



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



AUGUST 31, 2025



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

- Lk 14:13-14



FROM FR. DEO

August 31, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with you! Our summertime is coming to a close. Whether you traveled or rested at home over these past months, I hope this summer has been a time of renewal. As the season shifts, many of us are entering new rhythms: students returning to school and families settling into new routines. Our parish, too, is entering a season of renewed activity, with ministries, programs, and events resuming. I invite you to reconnect with the parish, to find a place to serve, to grow in faith, and to deepen your relationship with Christ. Our parish's strength is not measured merely in numbers, but in "our presence." Your presence and your gifts matter. Each person who comes to Church and participates in parish life helps build a stronger, more vibrant community of faith. Let's walk forward together.

As we prepare to enter a new season in our communal life, the Sunday readings invite us to practice the virtues of humility and hospitality. In the Gospel, Jesus offers a countercultural teaching: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." He reminds us not to seek the place of honor at the table but to take the lowest place, so that we might be exalted by God (Luke 14:1, 7–14). The first reading from Sirach urges us: "Conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." The Letter to the Hebrews challenges us to imitate Jesus in his humility. The Church, like the banquet in the Gospel, is not a place of prestige but a home for the humble.

We live in a world that often celebrates greatness, recognition, and self-promotion. However, in the Kingdom of God, it is not the powerful who are lifted up, but the humble, the generous, and the unseen. True greatness lies in loving without expecting anything in return, and in making room at our table for those who are often left out. Humility means being grounded in truth, reality, and our proper place before God and others. We may ask ourselves: Where might the Lord be calling me to listen more, to serve quietly, to choose humility over recognition? How can my home, my heart, or even my table become more welcoming to the needy? Are there "invisible people" around me—at work, at school, in our parish—who need to be seen and loved? Let us never forget that greatness in the Kingdom of God is not about climbing higher, but about kneeling lower, before God and in service to one another. I see the Eucharist as the source and school of humility.

In the Eucharist, we encounter a God who lowers Himself, not just once in the Incarnation, but continually, in every Mass. Christ comes to us hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. This is divine humility: the infinite God makes Himself small, accessible, and vulnerable, placing Himself in our hands. During communion, we are called to approach the altar with a humble heart: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..." St Elizabeth of the Trinity saw Jesus as the model of humble love, especially in how He hides Himself in the Eucharist: "Let us keep silence, let us adore... and then, in the silence, let us be annihilated with Him in His humility, that we may be more like Him." (*Heaven in Faith*, 10th Day) Humility, for her, meant entering into self-emptying love, just as Christ did, especially through adoration, silence, and surrender. She longed to disappear so that Christ could shine through her: "I leave everything in order to be entirely His. I want to be silent, to adore, to humble myself, to efface myself, so that He may be all." (*Letter* 161)

In addition to Tuesdays, we want to institute Thursdays as a day of adoration to honor the Eucharist and priesthood. Establishing a regular day of Adoration in our parish is a spiritual investment: It deepens our love for the Eucharist, strengthens the spiritual life of our community, and opens our hearts to God's healing and guidance. In Adoration, we pray not only for our personal needs, but also for the needs of the Church, the world, and especially our parish family. I encourage each of you to consider setting aside even a small amount of time on Tuesdays and Thursdays, whether it's five minutes, fifteen, or an hour, to be with Jesus. Bring your joys, your worries, your questions, your gratitude. You don't need special words. Just come with your heart and rest in Him. He is waiting for you.

I will be with you in spirit this weekend as I will be away doing a Mission Appeal at Presentation of Mary Parish in Los Angeles. I will keep you in my prayers as I asked you to pray for my mission. Lastly, I urge you to respond to the Cardinal's call to pray and support the people of Gaza next weekend. May we continue to grow in humility as we get closer to our Eucharistic Lord!

In Christ, Fr. Deo.



Today, we hear Jesus say to us: "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look around your house to see what household items and clothing you no longer use... and give it to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



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!

STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!

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.



New Eucharistic Adoration Opportunity at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist and longs to be with us in our daily lives. We are excited to announce an additional opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

It will be every Thursday starting on September 4 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 6:50 p.m. in Spanish.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the day for private prayer and Adoration. Come and spend time with our Lord - whether for a few minutes - or an entire hour.

Let us draw closer to Christ, who is waiting for us with love.

Please note that this is in addition to the normal Tuesday Adoration schedule.



Save the date! ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



Date: Sunday, October 19th

Time: 11:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

Location: Phil's Pizza D'Oro

Pre-sale cost: \$6.00 carry out per person

At the door cost: \$7.00 carry out per person

This year's event will be carry-out only

MENU

Salad

Bread

Spaghetti with meat sauce

Dessert

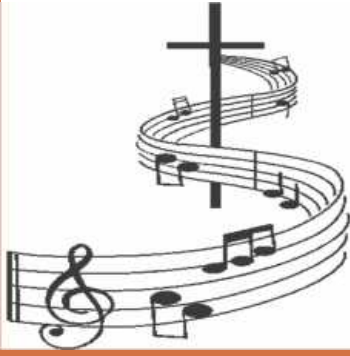
Proceeds will be donated to the Station School in Rwanda

Tickets will be sold outside of church on October 11th & 12th or you can purchase at the Parish Office

You will have an opportunity to sign up for sponsorship when picking up your dinner order or during pre-ticket sales.

If you have sponsored a student and have not yet picked up your *thank you* letter, you can do so at the event.

Thank you for your support!



Come and Join the Parish Choir!!

