



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



AUGUST 17, 2025



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

FROM FR. DEO

August 17, 2025



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you! Some may be returning from vacation feeling tired, and others feeling anxious as they prepare to send kids to school. The Church is your home, a place not only of worship but of support, community, and healing. Christ continues to walk with us, and our parish is here to walk with you. This Sunday readings talk about Jesus' fire and the cost of living the truth of the Gospel.

Today's Gospel says: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." These statements challenge our usual image of Jesus as the Prince of Peace. But let us look more deeply at the kind of fire and divisions Jesus is speaking about. In the Scripture, fire often symbolizes the presence of God, like the burning bush in Moses' story or the tongues of fire (Holy Spirit) at Pentecost. It is the fire of God's love that purifies hearts and compels us toward truth and transformation. But that kind of fire can be uncomfortable. It requires change. And not everyone wants to change. That is why Jesus says that He brings division. He is not contradicting His mission of peace but clarifying it. The peace of Christ is not synonymous with compromise or just "getting along." It comes from living in truth, even if that truth causes tension. When we choose to truly follow Jesus, we may be misunderstood, opposed, or even alienated by others. But this division is not the goal; it is often the cost of discipleship.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah suffers for speaking the truth. He tells the people what they don't want to hear, and so they throw him into a cistern to die. But God rescues him. Jesus, too, speaks the truth — not to condemn, but to save. And like Jeremiah, He faces rejection, suffering, and death, but God raised Him from the dead. Living the Gospel may bring conflict or rejection even from those closest to us. The Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to "run the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of our faith." This race involves sacrifice, endurance, and courage. The saints, the "great cloud of witnesses," who lived in truth are cheering us on. Let us ask ourselves: Is the fire of Christ's love alive in me? Am I willing to live my faith and speak truth with love, even when it's unpopular? May we not be afraid of the fire Jesus brings — for it is the fire that purifies and transforms us from "frozen Christians" into missionary disciples on fire.

As the new school year begins, I want to invoke God's blessing upon all students and teachers of our parish, and welcome back St Elizabeth of the Trinity students and those who are joining us for the first time. Dear students, a new school year brings excitement, hopes, and perhaps a few worries. But it also brings a fresh opportunity to grow in knowledge and faith. I want you to know that you're not alone. God walks with you — and so do we, your parish family. Remember that success isn't just about grades; it's about growing in wisdom, responsibility, and God's love. Keep Christ at the center of your days. A short prayer in the morning, a quiet thank-you at night, and hard work can make a difference in your academic performance.

I also want to take a moment to speak directly to parents, especially to those of you who are feeling the quiet ache of letting go. I hear you. Sending your child off to school is not easy. Whether it is your child's first day of kindergarten or their last year of high school, it's never a simple routine. It is an experience of mixed emotions of pride, hope, and oftentimes tears. Let us turn to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who surely felt both joy and sorrow as she watched her Son take His first steps away from her. She knows what it means to trust, to hope, and to let go with love. May your homes remain full of love, even when they feel a little emptier as kids return to school. May God bless, protect and inspire our children as they start this new school year.

In Christ,

Fr Deo.



In today's Gospel Jesus said to His disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!"

Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth ablaze with the fire of God's love.

St Vincent DePaul Society Bundle Weekend

August 23 and 24th

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Any questions, please contact Jill Powers at jill@svdpchicago.org



Religious Education



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

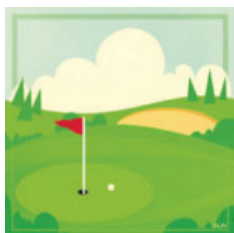
Registration is now open for children from 1st to 8th grade.

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 look forward to helping your child to grow in their
faith and love for Jesus!**

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.



ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL GOLF OUTING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

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

Low Price of \$180 (\$150 without transportation)

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

Please see handouts in the vestibule for registration
or email stelizabethhns@gmail.com or call Tim Jacobs at 773.410.0736

Welcome OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Baptism

Amy Isabella
child of Anthony and Briana
(Torres) Gaddini



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl meetings will resume **Monday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the art room of the school, accessible through the gates on Moody Avenue. Both gates will be open so parking is available all around the school. Bring your finished pieces and see the new yarn we have. We look forward to seeing you. New members are welcome. Questions, call Carol at: 773-849-4432.

THE PARISH OFFICE RETURNS TO REGULAR HOURS

Beginning Monday, August 18 the Parish Office (located in the rectory at 6020 West Ardmore Ave.) will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

USE THE GIFT OF
COMMUNICATION
AS A BRIDGE
AND NOT
AS A WALL.

