



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**JANUARY 19, 2025**



**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:3**

As we enter Ordinary Time, we are given to ponder Jesus' first miracle as recorded in St. John's Gospel. St. John calls miracles "signs" because they signify something deep and meaningful, they aren't just random cool things the Lord does to dazzle us. But of all the miracles that Jesus worked, this might be considered the strangest to start with, the Lord turning lots of water into good wine at a wedding party, about 180 gallons! This miracle seems more like a luxury item compared to the gravity of the others. If you had the choice between being cured of blindness or leprosy or having another glass of good wine at a wedding, which would you choose?

There is much symbolism in this event showing that the new and eternal covenant in Christ's blood fulfills and surpasses what has come before. The changing of water into wine foreshadows the changing of bread and wine into His body and blood in the Eucharist. We also see the important place that Mary plays in salvation history and in our lives. St. John reports Mary, here and at the cross, as so influential an intercessor, she's our mother too who cares about the most personal details of our lives.

These are important things but there is something else very important I would like to focus on today with this generous act of God. The Lord wants to show His totally gracious, overabundant love for us! The first miracle reminds us that everything good is a gift from God. In this miracle of turning water into wine at a wedding party, we see the Lord's playfulness, His joy, the lightness of His spirit that is still there even in this fallen world.

Parties, social time with people or playing together is an end itself. It reminds us of heaven. Much of this life is filled with the drudgery of survival, that's what God said would happen after the fall. We must work and so often we look forward to work being over, whatever that looks like. Work is usually a means to an end, but playful, social things are ends in themselves. Our relationship with God works that way, prayer and the liturgy are ends in themselves, where we grow in communion with the Lord.

Even in the face of this fallen world, its sufferings and trials, the Lord is not overwhelmed, loves us, and passes that on to us. Even though Satan and forces of evil are at work, they have lost the war. The Lord's first miracle of turning water into wine reminds us of the life of heaven when there will only be love, Communion and celebration, and no more suffering, tears or sickness. The joy of that future promise can be with us now.

A favorite image of Jesus for many people is the laughing Christ, or images that show the Lord happy. Truth be told the Gospels tell stories where Jesus shows virtually every emotion, sadness, pity, love, anger, exasperation, tenderness but joy, laughing, or lightness is more indirect. G.K. Chesterton noted:

**"There was some one thing that was too great for God to show us when He walked upon our earth; and I have sometimes fancied that it was His mirth."**

Now, a reason why we don't see more of Christ's joy and mirth in the Gospels might be that we are still in the time of trial and carrying our crosses. Too much wine and distraction could keep us from responding with purpose to the Lord's call. Throughout the Gospels the Lord is focusing us on what we're less inclined to. We naturally desire comfort, rest, pleasure, and so forth but need to learn more about how love is manifested through discipline, obedience, fidelity, and sacrifice. We're not in heaven yet. But indirectly throughout the Gospels and in today's miracle we see the underlying goodness, love, and joy of God.

Keep the faith,

Fr. Mike





In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals Himself to His disciples and they began to believe in Him. Everyday God also gives us signs of His love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

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## SECOND COLLECTION

### NEXT WEEKEND

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference: visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

## Prayer for Solidarity

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junípero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Óscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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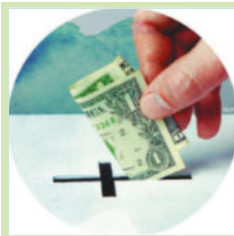
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John Ford—Joyce Quirk—Maggie Litgen

*(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed)*



## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 20. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday.



## 2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of the 2024 statement of your contributions to the parish, they are available by request. You may request it by calling the parish office (773 763-8228) or emailing ([parishoffice@setparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@setparish.org)).

We would prefer that you pick it up or have it emailed to you. If necessary we will mail it to you.

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish.

# Totus Tuus Is Back! Save the Date!



Totus Tuus is Returning to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity this summer July 6-11th. This is a great summer opportunity full of fun and faith formation.

Registration will start soon. Keep an eye on the bulletin and Flocknote in the coming weeks for more details.

If you would like to be one of the first notified when registration opens or if your family would like to help host the Totus Tuus missionaries as either a host family or by having the missionaries over for dinner one night please contact Ashley Guinn or Hugo Munoz in the parish office.

## SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School Science Fair will be on January 23, 2025 and we are in need of judges! As a judge, you will be evaluating students on their science fair presentation while also reading their written reports. Both projects have a rubric to follow. Anyone is able to volunteer (who does NOT have an 8th grade student enrolled in St. Elizabeth) but if you have a background in education, science, or medicine, that is a bonus, but not required. If you can help out on the 23rd from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. , please contact Mrs. Kathy Dati at: [k.dati@stelizabethtrinityschool.org](mailto:k.dati@stelizabethtrinityschool.org) It is really a great experience and our students love showing off their projects!



