



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



JULY 27, 2025



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

FROM FR. DEO

July 27, 2025



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you! I hope you're having a great summer! Last week, I met with our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and I witnessed how they live the Gospel by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy. We will continue to support them, and I encourage you to consider joining their ministry. At the meeting, I was amazed by people's introduction as "transplants" from the merged parishes. I'd like to reflect on that metaphor and its implications for the understanding of our Parish spiritual renewal.

It's been five years since the three parishes merged into St Elizabeth of the Trinity. In agriculture, transplant means that a plant's graft is cut, removed from its original place, and transferred to another. This process can be painful as it involves wounding (cutting), leaving and beginning anew, but the goal is not to harm but to give rise to something new. The transplant is successful when the grafted plant into another thrives and bears fruit. When applied to the merger, the transplant metaphor can explain the process we've undergone by forming a new identity out of the three communities. St Elizabeth of the Trinity has arisen from transplant to Jesus, the True Vine: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5). We're St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. Together, we've been grafted into something new, bigger, and more life-giving. We're to become a vibrant community of disciples that celebrates the one faith that unites us in the richness of our cultural and demographic diversity.

Five years into that process of building and becoming, our parish acknowledges the sadness, uncertainty, grief, loss of identity many might have endured. I hear the pain of those who are not yet healed, because you understandably still have memories of your place of baptism, marriage, education, and family belonging. But the Church is not mainly a building; it is a spiritual home. We must journey and heal together, making a home for everyone, especially by welcoming and even looking for those who feel left out or have gone to other places. I invite every parishioner to be intentionally welcoming and invite at least a friend or a neighbor to our church. Together we will seek ways to enhance our Sunday worship experience and satisfy the hunger of those longing for Jesus through our different ministries. This is the work of God we're called to carry out and pray for, as the readings of this Sunday remind us.

The key to our discipleship and community building is a life rooted in prayer. In the First Reading, Abraham's persistent prayer moves God to show mercy for the few innocent people. In the Gospel, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus responds with the *Our Father* — a prayer that centers us on God as a loving Father, and urges us to seek His will, and trust in His care. In the Our Father, Jesus is giving us a new vision of human relationships: that we all are children of God and thereby brothers and sisters. Our prayer, therefore, should be a way of entering in deep and trusting communion with God, which propels us to enter in communion with others through charity, hospitality, and forgiveness.

As a community of disciples, let us make our prayer the foundation of communion with God and our relationship with others. Let's not ask Jesus to say prayers, but to live in prayer and to make our lives pleasing to God our Father. Prayer is not about saying the right words; it's about building a relationship with our loving Father. God never gets annoyed by our prayers, nor does He get tired of hearing and answering them. We sometimes get tired of asking and even insisting. As Jesus and Abraham teach us, we pray persistently not to change God's mind but for God to change ours and make our will open to His Will. This week, let us echo the disciples' request: **"Lord, teach me to pray with patience, persistence, and unwavering trust."**

In Christ,
Fr. Deo.

**"LORD, TEACH
US TO PRAY."**



In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our “Father” and just as a parent’s love for their children is unlimited, so is God’s love and care for us unlimited.

In the month of July, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to help families and individuals by providing assistance for food, utilities, rent etc. Thank You!

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS TIMES



Friday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass times will be as follows:

Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Friday, August 15—8:30 a.m. and
6:30 p.m. (English)**

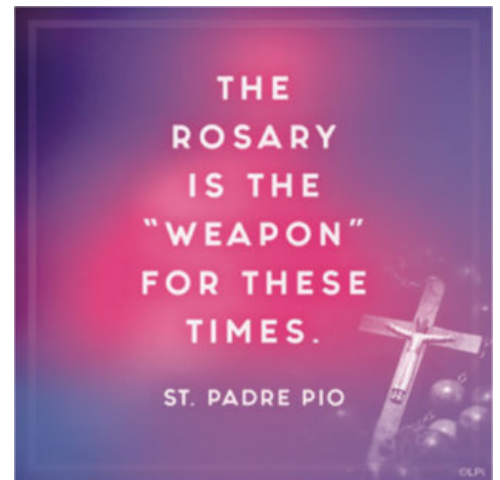
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

1:00 p.m. shotgun start – 4 ball scramble

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Includes golf, cart, food and drinks at the course, post-golf reception
plus transportation.



Please see handouts at Mass for registration, or email stelizabethhns@gmail.com or call
Tim Jacobs at 773.410.0736

**Thanks to all that attended the
Coffee with Bishop Balthazar**

We had a beautiful visit with Bishop Balthazar
after celebrating his last Mass prior to returning to
Rwanda. Thank you to all that made this a special
send off for him.