The Parish Choir is in need of more voices to sing at the 9am Mass! Those high school aged and older are invited to join. Come to the church's choir loft on Tuesday at 7:15pm for rehearsal, starting on September 9th.

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

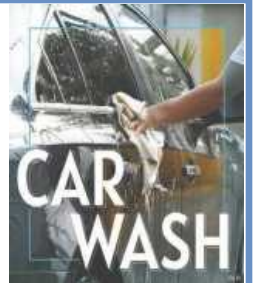


Class of '26 Car Wash

The St. Elizabeth of The Trinity 8th Grade class will be holding their annual car wash fundraiser in the gym parking lot on **Saturday, Sept.13th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

The cost is \$10 for cars and \$15 for vans/SUV's and donations are welcome.

Thank you for supporting our 8th grade class!



All Women of the Parish

Please join us next **Sunday, September 7th, for our Women's Group Mass at 9:00 a.m.**
followed by hospitality

Our first meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m.** in
the auditorium.

All Parishioners

All parishioners are invited to the Auditorium after the **9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday September 7th for Hospitality.** Coffee, juice, milk, and doughnuts will be served.
Hospitality will also be offered after the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass



SICK LIST

**Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—
Michele Schmidt**

**Joe & Nelda Garza—Jimmy Retondo—Elizabeth Hofstede—Donna Kolinski—
JoAnn Keto—Jane Berg**

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

ATTENTION: ALL MEN OF THE PARISH - THIS IS FOR YOU!



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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.



Join Us for Rescue Project Starting September 14th

Sessions will be from 10-11:30 AM in English and Spanish



Why is there something
rather than nothing?

Why is everything so
obviously messed up?

What if anything has God
done about it?

How should I respond?



Ever ask yourself these questions?

We invite you to join us for The Rescue
Project.

Together we can discover The Story.

How Our Past Participants Described Their Experience of Encountering Jesus In the Rescue Project:

"It was a compelling and transformative
experience, inspiring spiritual growth and
deepening of faith"

"It was enlightening and thought provoking"

"I enjoyed meeting new people and talking
about faith openly"

"I enjoyed the interaction with my table mates
and hearing their perspectives."

"It was worth hearing and being reminded
about what is really important"

Come join us each week for some
hospitality followed by an
engaging video and faith sharing
conversation. If you want more
information or to register please
email Ashley at
aguinn@archchicago.org, call the
parish office or use the QR Code



SCAN ME

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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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Daily, we hear heartbreaking stories of suffering from Gaza. So many innocent victims, including those who belong to Christian communities, face violence, dire living conditions, and hunger. Our Holy Father Pope Leo has said “Gaza is starving,” as he called for a cease fire. In a particular way, the faces of Gaza’s hungry children make an indelible impression on our hearts.

Perhaps we feel helpless to address this complex story that involves international players. There is, however, a pathway for us to respond. Two very reliable agencies of the Catholic Church are already there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded. They are the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

On the weekend of September 6-7, the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago will take up a special collection that will be promptly forwarded to CNEWA and CRS.

Whatever you can give will go far to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. I know the compassion and generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the name of all those who will benefit from your support, I thank you.

Finally, let us pray urgently for the gift of peace in our wounded world, a peace which only the Lord can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Blase Card. Cury".

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 AUGUST 30, 2025

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family, Robert & Mary Rose (50th wedding anniversary), Cathy McDonough (health), From Michele -Thank you Jesus!

SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — +George Berndt, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — for our parishioners
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Diana Calderon

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

8:30 AM — +Charles Boyd, +deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

8:30 AM — Eleanor, Sammuell, Grace & Joseph Holden
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 6:30 PM — Richard Milkiwski (special intention)

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

8:30 AM — Patricia Eastian, Frank Graus IV

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

8:30 AM — for the SEOT school community
 9:15 - 6:50 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:50 PM
 7:00 PM — Spanish Mass

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

8:30 AM — Leida Sanchez, +Hector Manganao, Kepros & Pryst families
 5:00 PM — Charles V. Divita, +Don Love

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

7:30 AM — Alexander Kolinski (39th anniversary), Helen Kolinski, Jo & Ed Sanborn, Anne, Joseph, Estelle, & Edward Dyjak
 9:00 AM — souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — for our parishioners
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Jose Luis Bucio, Pedro Lopez

Presider Schedule - September 6 & 7

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Leo/ *piano*
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / *organ*
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / *piano*
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / *organ*
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Deo



Robert Braun & Xochil Ruvalcaba



Pedro Lopez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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 - bobbiedumelle@sbcglobal.net) and / or Ron Polaniecki - (ronpcues@yahoo.com). Please note "Communications Team" in the subject line. Help us to spread the Good News!

Minister of Care Training

A Basic Minister of Care Training Course for those who wish to bring our Lord in Holy Communion to the homebound or in nursing facilities will be offered this Fall. Chaplain Rick Nash and Jim Vlazny of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview will facilitate this training.

The training will take place on two **Saturdays, October 25th and November 1st at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Hickey Hall, 1772 Glenview Road, Glenview**. Per Archdiocesan guidelines, it is important that new Ministers of Care attend both Saturday training sessions to be mandated. There will also be a session here at SEOT.

For more information or to register, please contact our parish Minister of Care Coordinator Tony Lupinski through the Parish Office.

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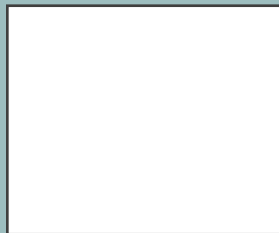
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and a Confession Guide



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:
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 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)

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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*