Pope Francis

Join Our Parish Communications Team

We're committed to bolstering our communications with parishioners, the parish school, and our community. Whether you feel your skills are at a "soft glow" wattage level, or are "super bright," do not keep your light (and talents!) under a bushel basket! Consider joining our new St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Communications Team.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

— (1 Peter 4:10)

We're seeking assistance with graphic design, photography, copy writing, and marketing. Plus, we're looking for parishioners with social media savvy and all forms of electronic media communications familiarity. In-person meetings will be minimal. Sign up for the new "St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Communications Team," by contacting the Parish Office. Or you can send an email to fellow parishioners: Bobbie DuMelle - bobbieumelle@sbcglobal.net) and / or Ron Polaniecki - (ronpcues@yahoo.com). Please note "Communications Team" in the subject line.

Help us to spread the Good News!

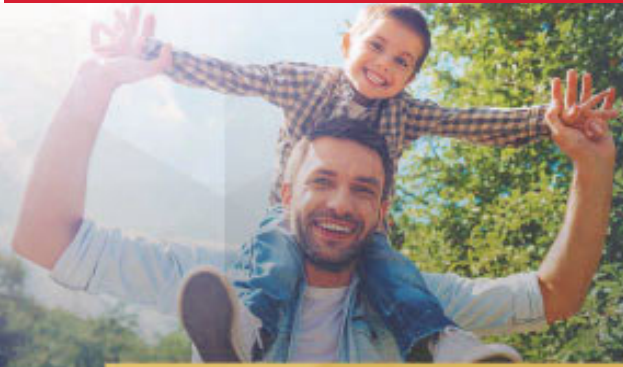


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- How the freedom of the Holy Spirit is unleashed by true humility.
- A Lenten journey battling the darkness of the seven deadly sins through the counteracting light of seven saints.

SPEAKERS:



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Tuesday Evenings
beginning September 2, 2025
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish
In the school auditorium
6040 W. Ardmore Ave.

SCHEDULE

7:30 p.m. Gather
7:45 p.m. Video Presentation
8:15 p.m. Table Discussion
8:45 p.m. Conclusion

REGISTRATION

Enroll by scanning the QR Code or by filling out a registration card found in the church vestibule or the parish office.



Sharing Families-Rwanda

The students will soon begin the new school year, and they are anticipating their highest new student enrollment to date. Once again the annual Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser this fall will provide an opportunity to ensure that every new student at the Station School will thrive because of the support of generous SEOTT parishioners. Details for the October 19 event will be coming soon. The students and teachers at the Station School pray daily for us, the Sharing Families of Chicago.

A Story of Water

Imagine waking up tomorrow with just a single bucket of clean water to share with your entire family. This bucket of clean water has been preciously stored from the previous night's ten-mile round trip trek to a water source. Think about doing this every day after you have completed your school day. Could you carry your family's daily water needs with the container balanced on your head, realizing that for half of your round trip, the bucket is full? This task is the enormous responsibility of the children in the households of Rwanda. Our own Father Deo used to make a similar trek as a child in Rwanda. Now think about going to school without having anything to drink with lunch.



← *A typical daily walk home with water for the family*

This story is about to get better...One very determined Sharing Family pushed for a better way to get fresh water. With a lot of effort, the first rainwater collection tank was installed at the Station School. The students and teachers celebrated as if they received a gift from the angels in Chicago



← *The first rainwater collection tank*

The same family pushed to do even better. With the help of the rest of the Sharing Families, the community now has a well with water flowing through the area and water taps within the school compound. After three years, this water story ends well - with a well!



Deep earth pump from Italy



Required solar panel to power the pump



School access tap



Happy, healthy & smart students

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 your 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 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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Dear Parents, Parishioners and Friends of St. Elizabeth,

At St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, we believe that our Catholic school is more than a place of learning, it is a place of holistic formation, where academic excellence and Catholic identity meet; where Christ is known and loved; and where students are shaped not only for success in life, but for holiness and service in the Church. We believe every child deserves access to a nurturing, high quality education that supports both their academic success and spiritual growth. We are proud to serve a diverse community of students and families who are deeply committed to learning, character development, and community engagement.

Each year, a growing number of our families face financial challenges that put their children's education at risk. With your support, we can ensure that no student has to leave our school simply because of financial hardship.

Several years ago the Tax Credit Scholarship (TCS) was abolished and we created the Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund (TTAF) to replace it. We are reaching out to ask for your help in providing tuition assistance to students in need. Your contribution will directly support families who are struggling and ensure their children can remain at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, continuing to learn, thrive, and build a better future. For the 2025-2026 school year, we have over 30 students receiving financial aid.

Whether it's \$100, \$500, or more, your gift makes a meaningful difference. You are not just helping pay for tuition—you are helping a child grow in faith and knowledge by staying with their teachers, their friends, and the learning environment where they feel safe and supported.

Thank you for believing in the power of Catholic education and for supporting our students and families. Together, we can make sure every student who belongs at St Elizabeth of the Trinity can stay.

