



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**APRIL 6, 2025**



## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Let the one among you who is without sin  
be the first to throw a stone at her.” - Jn 8:7

# FROM FR. MIKE

April 6, 2025

I have some important and surprising news. I have been asked by Cardinal Cupich through our new Bishop, John Siemianowski, to take on a new pastorate. On July 1<sup>st</sup> this year, I will become the pastor of Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles, which is not too far away. While I had another year left on my term here as pastor, that parish needs a pastor, and they thought I would be a good fit for it so I was asked to take it. I just found out before writing this article, so it is as much a surprise for me as it is for you.

What now? St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish will be getting a new pastor (or administrator) on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but I am not sure yet who that will be. I know everyone wants this merger to be as successful as it can, and a seasoned priest is being sent and may already have been announced by the time you read this. I and the staff are meeting and will make sure the transition goes as smoothly as possible. I know you will be as welcoming to the new priest as you were to me.

On a person note, I want to thank all of you for a wonderful eight years being on site here, time really flies doesn't it? It will be sad to leave but I have learned to accept that God's will is revealed through our lives and superiors, the promise of obedience helps to clarify the Lord's will. While the merger was certainly hard for everyone and there is still so much to be done, the Lord has blessed us all. There will be graces offered in this next phase of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish with a new leader with fresh perspectives, ideas, and gifts.

On a reflective note, as much as things may change, they also stay the same. I was thinking about when I first came to this parish and the first homily I gave in this church on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. I asked you to pray for me and introduce yourselves so that I could gradually learn your names (I know many of you!). I also shared what I thought was the essential purpose of a good parish which I think is as relevant now as it was before the merge:

Our Lord tells us that to be His disciple we must love Him even more than our family and friends. We have to put Him first, only then do we have life! If we put Christ first, then everything else falls into its proper place.

At a previous parish assignment, the temporary principle noted of the school there: "You've got three different school mission statements and they're all a bit flowery." He was a WWII buff and so gave a suggestion: "We need to be like the Allies in WWII with something simple like *"Get to Berlin."*

The basic mission we have as Catholics could be phrased in different ways: "be a saint, follow Christ fully, grow in holiness, get to heaven." These are all getting at the point the Lord is making. The value of parish ministries or activities could be gauged by asking questions like "how will this help the people to know and live their Catholic faith? Will this decision help them to grow in holiness and follow Jesus?"

Our Lord Himself put it this way "***Whoever loses his life for My sake...will find it.***"

The mission hasn't changed in eight years...or two thousand years. Please pray for me and your new priest and be assured of my love and prayers for you.

With gratitude for all of you and the Lord,

Fr. Mike





In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours His love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.**

### ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

**Join the Women's Group for our monthly Mass at 9:00 today, April 6  
After hospitality stay for our April meeting.**

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after the 9:00 Mass or after the 1:00 Spanish Mass.**

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### First Responders Mass



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**9:00 am Mass**

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**Sunday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m.**

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to early printer deadlines...

Any items for the April 13 bulletin, including Mass intentions, must be submitted by Monday, April 7 at noon.

Any items for the April 20 bulletin, including Mass intentions, must be submitted by Friday, April 11 at noon.

## 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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### THE POWER OF SACRIFICE

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of His resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



### 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—  
Cary Muldoon-Pauly—Darlene Russo—Constance Anderson—Dolores Nano—Helzing Aguilar—  
Flavia Langan—Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Alice Ward—Arthur Hamilton—Anthony Pfeifer—  
Paul Konietzny—Kathy Burns—Joan Harriss—Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—  
Nancy Wesclitz—Ciara Czajkowski—Donna J. Kolinski—Raffaella Mucerino—Jose A. Reyes—  
Carmen R. Reyes—Calli Olvera—Eleida Flores—Joe & Nelda Garza—  
Andrea Emilia Bernabey—Gustavo Caceres—Patryk 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)



### **Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday Masses**

Sat.: 5:00 p.m. and Sun.: 7:30 a.m., 9:00\* a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

*\*9:00 Mass will start in the Prayer Garden with Blessing of Palms and Procession*

### **Monday, April 14**

8:30 a.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. - Holy Hour -

Adoration, Evening Prayer, Confession, Benediction

### **Tuesday, April 15**

8:30 a.m. - Mass

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Confession

6:00 p.m. - Benediction

6:30 p.m. - Mass

### **Wednesday, April 16**

8:30 a.m. - Mass

9:15 a.m. Living Stations presented by the school

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Bilingual Confession

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### **Thursday, April 17 - Holy Thursday**

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual)\* ✠

*The church will remain open until 11:00 p.m. for Adoration.*

*Collection will be for the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society & the parish Food Pantry*

### **Friday, April 18 - Good Friday**

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - (with Holy Communion) (bilingual)

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English) & 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

### **Saturday, April 19 - Holy Saturday**

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Food

*(no afternoon Reconciliation or 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

**8:00 p.m. - The Great Easter Vigil** (bilingual)✠

### **Sunday, April 20 - Easter Masses**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.\* ✠ & 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.✠ (Spanish)

\* Mass will be livestreamed

✠ Incense will be used





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## Living a Eucharistic Life during Lent

### Sr. Mary Catherine Kasuboski, TOR

What do we do when we want to give someone a gift, but have no money? We usually have to get creative, and often the result is a gift that includes something of ourselves.

