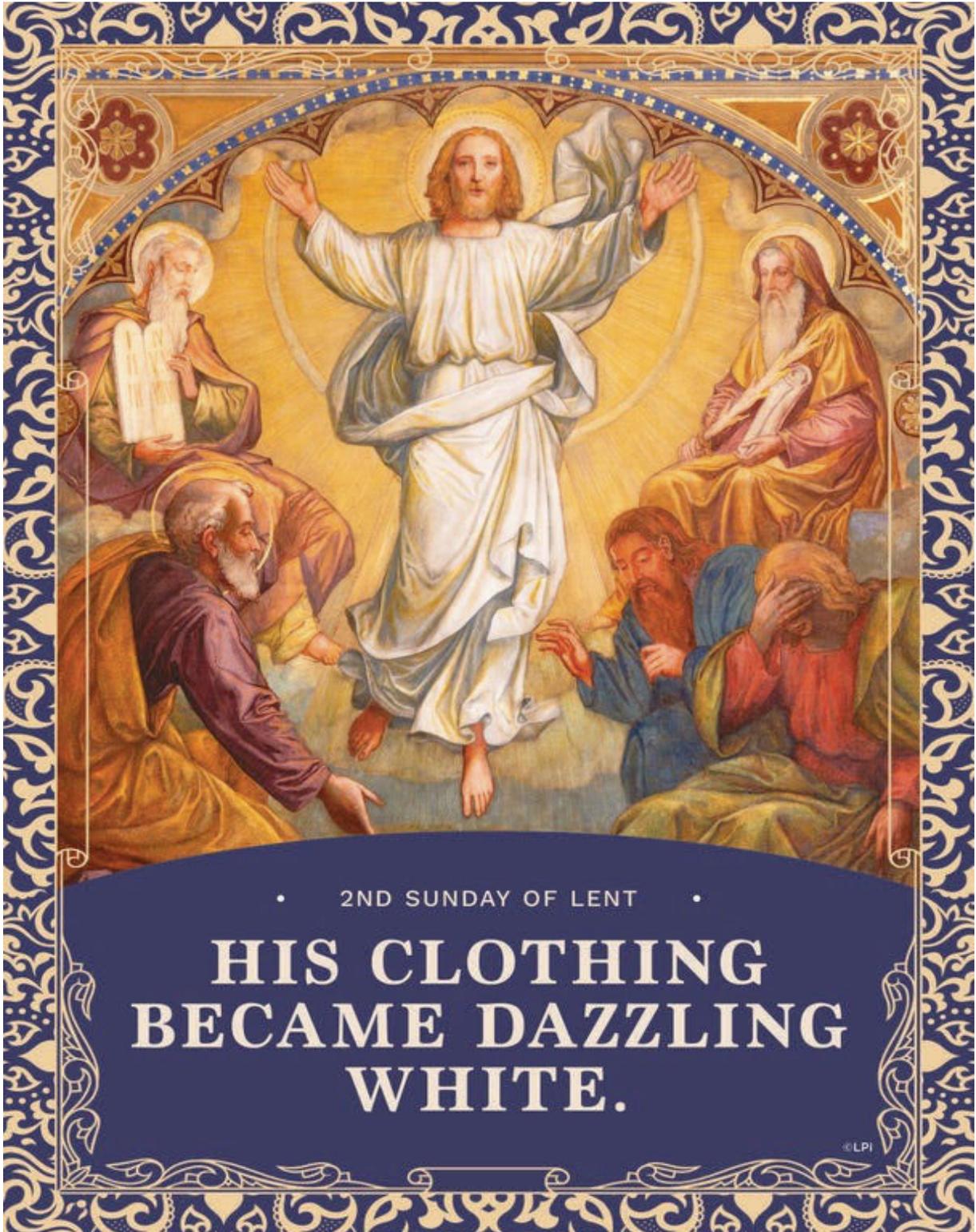




# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**MARCH 16, 2025**



While I may not have the chance to follow current events as closely as some of you, especially with Lenten disciplines around social media, I did want to bring some awareness around the issue of IVF since it has made national news recently. The Trump administration has pledged support for In Vitro Fertilization, which stands directly opposed to God's will for procreation and seeing the child as a person to be received as a gift through the natural means made, not manufactured, with such collateral damage. I have personally seen the suffering of infertile couples struggling to conceive but there is a right and wrong way to go about it with God's grace and guidance. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has spoken very clearly and helpfully on this important issue:

“The IVF industry treats human beings like products and freezes or kills millions of children who are not selected for transfer to a womb or do not survive. Tuesday's executive order promoting IVF is thus fatally flawed and stands in regrettable contrast to the promising pro-life actions of the Administration last month.