If you would like to donate to the Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund (TTAF) you can send a check to my attention at school or donate online through Faith Direct

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/IL795/54688>. Please know that no matter the amount in the TTAF, Father Deo and I will work with families to ensure that any student who wants to attend St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School is able through school and parish support.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at the above number or at k.hillmann@stelizabethtrinityschool.org. I thank you for taking the time to consider my request.

Yours in Christ,
Kristine Hillmann, Ed.D.

5th Annual PARISH St. Elizabeth of the Trinity SOCIAL



Celebrate the 5th year of our beloved Parish Social—an evening full of fun, fellowship, and community spirit! This free event brings together our school and church families for a night of connection and celebration.

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

**FOLLOWING
4 PM MASS**

**6040 W. ARDMORE
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Food from Firewater Saloon



- Bags Tournament
- Live Band
- Kids Tent

To keep this event free and fun for everyone, we're gratefully accepting:

- Volunteers to help with setup and activities
- Donations via Faith Direct:
- In-person donations at the school or rectory

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SCAN ME





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 AUGUST 16, 2025

5:00 PM — Daniel Guerrero, +Marcos Fernandez, +Don Love

SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2025

7:30 AM — Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Jo & Ed Sanborn, Anna, Joseph, Estelle, Walter & Edward Dyjak

9:00 AM — souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer, Carmen Caraballo Rosario, +Reynold Salmi, Esther Ormañechea, Andrew Pfister (1st anniversary), +Jose Voltaire Dignadice, +Rina Demegillo Arceo

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Santiago Gonzalez, Carmen Alvarado (1st anniversary)

MONDAY AUGUST 18, 2025

8:30 AM — Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer, +Irene Chmielowski, +Peter Eck, Nick Colletti (successful surgery & recovery)

TUESDAY AUGUST 19, 2025

8:30 AM — Armando Manzo, +Tom Janowski

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

6:30 PM — Richard Milkiwski (special intention)

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20, 2025

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

THURSDAY AUGUST 21, 2025

8:30 AM — for the SEOT School community

6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

FRIDAY AUGUST 22, 2025

8:30 AM — +Richard Bartuce

SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2025

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

5:00 PM — James J. Divita, John & Helen Ptak, Don Love, Jr.

SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners

9:00 AM — Christina Alvarez, Loretta Revers, souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Christina Alvarez, +Richard, +Joey & +Baby Rudolf

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin

Presider Schedule - August 23 & 24

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / piano

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo



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Maria Dais

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt
19:23-30

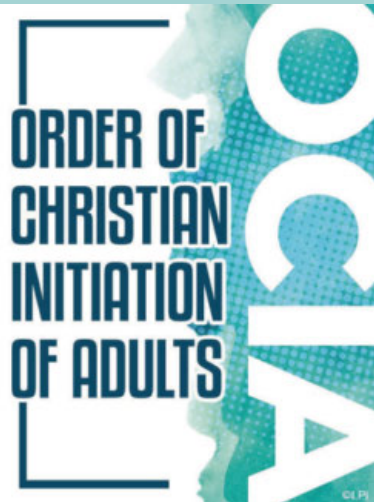
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt
22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-
7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4,
5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb
12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



Do You Want to Join the Catholic Church?

The **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** is a process for adults, of high school age or older, who wish to enter the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments of Initiation and is designed for the following:

1. Those who have never been baptized.
2. Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith.
3. Those who have been baptized Catholic but never prepared for and received First Communion and/or Confirmation.

The OCIA sessions, hosted by our sister parish St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge, provide opportunities for you to ask questions about the Catholic Church. You will learn what the Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims as revealed by God.

The Lord awaits all of us to answer His call to a deeper relationship with Him through His Church. This is only possible if we have the Sacraments that He gave His Church.

If you would like more information, or to begin the process of OCIA, please contact Ashley Guinn, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Director of Evangelization and Lifelong Formation by email at aguinn@archchicago.org.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you towards a deeper conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

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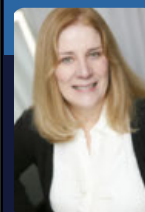
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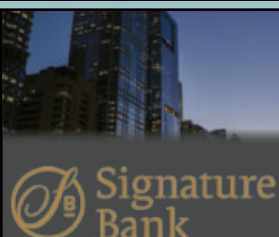
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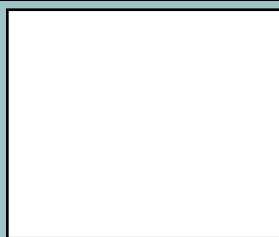
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and a Confession Guide



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): 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 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 Rector. 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)

Rector: 773-763-8228
Fax: 773-774-8461
School: 773-763-7080
Website: www.stelizabethtrinity.org
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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*