For many years, I have served our community as the General Treasurer, which means I manage the material resources for the whole community. It is a role that involves a massive amount of responsibility, leaving me very little time to devote to our communal ministries. However, I feel within me a deep hunger to do ministry, because I didn't enter religious life to take care of the finances.

#### **A Hidden Opportunity**

Recently, after a couple of ministry events came up for me and subsequently fell through, I felt rather disappointed. As I took my still hungry heart to the Lord, I felt led to consider my present circumstances replete with ministry opportunities, not to people outside the community, but to my own sisters with whom I live.

At first, I didn't find this very exciting, but when I began to accept it more deeply, I realized the Lord was offering me opportunities to live a Eucharistic life at every moment of every day—offering a gift of myself in little, often hidden ways that might never be considered “ministries” by anyone else. If a sister comes to my office needing a check to purchase something and I give her a loving smile with it, I have given a gift of myself.

When we are at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we witness Jesus offering himself to the Father as he did on the Cross, and we are called to participate in that by offering ourselves (and all aspects of our lives) with Jesus to the Father. When we leave Mass, we are called to extend that self-offering and live a Eucharistic life by offering ourselves to one another in love.

#### **Holiness through “Little Gifts of Self”**

This is a path to holiness that is open to every person. Traditionally, Lent calls us to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. “Sacrifices,” “penances,” and “death-to-self” are common words we hear. These can have a negative connotation for us and even subtly cause us to focus on our own efforts. Maybe what we really need to focus on are little gifts of self—doing positive acts that help us love God, others, and even ourselves better.

Here are a few ideas that can be springboards for your own creativity:

- Give a word of encouragement and/or affirmation to someone.
- Be creative and intentional about asking a friend (or family member) how he/she is doing today, and be prepared to listen to the response.
- Take 5 minutes to look out the window, find some beauty, thank God for it, and ask for the grace to see beauty in the people you encounter today.
- Get to Mass 5 minutes earlier than you usually do and focus your mind on God.
- Fast from social media platforms for 15 minutes and use that time to pray instead.
- When people interrupt your work or conversations, receive them with openness and gratitude for the opportunity to serve them.
- When you hear gossip or are tempted to it yourself, say something positive and uplifting instead.

Then, when you go to Mass, try to remember to offer the little things you've done, what you've failed to do, and your very self to Jesus in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and allow all these little offerings of love to bind your heart more closely to him. Jesus delights to see us find creative ways of giving gifts of ourselves to one another, so let us ask him to help us live a more Eucharistic life today.

*Sr. Mary Catherine is a member of the Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother. She is a spiritual director and serves the universal Church in Toronto, Ohio.*





**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 APRIL 5, 2025**

5:00 PM — Don Love, Vicente Ormachea, John Peterson, Lenore Fuesz, Kieran Hickey, Chuck Jacobucci, Eugene Chmielowski, Jane Pomaczek

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025**

7:30 AM — Chuck Jacobucci  
 9:00 AM — Eugene Chmielowski, the Women's Group, souls in Purgatory  
 11:00 AM — Hector P Magnanao, Mabel Laura Duet, Milagros Duet, Barbie Rosner (good health) Evelyn Stanbury  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Maria Bernabe, Camilo Marin Soto, Camilo Marin Luna

#### **MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025**

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families, Eugene Chmielowski  
 6:30 PM — EVENING PRAYER

#### **TUESDAY APRIL 8, 2025**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2025**

8:30 AM — Eleanor, Sam, Grace & Joseph Holden

#### **THURSDAY APRIL 10, 2025**

8:30 AM — Apolonia Granados, Joseph Turco  
 6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

#### **FRIDAY APRIL 11, 2025**

8:30 AM — Gia Manzo, Jerome Mikulski  
 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 12, 2025**

8:30 AM — Jenny Tourville  
 5:00 PM — Don Love, Jr., Julie Ann Defiore, Julia Lampinen (good health), Joan Ptak, Elwood, Mary Coyne

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025—Palm Sunday**

7:30 AM — Charles Jacobucci  
 9:00 AM — Arlene Mondack, Tom Gutzman, souls in Purgatory  
 11:00 AM — Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer, John H Fergus, Meredith Cicchetti  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — (Spanish)

#### **Presider Schedule - April 12 & 13**

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



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#### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent  
 Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest  
 Tuesday:  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday:  
 Friday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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#### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c -62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49



*The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Jesus Christ. Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."*  
(Jn 6:56)

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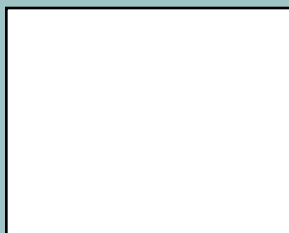
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### SERVICES

#### 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:

[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)

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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*