Every human person is a precious gift with infinite dignity and worth, no matter how that person was conceived. People born as a result of IVF have no less dignity than anyone else. It is our moral responsibility to uphold the dignity of their brothers and sisters who are never given the chance to be born.”

To learn more about in vitro fertilization, see: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/reproductive-technology>. And for more on infertility, including ethical restorative reproductive medicine and research, please see: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/infertility>. I know infertility is a sensitive and painful reality for many, especially as couples now wait longer to start a family, but the Church and the Lord are here to help. God provides.

--- ***“This is My chosen Son; listen to Him.”*** Lent is a time to fast, going without some creature comforts we may have overly relied on. It is a time to be more mindful of our charity towards the poor and those we live and work with, not delaying the good work we so often put off. But deep down, Lent also necessarily includes structured times of prayer, which is our lifeline to strengthen our relationship with the Lord.

The Father said of the Son, ***“listen to Him”***. How do we listen to Jesus? We all like to be listened to, especially after having been isolated for a while. I remember visiting a woman whose husband went off to the other room while I visited but came back after two hours and said to his wife “I've heard your voice the whole time” to which his wife responded, “what do you expect, I don't get out, I'm lonely.” The Lord certainly wants us to talk to Him, Jesus even tells us to ask persistently, but we also need to try to listen to Him because our Heavenly Father already knows what we need.

So how do we listen? Do we take time to be quiet in the church, in our room, or prayerfully on a nature walk? Jesus waits in the Blessed Sacrament to comfort and encourage our hearts, especially when we feel lonely and like no one else will listen! Meditating on the Scriptures is one of the best ways to hear the Lord since it is His very Word. This is best done having already asked for what we think we need beforehand, so that we can see the Lord's personal response more clearly when we read the Scripture passage.

When we pray, we can say like St. Peter: ***“Master, it is good that we are here.”***

God bless,

Fr. Mike



Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please support the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

### **SAVE THE DATES – PARISH LENTEN MISSION –**

***“Abundant Life: Allowing God to Help Us Grow”***

**MONDAY, MARCH 24 & MONDAY, MARCH 31**



We are pleased to announce that Fr. Michael Knotek will be leading us in a Lenten Mission on March 24 & 31.

Father Knotek grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1996. After serving as Associate Pastor at three parishes, Fr. Knotek served as a hospital chaplain at Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park. He then served as Pastor of St. John de la Salle Parish followed by serving as Pastor of St. Columbanus Parish. Following that he served as Executive Secretary of the Priests’ Placement Board, then the Vicar for Priests.

Currently he is serving as the Vicar for the Professional and Pastoral Development of Priests. Father Knotek holds a Master of Theological Studies degree from the Catholic Theological Union and a Master of Divinity Degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake. He also holds a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Claret Center. He enjoys facilitating retreats and parish missions. When he gets a day off he enjoys long walks in nature, reading, movies and cooking with friends.

Fr. Knotek will also preach at all the English Masses on March 22 & 23. He will preside at the 5:00 Mass on March 22.

Each night we will start with Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m. in church. The one-hour Mission will then start at about 6:50 p.m.

Light refreshments will follow in the vestibule.

### **SAVE THE DATES – SPANISH PARISH LENTEN MISSION –**

***“A Call to Conversion”***

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 26 & THURSDAY, MARCH 27**



Fr. Carlos A. Arancibia Bermudez, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will preach the Lenten Mission in Spanish on Wednesday & Thursday, March 26 & 27 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in church. He will also preside at the 1:00 Spanish Mass on March 23.

Light refreshments will follow in the vestibule.

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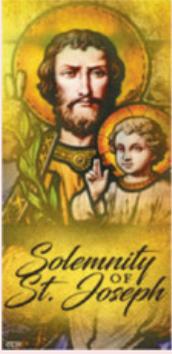


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 Elizabeth Hofstede—Rosemary Francis

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

## ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE



Please come and join us after the **11:00 a.m. Mass today, Sunday March 16 until 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.** Immediately following the Mass, we will process from the church to the auditorium where the food will be blessed. After the blessing, we will partake in a Luncheon and Sweet Table. While there is no charge for the meal, a donation will be accepted, and all proceeds will be turned over to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please come and enjoy delicious food and friendship.

