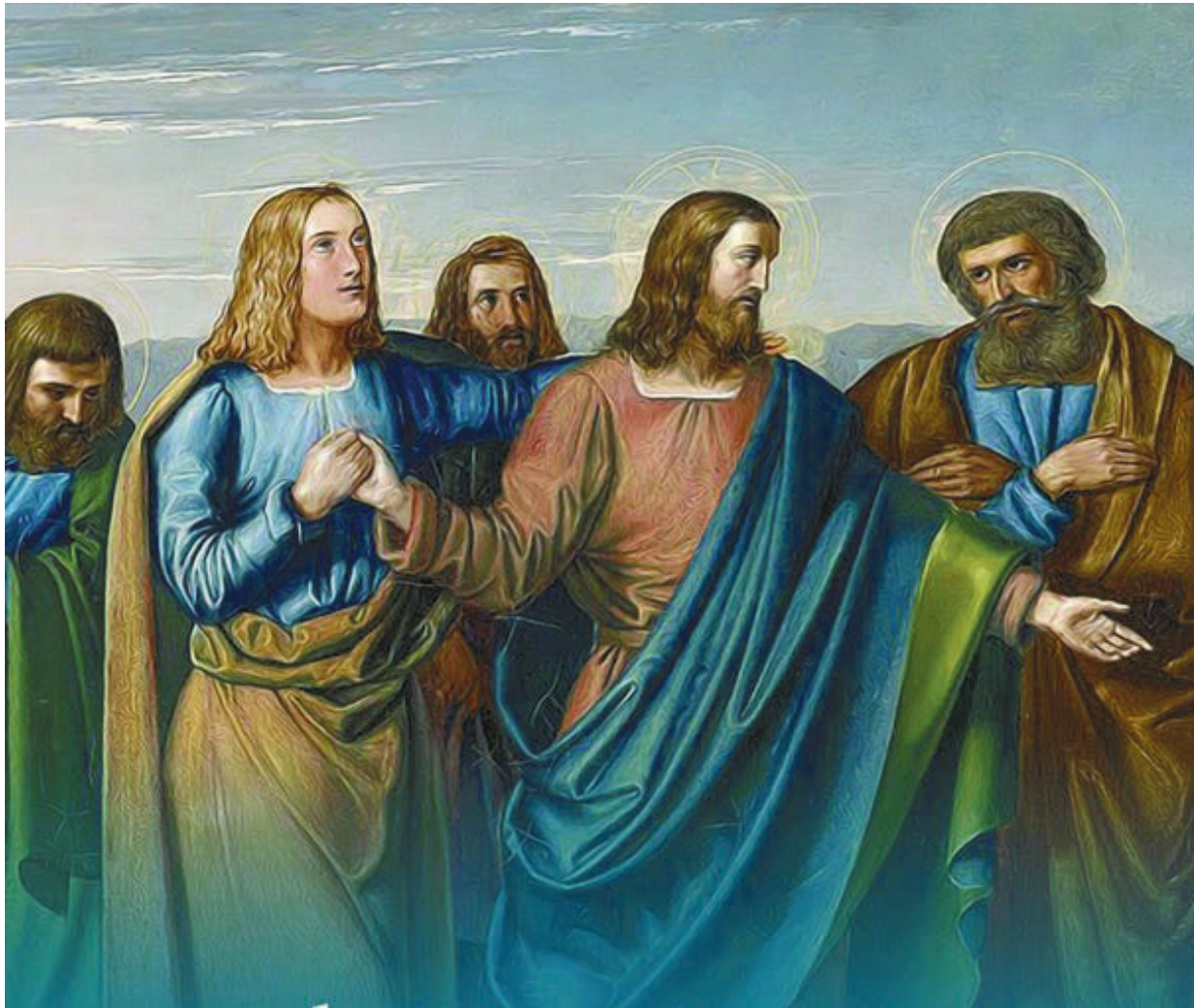




ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



MAY 5, 2024



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and
remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

FROM FR. MIKE

May 5, 2024

“Love one another as I love you.”

This weekend is our First Holy Communion weekend. We have over 50 children receiving Jesus for the 1st time in the Eucharist. They are all so excited and have been preparing their hearts and souls for months now. They received 1st Reconciliation, have had tours of the church, a well-planned retreat, and rehearsals. It is good to be reminded how important receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is, it helped the young St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and other saints overcome their personal weaknesses. May the Lord move the innocent hearts of these children as well as their families to an even deeper faith and love.

