses, after the homily, anyone involved in any of the following ministries will be asked to stand: Altar Servers, Art & Environment, Catechists, Extraordinary

Ministers of Communion, Finance Council, Food Pantry, Gardeners, Holy Name Society, Lectors, Legion of Mary, Livestreaming, Ministers of Care, Music, One Parish One Prisoner Ministry, Parish Council, Prayer Shawl, Rescue Project, Respect Life, Sacramental Preparation, School Board, Spanish Prayer Group, SPRED, St. Vincent de Paul, Sunday Collection Counters, Ushers, and Women's Group.

As you can see, there are many and varied ways you can participate in the life of the parish by sharing your time and talent in one or more of these ministries.

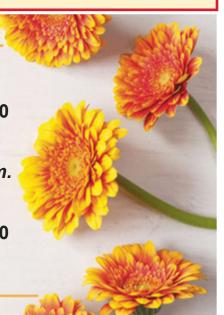
At Pentecost, listen to the Holy Spirit and seriously reflect on how you are being called to serve the Church through this parish. Ask some of the people who stand at Mass why they do what they do. You are needed...you are being called. Will you answer the call?

# YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR HOSPITALITY TODAY

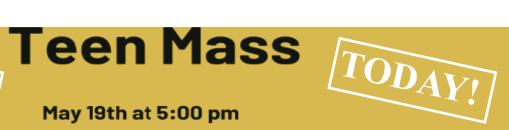
Join us for hospitality in the auditorium after the 9:00 a.m. Mass hosted by the Women's Group.

(The Women's Group will gather first for the 9:00 a.m. Mass.)

Join us for hospitality in the auditorium after the 1:00 p.m. Mass hosted by our Spanish Mass community.







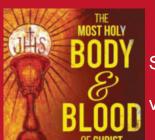
### May 19th at 5:00 pm

In honor of Pentecost the guitar ensemble will join us to help us celebrate this wonderful feast.

Mass will be followed by games and pizza in the gym until 8 pm All are welcome to join us for prayer and Mass

Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us in the gym after Mass for some food and fellowship.

Office or at aguinn@archchicago.org



#### **CORPUS CHRISTI MASS AND PROCESSION**

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Body & Blood of Christ) is on Sunday, June 2.

We, as a parish, are going to celebrate this great feast in a very special way this year.

There will be a bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament around our immediate

neighborhood. We will pause at an "altar" in the school parking lot for prayer. The procession will end in church with Benediction.

After Benediction, there will be a reception in the auditorium. Please join us! Please note that there WILL NOT be a 1:00 Spanish Mass on June 2.



#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PRAYER SHAWL ministry will meet Monday May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the art room of the school. Entrance is off Moody Ave. This will be the last meeting before summer. There will be no meetings in June or July. Please come to this meeting to get supplies to hold you through. See you there. Carol



# SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross—Nicholas Guerrieri—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 Drueca—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—Raffaela Mucerino—
Jose A. Reyes—Carmen R. Reyes—Calli Olvera—Antoinette Bongiorno—Joe Banks—Eleida Flores—
Paul Wierdak—Joe & Nelda Garza—Kenneth Payne (Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed)

#### Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Are you called to serve those in need? Do you feel a deep compassion for the homebound members of our community? How about for those who are residents of long-term care facilities? If so, we invite you to consider joining our parish's Ministers of Care.

As Catholics, we are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who showed great love and compassion for the sick and marginalized. By becoming a Minister of Care, you will have the opportunity to bring the love and presence of Christ to those who are unable to join us for Mass, either to their homes or to nursing homes.

What does it mean to be a Minister of Care? It means offering companionship, prayer, and the Blessed Sacrament to those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness, disability, or advanced age. It means being a comforting presence and a source of spiritual support for those who may feel isolated or alone.

No special qualifications are necessary – just a compassionate heart and a willingness to reach out to those in need. Training and support will be provided to help you fulfill this important ministry.

If you feel called to serve as a Minister of Care, please contact me via email at: <u>tony.carol1973@comcast.net</u> or by phone at 773 454-2169.

Together, let us extend the healing and comforting touch of Christ to our brothers and sisters who are homebound or in nursing homes.