SICK LIST

**Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—Michele Schmidt—
Joe & Nelda Garza—Jimmy Retondo—Elizabeth Hofstede—Donna Kolinski—Norbert Renda**

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

Thank You For Making Totus Tuus a Success

- Thank you to everyone who helped us make Totus Tuus a success this year. We served 50 kids this year which is our best attended year of camp yet.
- To all those who hosted our missionaries, sent their children, attended Mass with us, or donated in any way to our program know of our heartfelt thanks and prayers for all of you.



Religious Education



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Join Us for the RE for the 2025-26 School Year

Registration is now open for children from 1st to 8th grade. Forms are available online, at the back of church, or by using the QR code above.

Tuition for this upcoming year will be \$275 plus \$75 for each additional child and our first class is Sunday September 7th

We can always use more help if you would like to be a catechist or a classroom aid please contact Ashley Guinn in the parish office.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Luke 11:1-13)

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir

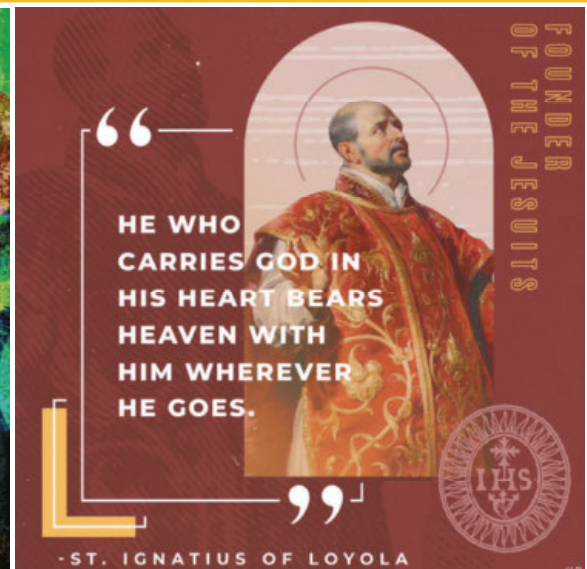
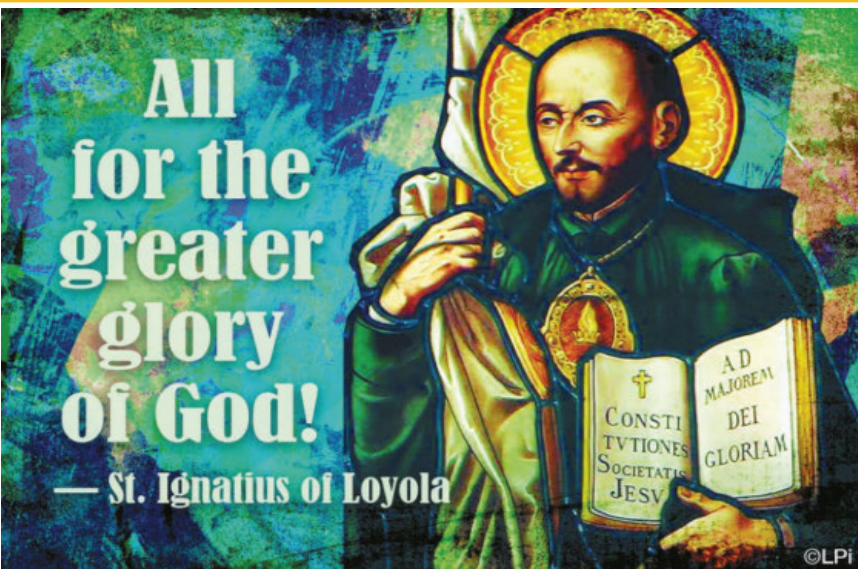
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ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY SCHOOL

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St. Elizabeth of the Trinity just concluded another year of a fun-filled Totus Tuus (*Totally Yours*) summer camp.

Campers laughed, danced, and deepened their faith with Christ.

Thank you to everyone who came to renew their faith with a stronger prayer life.





Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for Discernment

*Holy Spirit, you,
light of our understanding,
gentle breath that guides our decisions,
grant me the grace to listen attentively to your voice
and to discern the hidden paths of my heart,
so that I may grasp what truly matters to you,
and free my heart from its troubles.
I ask you for the grace to learn how to pause,
to become aware of the way I act,
of the feelings that dwell within me,
and of the thoughts that overwhelm me which,
so often, I fail to notice.
I long for my choices
to lead me to the joy of the Gospel.
Even if I must go through moments of doubt and fatigue,
even if I must struggle, reflect, search, and begin again...
Because, at the end of the journey,
your consolation is the fruit of the right decision.
Grant me a deeper understanding of what moves me,
so that I may reject what draws me away from Christ,
and love him and serve him more fully.
Amen.*

The Pope's original prayer echoes the famous prayer of St. Augustine in the *Confessions*: "Oh God, let me know myself that I might know You!"