It's perhaps fitting on this First Communion weekend for us all to be reminded of how much we need Jesus as our food for the journey (viaticum) later in life as well. We recently received a call from Norwood Crossing Assisted Living asking for Mass to be offered there as well for ministers to bring Holy Communion to their residents.

Our church is named after St. Tarcissus, the patron saint of 1st Communicants and acolytes because he was a youth who died while bringing the Eucharist to Christians in prison. There is nothing like nearing the end of our lives to remind us how much we need the Lord's love and grace. There are Catholics now, in need of Jesus before they die. Can you help them receive Him by being a Minister of Care? Minister of Care training is simple, the most important attribute is having a heart of compassion for the lonely who need God's love especially toward the end of life.

We are looking for two Ministers of Care, especially to help with the request at Norwood Crossing. Norwood Crossing used to be helped with Masses, before Covid, by Immaculate Conception Parish, but they are down to only one full-time priest and so we are going to do what we can spiritually for the people there, starting with a monthly Mass and ideally some regular lay helpers and that's where this ask is coming from. Maybe the Lord is calling you to this important work of mercy. You can contact Jim Madura if you are able to be a Minister of Care:
jmadura@archchicago.org.

“Love one another as I love you.” Jesus commands us to love the way He loves. What does that mean? Love means choosing the good for the other, for the other person's sake. The Lord loves us in an unselfish way for our own sakes, and that is what He calls us to. The love we most value from others is love shown when it isn't easy. A person wants a spouse who will be faithful in bad times, when there is sickness, poverty etc... We want friends who won't leave us for others who will help them climb the social ladder. Love means fidelity, commitment, and self-gift precisely when it is not convenient... that is the type of love we so much wish to receive, that is the love Christ calls us to give.

Matthew Kelly related the story that as he was growing in his faith as a young man, he was trying to pray every day and tried to volunteer more. He was visiting the sick and elderly as part of his volunteering, bringing Communion to them and he reported of the experience: *“I both loved it and hated it at the same time.”* The fact that showing Christ-like love may not in all ways feel good to us is not at all a sign that we shouldn't do the good work, it just means the “old self” is resisting a little. But we always have a deeper sense of peace and joy when we do the right thing.

*“I have told you this that my joy may be in you
and your joy might be complete.”*

God bless,
Fr. Mike





In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Through your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society you fulfill this commandment.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There is a second collection every Mother's Day to support the good work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy organization which serves almost 400,000 people a year!



Women's Group Meeting

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The Women's Group will have their last meeting before summer on **Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Kolping Center at 5826 North Elston**. Join us for a painting event guided by Martina Brady and help us celebrate a wonderful year of friendship and fellowship.

Cost is \$15/person. (Cash to be brought that night)
RSVP to Kathy Annunzio 312-699-0854 or kannunzio@mac.com by May 13th.

Bring a drink to share and a donation for the food pantry!

Hope to see you there!



GOSPEL MEDITATION - 6th Sunday of Easter

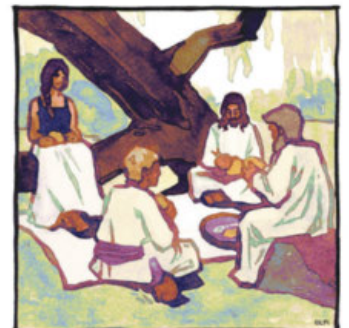
Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

- Father John Muir

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Welcome

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Baptism

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WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?



Many of you are here week after week attending Mass. Have you ever thought of taking the next step and volunteering to be a Lay Liturgical Minister at Mass?

We are looking for Lectors (readers) for 5:00, 7:30, and 11:00, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, especially for 5:00 and 11:00 Ushers, especially for 5:00, 7:30, and 9:00 and Minister's of Care to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and to nursing homes.

We all have duties as a result of our Baptism. We have each been blessed with gifts and talents. Will you consider sharing some of yours by volunteering for one of these ministries? Please prayerfully consider this request.

