



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



MARCH 30, 2025



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“This son of mine was dead, and has
come to life again.” - Lk 15:24a

There are many words from a child that a parent longs to hear if said from the heart. Parents love to hear: “I love you” or “thank you for all you do”, “let me help”, “I cleaned my room”, “want to play a game?”. When a child has hurt themselves or someone else, words that can melt a parent’s heart are: “I’m sorry”. In fact, loving parents are hoping and praying that their child, for their own sake, is reconciled and feels themselves as a normal member of the family again, without shaming or love lost.

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”

In this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we heard the beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son which could perhaps be better titled the parable of the Compassionate Father. The wandering son’s emptiness was real, he freely left his father’s house and squandered his inheritance. This is an image for sin, when we leave God and find ourselves empty and lost. We might feel ashamed, anxious, and afraid to go home, possibly because we think of God as the self-righteous older brother.

The story doesn’t end there, and neither does ours. It’s right in the moment of feeling unworthy and filled with self-loathing because of our own decisions, that Jesus calls us to remember this loving father who represents our Heavenly Father. The memory of God’s love for us and His goodness softens our heart to return to Him. We never earned God’s love, we don’t “deserve” it, it’s a gift. We don’t lose the Lord’s love either, in fact, Jesus says that there is more joy in heaven when we say from our hearts “I’m sorry” than for people who think they never need to seek mercy.

Lent is the perfect time to receive the sacrament of the Lord’s mercy. People will sometimes joke with me when I bring up confession and say, “Oh father, you’d need to take half a day with me”, but we are worth that, and more to Jesus. I often ask the kids before confession if they are a little nervous and most of them raise their hands but then I ask them afterwards if they feel better, and all of them raise their hands.

We spend so much time in Lent focusing on improving our relationship with the Lord and growing in more intentional discipleship through our fasting, prayer, and almsgiving/good works and rightly so! However, it’s good to be reminded by this touching parable that we don’t earn the Lord’s love by these works, it’s His goodness that inspires them. Goodness inspires us to sacrifice, work harder and be our best, not slavish fear or shame. The father wanted his younger son to be restored to full status as a son and it was the memory of the father’s virtue and compassion that inspired the prodigal to come home.

We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, so let’s try to work through our fears and go to our Heavenly Father, trusting in His goodwill toward us.

Whichever of the two sons we identify with more, the Lord wants us to know that we are not simply servants but beloved children. We can imagine God the Father saying to us like the father did to his son: ***“You are my son, you are my daughter, everything I have is yours.”***

God bless,

Fr. Mike



In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.



Please join us for the 2nd and final night of our PARISH LENTEN MISSION -

“Abundant Life: Allowing God to Help Us Grow”

Presented by Fr. Michael Knotek

MONDAY, MARCH 31 after Evening Prayer.



During Lent...join us for:

Evening Prayer - Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at: 2:15 p.m. (with the school)

Or 6:30 p.m. (English) & 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

The school will present Living Stations on Wednesday, April 16 in church at 9:15 a.m.



SHARING SUCCESS

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult - and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Join the Women's Group for our monthly Mass at 9:00 next Sunday, April 6

Afterward hospitality stay for our April meeting.

ALL PARISHIONERS

Join us for hospitality in the auditorium next Sunday

after the 9:00 Mass and after the 1:00 Spanish Mass.

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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.

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.

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April 7th 2025

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Petercullen_conway@yahoo.com

Tickets also available at the parish and school offices.

Winner need not be present.

Proceeds go to further the ministries of the parish
Prize money will be prorated if all tickets are not sold



SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzynski—
Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Guzman family—Angela Ross—Nicholas Guerrieri—
Marie Brasher—Paola Estrada—Eva Anderson—Elise Fernandez—Emery Tanski—
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Andrea Emilia Bernabey—Gustavo Caceres—Petryk Kozlowski—Larry Garcia—Jeanette Peterson—
Annamarie Kelly—Franklin Wolff—Owen Estep—Joseph Dudek—Carter Glick—James Furlong—
John Ford—Maggie Litgen—Jimmy Retondo—Matt Cashman Sr.—Ramon Guzman—
Elizabeth Hofstede—Rosemary Francis—Julia Lampinen
(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed)



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity Parish

Food Pantry

Updated Needs List:

Fruit juice / V-8
Pancake mix (box) & Syrup
Ground Coffee
Canned mixed fruit/pineapple
Reg Oatmeal
Breakfast Bars
Salt / Pepper
Flour/Sugar
Vegetable Oil

LENTEN Spotlight Items:

Small canned hams
Canned pineapple
Easter hershey kisses
THANK YOU

HELP NEEDED

Every other week shoppers (\$ reimbursed)
Pantry servers every other week, on Tuesday
8:30-10am

Contact Terry 773-307-8947
THANK YOU

**Drop box in back
of church –
available when
church is open**



Questions: food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

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May 2, 2025
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ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY SCHOOL

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Family STEAM Night Fun

It was an exciting hands-on STEAM experience March 18 with @tinkrworks.