God bless, Tony Lupinski Minister of Care Coordinator



Sunday Giving (Fiscal Year July 2023-June 2024)			
		March	
	2024		2023
Monthly Total	\$49,092		\$42,992
Yearly Total/ Fiscal YTD	\$414,519		\$425,221
Weekly Mass Attendance Avg.	1152*		757
	2024		2023
Monthly Total	\$58,639		\$47,575
Yearly Total/ Fiscal YTD	\$473,159		\$472,796
Weekly Mass Attendance Avg.	868		1031*
Special Collections- March 2024			
Holy Thursday - Social Concerns		\$2,364	
Good Friday - Holy Land		\$2,378	
Easter Collections		\$34,726	
* Includes Easter Attendance			



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, Chicago

July 7 – 12, 2024

**Day program** (1st–6th graders) **Night program** (7th–12th graders)

For more information and to register, contact:

Ashley Guinn and Hugo Munoz at 773.763.8228 or aguinn@archchicago.org

#### GRADE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Students entering grades 1 – 6 Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per child (includes T-shirt)

Highlights include: 11:15 a.m. daily Mass (parents welcome to attend), outdoor recess, silly skits, Friday water fight.

#### Your child should bring:

- Sack lunch each day
- Items for recess (balls, jump ropes, etc.)

Please donate a box of cookies to share for a snack. You can send it with your child on Monday morning. (No peanuts, please).

#### JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Students entering grades 7 – 12 Sunday – Thursday 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per youth (includes T-shirt)

Highlights include: New friends, fun games, an evening of Adoration with our Lord, conversations about how to live out faith in high school and college, Wednesday potluck dinner for all, Thursday night social.

Teens should also donate a box of cookies to share for snack. Please bring it with on Sunday night.

### **Prayer for the Newly Ordained**

Lord Jesus, you have chosen priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving.

We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted.

And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, once given to your disciples, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

(Fathers Timothy Berryhill, Martin Nyberg, Andrew Panzer, SJC, and Juan Vargas were ordained by Cardinal Cupich on May 18 to serve as priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago)





## ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY SCHOOL

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Participant's in the School May Crowning which took place during the School Mass on May 9.







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#### Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 41, The Prayer over the Offerings by FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL



Our next "stop" in this journey through the Mass is the **Prayer over the Offerings**. Similar to what we saw with the Collect at the beginning of Mass, the Prayer over the Offerings gives us a summary of our offering and points our minds and hearts to the coming Eucharistic Prayer. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, "Once the offerings have been placed on the altar and the accompanying rites completed, by means of the invitation to pray with the Priest and by means of The Prayer over the Offerings, the Preparation of the Gifts is concluded and preparation made for the Eucharistic Prayer. At Mass, a single Prayer over the Offerings is said, and it ends with the shorter conclusion, that is: *Through Christ our Lord*. If, however, the Son is mentioned at the end of this prayer, the conclusion is: *Who lives and reigns for ever and ever*. The people, joining in this petition, make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation *Amen*" (*GIRM*, 77).

#### Offering Prayers, Receiving Graces

What are we praying about at this point in the Mass? Generally speaking, if we look through these prayers, we find the following familiar words: prayers, gifts, offerings, sacrifices, and oblations. We also ask God to sanctify, accept, and transform these gifts. Fleshing out the content of these Prayers over the Offerings, Charles Belmonte writes, "we usually acknowledge our incapacity to offer to God gifts adequate to his goodness and power. We ask God to accept what we offer with sincerity. We ask some grace in connection with the mystery celebrated on that particular day, in return for the material gifts. We notice an ascending or upward-striving rhythm in the progress of the liturgical action. If we contrast this prayer with the Collect, we can perceive an increase in fervor and assurance. We know that our gifts to God will be returned to us multiplied a hundredfold" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 116).

Hearing mention of sacrifice, we recall one of the great truths about the Mass: it truly is the one sacrifice of Christ. In the Mass, the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is re-presented to us. In the traditional understanding of a sacrifice, we need a priest, a victim/offering, and an altar. For Christ's perfect sacrifice, Jesus is both the priest and victim/offering; that is, he offers himself in sacrifice on the altar of the cross. The Mass is our access to that sacrifice and its many fruits. How amazing: the sacrifice of Jesus is right there before us. No wonder the Mass is such a powerful prayer!