Volunteers are welcome. Anyone interested in helping, either by donating food or time, please leave your contact info at the Parish Office (773 763-8228) and we will contact you.

Thank You, JoAnn Keto



**During Lent...join us for:**  
**Evening Prayer - Mondays at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Stations of the Cross - Fridays at: 2:15 p.m.**  
**(with school, but not on March 14 or 28) or**  
**6:30 p.m. (English) & 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)**

## PAYING IT FORWARD AS A LEAD MOTHER IN NIGERIA



In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty, and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit: [crsricebowl.org/week-2](http://crsricebowl.org/week-2) to read this week's Story of Hope.

### Stewardship Report

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

	February	
	2025	2024
Monthly Total	\$40,788	\$46,180
Yearly Total / Fiscal YTD	\$369,741	\$379,513
YTD - FY 25 Budget	\$394,017	
<b>Variance</b>	<b>-\$24,276.00</b>	

#### Mass Attendance

Weekly Average	884	816
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### PRAYER SHAWL



The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be on **Monday, March 17** (that's right - St. Patrick's Day) at 6:30 in the Art Room of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School. Both gates (Ardmore and Moody) will be unlocked so that you can use the parking lot across from school or park on Moody and come through the wrought iron gates. Bring the projects you have been working on, and we will all get together and catch up on what is new. See you then. Carol (773-849-4432)

## Sharing Families - Rwanda

If you're not familiar with the 10+ year story of our parish support for Station School Rwanda – or would like a review – please check out the insert from the October 8, 2023, Sunday Bulletin. Below is a link to the picture-filled report on our parish website.

<https://stelizabethtrinity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Station-School-Rwanda.pdf>

We received confirmation from the principal (head mistress) at the Station School that all 376 new students received their supplies. Supplies include, tuition, uniforms, shoes, school supplies, hygiene products and a backpack. We can proudly state that all 1,671 students have a sponsor!

Here is a snapshot of the Station School population...

	Start of program (2014)	Current
<b>Total number of students</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>1671</b>
Nursery student count	65	245
Primary student count	542	1103
Secondary student count	151	323
Number of orphans	139	107
Number of teachers	23	38



*Here are a few of the new students excited to receive their supplies!*

Our motto is simple: ***Helping one child will not change the world however, for that one child the world will be forever changed.***

Thank you for your continued support, your gifts will never be forgotten.

Want to participate?

You can sponsor a student or donate any amount at any time by making a check payable to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. (Please be sure to **mark on the memo portion of the check *Station School.***) The cost for sponsorship is \$25.00 per student. You can also donate online via Faith Direct. **Please select the *Station School.***

Follow our progress on this remarkable journey at [www.stelizabethtrinity.org](http://www.stelizabethtrinity.org) and see the hope and smiles in the eyes of the children. We have given them the gift of a brighter future and we have received the gift of an extended family.

God bless,

**Bobbie DuMelle**



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At the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, we gathered for Mass to receive our ashes. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, self-discipline, almsgiving, prayer, and preparation for Easter. It's a time to remember Jesus's death and resurrection and to strengthen our relationship with God.





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**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass  
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 82  
Summary and Farewell  
by FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



Once “the Mass is ended” and we go on our way, you might feel that there is more. What else should we think about? The Mass is only ended in terms of a particular parish family gathering coming to a temporary halt. As some of our favorite authors for this series have taught us, the Mass continues.

### **The Mass and Daily Life**

During our review of the Mass, we have seen how God speaks to his people. We have reflected on the great gift of Jesus, who has given himself in sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. We have prayed through the great gift of the Mass that unites us to Our Lord’s saving sacrifice and invites us to participate. We have meditated on the Eucharist as our true source of unity with God and one another. We have prepared to go forth, recognizing that our mission is to share the fruits of the Mass out in the world. Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches about the mission of the Mass: “The Lord does not want us removed from our surroundings, our work, or our social relationships. He wants us in the world so that we might sanctify and improve it, and place at God’s feet all souls and institutions, all political life and all activities in general. Blessed Josemaria Escriva points out for us, ‘Your ordinary contact with God takes place where your fellow men, your yearnings, your work and your affections are. There you have your daily encounter with Christ. It is in the midst of the most material things of the earth that we must sanctify ourselves, serving God and all mankind.’ Therefore, the Mass should not be taken as a kind of escape from our duties” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 198).