Students sparked creativity with a color-changing Smart Lamp that plays music! They explored light, sound, and programming while expressing emotions through technology. This hands-on project combined STEAM and SEL, empowering kids to connect, create, and express themselves.



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March 24, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten journey marked with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I am writing to let you know that on Ash Wednesday a Senate committee passed a bill, Senate Bill 9, that would legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. This would make it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. In addition to asking you to offer your Lenten sacrifices to protect life, I ask that you take action by writing, calling or e-mailing your state elected official to vote "NO" on this legislation. There is also legislation pending in the House, House Bill 1328 as you will see at www.ilcatholic.org or by calling 217-528-9200.

The involvement of insurance companies is alarming. In fact, in states with legalized suicide, there are documented cases of people being denied life-saving medical treatment by insurance companies in lieu of the much cheaper option of life-ending drugs. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy as they are the most vulnerable to such abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide. There is no way to prevent the vulnerable from being coerced or intimidated to end their lives once this assisted suicide is legal. There are simply too many documented cases of the vulnerable being coerced or intimidated into ending their life.


Proponents argue that this legislation will end suffering at the end of life. We all agree that no one should needlessly suffer or have to watch a loved one experience unnecessary pain and suffering. Fortunately, there are now effective ways to make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care, which utilizes physician-led teams to care for the whole person – physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually – to relieve the symptoms and the stress related to serious illness and side effects of treatment.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has summed up the case against assisted suicide well: "Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks."

Assisted suicide is not the compassionate solution for those who are suffering. Through palliative care, expanded access to mental health care, and stronger family and community support, providers and families are finding better ways to accompany these people compassionately that shows love and respect for the dignity each human life.

Please go to www.ilcatholic.org/take-action or call 217-528-9200 to find out how to contact your local elected official to tell them to vote NO on SB 9 and HB 1328.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago



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 29, 2025

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family, Kieran Hickey

SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski, Henryk & Krystyna Korecki
 9:00 AM — Charles Boyd, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Rose Carlson, Raj Gupta, Candida Beltran, Gabriela DeJesus (birthday), Ramiro Navarro (birthday)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Hector Aguilar, Diana Calderon, Miriam Calderon, Ramiro Navarro (birthday), Gabriela DeJesus (birthday), Maria Los Coss, Paulino Correa, Adalberto Correa

MONDAY MARCH 31, 2025

8:30 AM — Sharon Robinson
 6:30 PM — EVENING PRAYER
 6:50 PM — LENTEN MISSION

TUESDAY APRIL 1, 2025

8:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski, Stanley Sokol, Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 6:30 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2, 2025

8:30 AM — Deacon Greg Bzdon

THURSDAY APRIL 3, 2025

8:30 AM — Kim Lee
 6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions
 7:00 PM — SPANISH MASS

FRIDAY APRIL 4, 2025

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina
 2:15 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (school)
 6:30 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (English)
 7:15 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Spanish)

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025

8:30 AM — Xochitl Salto, Joey Bachewicz, Kathy Pryst
 5:00 PM — Don Love, Vicente Ormachea, John Peterson, Lenore Fuesz, Kieran Hickey, Chuck Jacobucci

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025

7:30 AM — Chuck Jacobucci
 9:00 AM — the Women's Group, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Hector P Magnanao, Mabel Laura Duet, Milagros Duet, Barbie Rosner (good health)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Carlos Alexix Hernandez Perez

Presider Schedule - April 6 & 7

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



Barbara Kimbrough
 Kim Lee

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
 Monday:
 Tuesday: April Fools' Day
 Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
 Thursday:
 Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
 Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



*Jesus has made Himself
the Bread of Life to give us life.
Night and day, He is there.
If you really want to grow in love,
come back to the Eucharist,
come back to that Adoration.*
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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

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*