"In order to discern, it is necessary to place oneself in truth before God, to enter into oneself, to admit one's own weaknesses, and to ask the Lord for healing," explains the press release. "These are the steps to rebirth through an authentic relationship with God."

This process is known as discernment and helps Christians discover the path toward God - lived in the actions of every day - that already lies deep within our hearts.

Formation in discernment, "includes prayer, personal reflection, the study of Scripture and spiritual direction. Cultivating a deep relationship with Jesus is the most important aspect."

From The Vatican Press Office



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 JULY 26, 2025

5:00 PM — Don Love, Joey Dudek

SUNDAY JULY 27, 2025

7:30 AM — Alexander Kolinski & Walter Dyjak (birthdays), Helen Kolinski, Jo & Ed Sanborn, Ann, Joseph, Estelle, & Rose Dyjak, Edward Dyjak (1st anniversary)

9:00 AM — Carmen Rosario Castro, souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Rosalie & Jennie Abbinanti, Ann Swanson, Vita Scarlata, Dennis J. Mroz, Betty O'Leary (3rd anniversary), Thomas & Becky Morrison, Kathleen Clark, Declan & Kathleen Clark, Henryk Bujno, Leopold Mocarski,

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Evangelina Rubio Medina, Pedro Barrera, Santiago Gonzalez

MONDAY JULY 28, 2025

8:30 AM — Zofia Kalembo, Bernard G. Berndt

TUESDAY JULY 29, 2025

8:30 AM — Beatriz Saucedo, Henryk Bujno

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

6:30 PM — for the homebound of the parish

WEDNESDAY JULY 30, 2025

8:30 AM — Dr. Krisitne Hillmann, Joseph Sr., Joseph Jr., Rose, Paul, Mary & Laura Vasile, Christine, Rose & Carl Carlson, Charles Boyd, Erin O'Leary

THURSDAY JULY 31, 2025

8:30 AM — Louise Hermanson, Robert Altman, Michael O'Leary

6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

7:00 PM — Adoration

FRIDAY AUGUST 1, 2025

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina, Owen Estep

SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

5:00 PM — Don Love Jr.

SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 2025

7:30 AM — Diosdado & Pilar Cabrera

9:00 AM — Carmen Rosario Castro, Diosdado & Pilar Cabrera, souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Diosdado & Pilar Cabrera

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Evangelina Rubio Medina, Pedro Barrera, Santiago Gonzalez

Presider Schedule - August 2 & 3

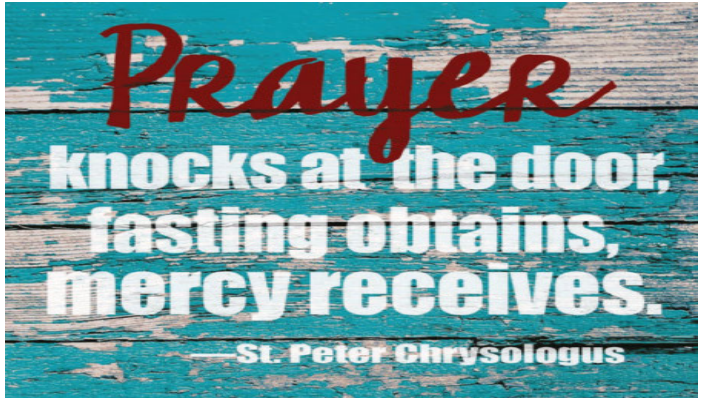
5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo



Jane Castiglioni

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

*If I can give you any advice,
I beg you to get closer
to the Eucharist and to Jesus.
We must pray to Jesus
to give us that tenderness
of the Eucharist.*

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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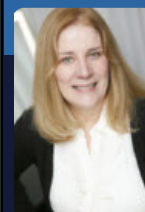
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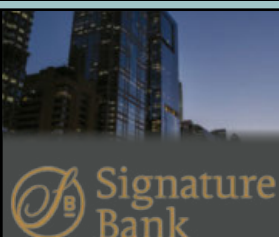
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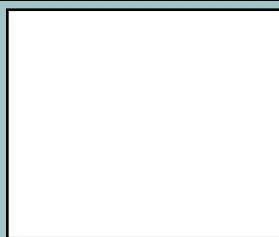
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SERVICES

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., and 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.)**

Parish Office (Rector): **Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday- 9:00 a.m.
- 4:00 p.m. & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)*. 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 Ashley Guinn 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

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*"It seems to me that I have found my
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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*