#### Uniting Our Offerings with Christ's Sacrifice

Of course, we are not just spectators at the Mass; we don't just sit back and watch what Jesus does. We have been invited to take part and to unite with Christ in offering our own sacrifices. As we have been reflecting on this part of the Mass, we are able to join our prayers and offerings to the perfect offering of Jesus. As Charles Belmonte says, "St. Paul exhorted the first Christians to offer every action to God. 'Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God' (1 Cor. 10:31), and never say or do anything except 'in the name of the Lord Jesus' (Col 3:17). The Second Vatican Council [in the Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, 34] encourages ordinary Christians to make their daily offering united to the [E]ucharistic sacrifice: For all their works, prayers and apostolic endeavors, their ordinary married and family life, if patiently borne—all these become 'spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Pet. 2:5). Together with the offering of the Lord's body, they are most fittingly offered in the celebration of the Eucharist" (Understanding the Mass, p. 116-117). Belmonte goes on to suggest that we make offerings to God each day as an anticipation of joining in this Prayer over the Offerings. If you are up for it, I invite you to consider his challenge. Resolve to make offerings each day this coming week, and then bring those offerings to be spiritually joined to the sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday. Hopefully, you will experience deeper union with Jesus, especially the next time you are at the Mass!



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, MAY 18, 2024**

5:00 PM — Joyce Jaszczor, deceased members of the Ognibene family

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

7:30 AM — for our parishioners

9:00 AM — the Women's Group

11:00 AM — Ugo V. Iaccino, Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health), living and deceased members of the Mally family, Henryk Bujno, Paula Meister

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco, Candelaria y Rocio Licea, Jose y Nelda Garza, Mario Cisneros, Claudia Salcedo

5:00 PM — TEEN MASS - for those in our families needing prayers

#### MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

8:30 AM — Michael Nugent

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024**

8:30 AM — Frank Gauss IV, 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 22, 2024

8:30 AM — Joseph & Loretta Sikora, Peter Eck

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

8:30 AM — John J. O'Connor, Peter Eck 6:30 PM — Bilingual CONFESSION

#### FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

#### SATURDAY, MAY 25 2024

8:30 AM — for those memorialized in our prayer garden 5:00 PM — Pat & Katie Beirne, Jim Steinbeiss

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024**

7:30 AM — Helen Kolinski (birthday), Alexander Kolinski, Jo & Ed Sanborn, Anna, Stella, Joseph & Walter Dyjak, Philip Bober

9:00 AM — for our parishioners 11:00 AM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health), Paddy Brady, Margaret Mally (1st anniversary)

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Cirilo Pacheco, Diana Calderon, Ricardo, Soccoro & Herman Calderon, Diana & Herman Calderon

#### Presider Schedule - May 25 & 26

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolano / piano 7:30 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / parish choir / piano

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda





Elizabeth Konieczny

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the

Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,

and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Thursday: Friday:

Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable. Priest and

> Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'

Pazzi, Virgin

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or

Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 5:26-

27: 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2,

3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/

Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk

9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18,

19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk

10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19,

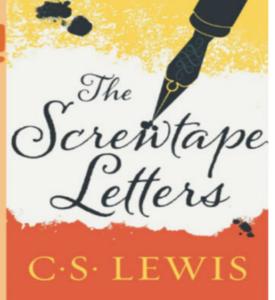
20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

# FIRST BOOK CLUB MEETING JUNE 10TH!

All are invited to participate in a discussion of The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis.

This book club will meet on Mondays, June 10 & 24 at 6:00 pm in the school.

This popular satirical novel has been the subject of many discussions and thesis papers since it was first published in 1942. If you don't already have a copy, this title can be borrowed from Chicago Public Libraries, or purchased from Amazon or other retailers, starting at 99¢.



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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: <a href="mailto:gbzdon@archchicago.org">gbzdon@archchicago.org</a>

#### **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 Hugo Munoz. 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