Similarly, Fr. Guy Oury writes, “What remains after [the Concluding Rites of the Mass] is to go and live the Mass we have celebrated and the Communion we have received: to live it in abiding union with the Father’s will and in union with one another. Mass does not end at the Church door. There is no line of demarcation between worship and life” (*The Mass*, p. 124).

Seeing unity in our life inside and outside Mass, Belmonte writes (including some words from Pope St. Paul VI) that “we should turn to our daily occupations to find God also in these pursuits. Thus, we will avoid leading a double life: ‘on one side, an interior life, a life of relation with God; and on the other, a separate and distinct, professional, social, and family life, full of small earthly realities. No! We cannot lead a double life... There is just one life, made of flesh and spirit. And it is this life which has to become, in both soul and body, holy and filled with God. We discover the invisible God in the most visible and material things. There is no other way. Either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or else we shall never find him’” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 198).

### **Some Final Thoughts from Fr. Luke**

For me, as this series draws to a close, I am struck by how rewarding and enriching this step-by-step journey through the Mass has been! No doubt, there are others who are more scholarly or more original. Likely, there are some spiritualities and blessings of the Mass that could have been reviewed in more detail. Hopefully, these reflections have been helpful for all of you. I hope they have been an invitation to learn more about the wonderful gift of the Mass. I pray they have been a jumping-off point for more prayer and learning in the years ahead!

With a thankful heart, we go forward. We recall the great truths and gifts shared along the way. The Mass truly is an encounter with the Lord Jesus, in his Word, through the priest and assembled community, but most especially in his very Body and Blood in the Most Holy Eucharist. As we know, the Mass isn’t just a once-a-week kind of activity, not just something we “turn on” and then “turn off” when we are finished. Rather, the Mass changes us and makes us more like Christ, perfects us, and prepares us for heaven. This change is not just internal but must be lived out in the world so that others may be brought to the fruits of the Mass, both in this life and in the eternal Banquet of the Lamb in heaven. I pray that you will always be able to find Christ truly present in the tabernacle, on the altar, and in the midst of living life. I pray that you will always find him! I pray that the fruits of the Mass will be with you out in the world, and I pray with great hope for the joy of all being joined together in perfect worship of God, joined together at the great Banquet of 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 MARCH 15, 2025**

5:00 PM — Joe Rangel, Jessica Bach, John Ptak, Don Love, Hansei Archambault, Malachy Byrne, Brian Fulara

**SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025**

7:30 AM — Chuck Jacobucci  
 9:00 AM — Tom Gutzman, souls in Purgatory  
 11:00 AM — Peter Eck  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Dolores Chavez

**MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025**

8:30 AM — Patricia Eastian, Charles Boyd  
 6:30 PM — EVENING PRAYER

**TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2025**

8:30 AM — Peter Eck, Conrad Deane  
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM  
 6:30 PM — Ernesto Aguilar, Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 2025**

8:30 AM — Joseph & Josephine Lazarz

**THURSDAY MARCH 20, 2025**

8:30 AM — Rosemary Francis  
 6:30 PM — BILINGUAL CONFESSIONS

**FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2025**

8:30 AM — Mary Ann Mikolajczak  
 2:15 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (with school)  
 6:30 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (English)  
 7:15 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Spanish)

**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners  
 5:00 PM — Don Love Jr, Dan Anderson

**SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2025**

7:30 AM — Helen Kolinski (8th anniversary), Alexander Kolinski, Anna Dyjak & Jo Sanborn (birthdays), Estelle, Walter & Edward Dyjak, Ed Sanborn, Joseph Dyjak (65h anniversary / birthday)  
 9:00 AM — Carolyn Biala, souls in Purgatory  
 11:00 AM — Lucyna & Rudolf Gustek  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Diana Calderon

**Presider Schedule - March 22 & 23**  
 5:00 p.m. — Fr. Knotek / Guitar Ensemble  
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / Fr. Knotek preaching / organ  
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / Fr. Knotek preaching / piano / Parish Choir  
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / Fr. Knotek preaching / organ  
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Arancibia



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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent  
 Monday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day  
 Tuesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Wednesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Thursday:  
 Friday:  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent  
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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



*What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ, and that we love him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And without the love of Jesus, everything else is useless.*

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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 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*