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## Stewardship Report

### Giving (Fiscal Year July 2024 - June 2025)

	<u>December</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Monthly Total	\$61,559	\$52,372
Yearly Total / Fiscal YTD	\$284,152	\$285,856
YTD - FY 25 Budget	\$295,683	
<b>Variance</b>	<b>-\$11,531</b>	
<u>Mass Attendance</u>		
Weekly Average	837	772
Special Collections - Christmas		
<b>Christmas 2024</b>		<b>\$40,010</b>

## DAY OF PRAYER

*for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

**Wednesday, January 22**



**NEXT SUNDAY!**

# Catholic Schools Week

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Purification of Vessels  
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While you are praying after Holy Communion, you have probably noticed that there is still visible action at the altar. This is called the **Purification of the Sacred Vessels**. As the Diocese of Peoria instructs, “After communion, there may be a song of thanksgiving or a moment of silence. Often during this time the priest or deacon purifies the sacred vessels used for Mass, although this is sometimes done after Mass, especially in places that use a large number of vessels for the distribution of Holy Communion. Even this aspect of the Mass is ritualized, as nothing in the Mass is insignificant. The sacred vessels used for the Mass are carefully purified to ensure that any particles of the Hosts are collected into the chalice so as to be consumed. While the priest purifies the Chalice he says quietly, ‘What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.’ As we believe in the real presence in the smallest particle of the Host or in even a drop of the precious Blood, this period of purification ensures the proper reverence to the Blessed Sacrament” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 20).

For me as a priest, purifying the vessels is a very special time of prayer. Of course, I am thinking about how we believe Jesus is truly present in even the smallest particle or even in the smallest drop of remaining Precious Blood. I am thankful for the Lord’s generosity and his humility—that he would come to us in such a gentle and veiled way. I will often pray for specific people at the Mass and for everyone there to be strengthened as they get ready to go forth.

### **Reverencing the Most Precious Gift**

In order to show proper reverence for our Lord’s presence under the species of bread and wine, the priest is obliged to do what he reasonably can to gather up any fragments of the host and any drops of the Precious Blood and consume them himself. According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*: “Whenever a fragment of the host adheres to his fingers, especially after the fraction or after the Communion of the faithful, the Priest should wipe his fingers over the paten or, if necessary, wash them. Likewise, he should also gather any fragments that may have fallen outside the paten” (*GIRM*, 278). After the priest has drunk from the chalice any remaining Precious Blood, he empties the fragments from the paten into the chalice, which is purified with water. The priest then empties the chalice by drinking the water, which contains the fragments of the consecrated host from the paten and any drops of the Precious Blood remaining in the chalice.

The rite of purification might seem like a trivial detail, but it is actually a great way of bolstering our faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. To see priests and deacons carefully consuming leftover particles reminds us just how precious the gift of Holy Communion is, as well as reminding us to always treat this gift respectfully—before, during, and after we have received our Lord in Communion.





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 JANUARY 18, 2025**

5:00 PM — Jose Guerra, Rose O’Neill, John & Helen  
Ptak, Don Love Jr.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2025**

7:30 AM — for our parishioners  
9:00 AM — Tom Gutzman, souls in Purgatory  
11:00 AM — for our catechumens  
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin

**MONDAY JANUARY 20, 2025**

8:30 AM — Joyce Jaszczor

**TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2025**

8:30 AM — Conrad Deane  
11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM  
5:00 PM — Victoria Placzek, Joseph & Katherine  
Misiuda

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2025**

8:30 AM — Maggie Litgen (health)

**THURSDAY JANUARY 23, 2025**

8:30 AM — for our school community  
6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

**FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2025**

8:30 AM — Owen Estep (health)

**SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2025**

8:30 AM — Juventino Gonzalez, Hansei Archaunbault  
5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family,  
Patricia Gullery & family, Patricia Nawell

**SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2025**

7:30 AM — Vincente Ponce, Henryk & Krystyna  
Korecki  
9:00 AM — Kay Zuhlke, Charles Boyd, Thomas  
Gutzman, souls in Purgatory  
11:00 AM — Paula Meister  
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin

**Presider Schedule - January 25 & 26**

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / piano  
7:30 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / organ  
9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / piano / Parish Choir  
11:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ  
1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Grisolano



Martin Garvin and Susan Stieber - I & II



Robert Pistorio  
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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Day  
Tuesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr  
Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
Thursday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin  
Friday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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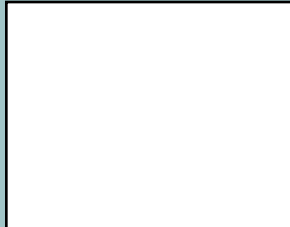
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## SERVICES

### 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:

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### 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](mailto: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*