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Paul Wierdak—Joe & Nelda Garza—Kenneth Payne
(Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed)



*Congratulations to all of those making their
First Holy Communion here today.
May the Lord bless you now, and for ever.*

Mairani Avila	Mila Kitanovski	Evelyn Quinones
Mason Boettcher	Jacob Kuhlmann	Thomas Quinonez
Rhett Boyle	Nathan Kuhlmann	Parker Ravara
Karina Campbell	Roan Larson	Zachary Richard
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Axel Gonzalez	Cristian Pereda	Leonardo Venegas
Xavier Gonzalez	Zaniel Pinelo	Mateo Venegas
Oliver Infante	Daenerys Prado	Mateo Zepeda Hernandez
Thomas Jacobs	Emma Printzlau	Nathan Zalewski



Blooming for Babies: Mother's Day Fundraiser-May 11 & 12

Next weekend, May 11 & 12, the Respect Life Committee will be selling beautiful bouquets of fresh-cut flowers after all Masses to benefit the life-saving mission of The Women's Centers. There will be a beautiful selection of arrangements to choose from with prices for all budgets. Proceeds help vulnerable moms and their babies.

In celebration of the Center's 40th anniversary, they will have a gorgeous one-of-a-kind bouquet, a perfect gift for moms, aunts, grandmothers, or any special woman in your life!

Please plan to support this wonderful event.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event or have any questions, please contact Victoria Hastings at v.annahastings@gmail.com.

For more information about The Women's Centers, please visit their website at www.GoTwc.org.

Thank you for your consideration!





- The Lord is Risen, He is risen indeed!
- As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord during the Easter season, we rejoice at His living presence amongst us to this very day.
- He lives with us and among us, manifested in many ways, most especially in the Eucharistic celebration. Sadly, a significant percentage of Catholics lack an educated understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.
- With this in mind, our U.S. bishops launched a three-year National Eucharistic Revival in June of 2022 to bring us all to the reality of Christ's living and active presence in the celebration of the Eucharist, and how we take His presence into the world around us.
- This is a grace-filled movement in our own journey of spiritual renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago to proclaim the celebration of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life, to assist all of us to encounter again and again the Risen Lord in the Eucharist, and to deepen our discipleship in sharing in His work of redeeming the world, won on the cross.
- The Revival will include a two-month National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from May through July passing through communities in the U.S. Not only will this be a powerful public witness to belief in the Eucharist, but it also provides a chance for broad participation of Catholics, particularly those unable to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in July. There are four pilgrimage routes, all converging in Indianapolis, that will embark from four different corners of the country, forming a cross upon the map of the United States.
- The Archdiocese of Chicago is on the Marian [northern] Route of the Pilgrimage. The route is named in honor of Our Lady of Champion — formerly Our Lady of Good Help — the only approved Marian apparition site in the United States. The shrine in Champion is along the route, as well as several other Marian sites, including our own Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, IL.
- For four and a half days, June 26 – 30, there will be special events and Eucharistic celebrations taking place throughout the Archdiocese with many ways in which we can all participate.
- Visit: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/es/events/national-eucharistic-revival/pilgrimage> for more info.
- This is a movement not to be missed. In this time of Resurrection and Archdiocesan renewal, ask the Risen Lord how He would like you to participate.

**Vicariate II Mass and Eucharistic Devotion
Saturday, June 29 - 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will be representing our Deanery with an altar.

**Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartosic, followed by
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A light reception will follow.**

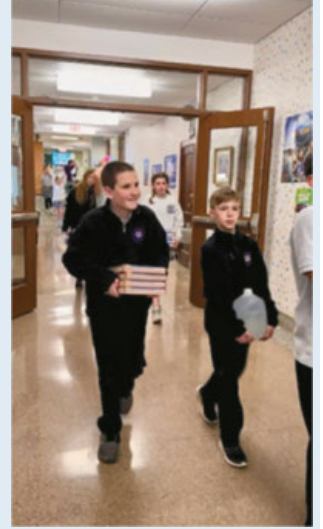


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Recently sixth grade walked through the halls to reenact *A Long Walk to Water* 💧💧

A Long Walk to Water is a short novel they have been reading. It is a story alternating between two eleven-year-olds in Sudan. Students replicated the two hours' walk to a pond to fetch water, that was made twice a day, while enduring hardships.



At a recent track meet JV Girls placed 1st overall, JV Boys placed 1st overall, and Varsity Girls placed 2nd overall. Congratulations to our student athletes!





**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 39,
Incense - A Vision of Heaven
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



More on **incense**? This time, we allow incense to lead us deeper into the mysteries we celebrate. We mentioned last time a couple of passages in the Book of Revelation referring to incense (Rev. 5:8 and 8:3-4). If you recall, 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 the other passage, Revelation 8:3-4, St. John 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...” Whenever I pray with these passages, they paint such a vivid picture of the worship of God in heaven. They remind me of one of my favorite truths about the Mass: united with the one sacrifice of Jesus, we are participating in the heavenly banquet.

Unity in Communion

When we speak of our core truths about the Eucharist, we begin with Jesus becoming truly present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We also rightly say the Mass makes present the one perfect sacrifice of Christ and makes it possible for us to participate in that sacrifice. As if that were not enough, we also receive the great privilege of being able to unite with Jesus in a special way through worthy reception of Holy Communion (more to come on Communion as we get to that part of the Mass). And if we are united with Jesus in Communion, we are also united with all those in Communion with him, from all times and places. That is, we experience the taste of that perfect unity of the kingdom of heaven!

For me, the details St. John describes in Revelation provide a familiar description of the Mass, with the incense and people worshipping and responding, “Amen” (Rev. 5:14). Several saints have described similar visions of heaven, especially through the Mass. St. John Chrysostom said that angels join around the altar at Mass and sing God’s praises. He says when Christians participate in the Eucharist, they are in heaven, though not completely and perfectly. Blessed Angela of Foligno and St. Bridget of Sweden are others who experienced visions similar to what St. John Chrysostom describes. These saints help us realize that when we are joined in the Mass, we are joined together in a unified hymn of praise with a huge crowd! I am often energized by the realization that there are many souls joining in the sacrifice of praise, including those who have gone before us in faith.

A Foretaste of Heaven

Regarding the faithful departed, my sister died of cancer in 2011. Rebekah truly was a saintly woman who was loved greatly by her family, students, and all who knew her. Since she died, I think of her often, including what she would say or do and how she would react to a situation. As the years go by, there are times when she seems further away and is harder to remember. However, in the Mass, I always feel as if that gap is closed. Very often when I think of my sister in the Mass, she feels so close by. In the Mass, it is not hard at all to hear her singing or see her smile. Knowing what we know about unity with Christ and the graces of the Mass, this shouldn’t surprise us at all!

As you might have gathered, one of my favorite gifts of the Mass is the true taste of the fullness of joy and unity of the kingdom. Our Catechism teaches, “Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with [Christ’s] Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints” (CCC 1419). In Eucharistic Prayer I, we pray that we “who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.” You may have noticed that we have jumped ahead in the Mass after having placed bread and wine on the altar. Well noted: next time, we will resume walking through the parts of the Mass. In the meantime, may the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints intercede for us, that all our receptions of Holy Communion might unite us more perfectly to Christ and one another and prepare fruitfully for eternal life to come in heaven!



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 4, 2024

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, Salvador M. Dignadice, Valentina & Joseph Halihan, souls in purgatory

11:00 AM — FIRST COMMUNION MASS — 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, Hector Castaneda, Alfonso Contreras Estrada, our First Communicants

MONDAY, MAY 6 2024

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

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

8:30 AM — Eleanor, Samuel, Grace & Joseph Holden, Conrad Deane

11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — Malgorzata & Zbigniew Winnicki, Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

8:30 AM — Bernice Pomierski, Peter Eck

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

8:30 AM — Joseph & Loretta Sikora, Patricia Finn

6:30 PM — Bilingual CONFESSION

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

8:30 AM — Mary Vasil, Adam, Harriet & William Sadowski

SATURDAY, MAY 11 2024

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

5:00 PM — Angela, Alfonso & Marcos Sr. Fernandez, Pat & Katie Beirne, Don Love Jr., Helen Ptak, Frank & Ann Tadeusiak, Patsy McDonough (31st anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

7:30 AM — Jim & Dorothy Taylor

9:00 AM — Mary Cieccko, Peter Eck, Jim Christensen

11:00 AM — Peter & Patricia Smith, Irene Chmielowski, Catherine Holden, John Mulcrone, Amelia & Jan Tekien, Jozefa & Leopold Macarski, Carmen Rosario Castro, Patricia & Robert Finn

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

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

Presider Schedule - May 11 & 12

5:00 p.m. — Fr. McCarthy / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ

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

11:00 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Grisolano



William Kerrott
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day; Mother's Day

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

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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)

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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*