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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE
SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —



FROM FR. DEO

September 14, 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is the very instrument of our salvation. At first glance, it may seem strange, even contradictory, to celebrate the Cross, a device once used for torture, humiliation, and execution. Why should we glorify something associated with suffering and death? And yet, the wood of the Cross stands as a paradoxical symbol of God's love and His victory over death and evil. It is the tree of life, planted in the heart of human history, bearing the fruit of salvation. To venerate the Cross is not to glorify pain but to worship the One who embraced that pain for our redemption.

Historically, this celebration originated in the fourth century. Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, miraculously discovered the Cross on September 14, 326, while on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Constantine later built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on the site of her discovery. The liturgical veneration of the Cross has been widespread since the seventh century.

Today we adore the Cross of Christ as the universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and personal devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the "little" Sign of the Cross on head, lips, and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations of the Cross, and the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday.

Today's readings remind us of the significance of the Cross. The Book of Numbers tells us how the Israelites were bitten by serpents because of their sins and complaints. When they cried out for help, God told Moses to lift up a bronze serpent on a pole — and whoever looked at it was healed. Like the bronze serpent, Jesus, in the Gospel alludes to being "lifted up" not to condemn but to bring salvation and healing. The second reading (Phil 2:6-11) tells us that Jesus "humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

What does the Cross of Jesus mean for us today? First, the Cross, the symbol of God's humility, is the throne from which Jesus reigns, not in worldly power, but in sacrificial love and perfect humility. Second, the Cross is not a sign of condemnation, but a sign of mercy. The Cross tells us that no sin is too great to be forgiven. Therefore, our own crosses —our trials, wounds, and losses —have meaning when united with Christ's. To exalt the Cross means to embrace it, not run from it. Third, the story of the Cross ends with the Resurrection. The Cross, once a symbol of suffering, has become for us a sign of victory, love, hope, and eternal life.

Today, as we exalt the Holy Cross, we remember that in Christ's wounds, we find our healing; in His death, our life; and in His sacrifice, the fullest expression of God's love for the world.

In parish news, I'm delighted to invite you and your loved ones to our Parish Social Celebration next weekend. More than just an event, it is an expression of our unity as a parish family. Let's come together to rejoice in that unity, strengthen our bonds, and welcome new faces with warmth and hospitality.

In this bulletin, our Operations Director Mike Parilla, provides a summary of the projects completed and a preview of those planned in the near future. More details and financial recommendations will be shared by the Parish Finance Council. In addition, I am forming our Parish Pastoral Council, and we will soon announce the names of those who will serve.

Please consider joining us for Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday and Thursday. Come and rest in the loving presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you stay for a few minutes or a full hour, this is a beautiful opportunity to find peace, listen to God's voice, and bring your prayers before Him. Lastly, I will be with you in spirit this weekend as I will do my last Mission Appeal at SS. Genevieve and Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish. I will carry you in my prayers and kindly ask that you pray for the success of my mission as well.

Let us then lift high the Cross—not only in our churches and homes, but also in our hearts and lives—as a sign of hope and a call to follow Christ with courage, faith, and love.

In Christ,

Fr Deo

 *The* Exaltation
of the Holy Cross

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Next Saturday!!!

5th Annual

Next Saturday!!!

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.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

**FOLLOWING
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- Kids Tent

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SCAN ME





Today's Gospel reminds us of God's great love for each of us, a love so great that He sent His Son not to condemn the world, but to save it, so that we might have eternal life.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message (through the parish office) for the St. Vincent de Paul Society...we want to help!



JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR!

The Parish Choir is in need of more voices to sing at the **9:00 a.m. Mass**. Those high school age and older are invited to join. Come to the choir loft on any Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. for rehearsals or to get more information.



The Guitar Ensemble is a contemporary Christian music ensemble, based here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish.

Some members of the Guitar Ensemble come here from other parishes specifically to participate in the Guitar Ensemble

ministry. We strive to make music that honors God, helps uplift the congregation, and enhances the prayers of Catholic Christians. This fall, the Guitar Ensemble will provide music at SEoT for the 5:00 p.m. Masses on Saturday September 20, October 11, November 8, November 29, and December 20. The Guitar Ensemble will also be singing/playing at the prayer service at Our Lady of the Angels Mission on Saturday September 27.

The Guitar Ensemble needs a few more singers who can carry a melody. The ability to read music is not mandatory, but it's very helpful. We rehearse most Tuesday evenings. If you would like to learn more about the Guitar Ensemble, please contact Brian Hiram 773-710-4873.



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.



PRAYER SHAWL

Our next meeting is on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the art room of the school. Entrance is off Moody Ave. Let's hope the weather cooperates and we can get together. Please do not wear any fragrance - perfume, hand lotion or any scent. Some of our members have severe allergies See you then. - Carol

PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PRODUCE CENTER SITE

Alderman Gardiner is holding an information meeting in our auditorium on Monday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a proposal to demolish the Produce Center and replace it with a carwash.

Please attend the meeting and voice your opinion.

Here is a link to a detailed article that appeared in the Nadig Newspaper:

<https://nadignewspapers.com/car-wash-proposed-for-former-produce-center-site-in-gladstone-park-on-nw-side-gardiner-sets-community-meeting/>

Parish Project Updates

As we move into Fall I wanted to take a moment to recap what projects have been completed over the last year and a half, and let you know what upcoming projects will be taking place at our Parish. You likely all noticed a portion of Ardmore had been blocked off the last 3 weeks, as we completed a full tear off of the roof on 3 of the 4 main roofs which included the main school building and auditorium. Prior to that we also replaced 95% of the church roofs, including the shingled pitched roof. Early in the spring we started the full replacement of the lights in the church. We had a lengthy delay in the project as some of the fixtures we received were broken in shipping. After a 3-month delay, we have the new fixtures and expect completion of that project in the next few weeks.

Moving to the end of 2025 and into 2026 the next phase of projects we have consists of replacing the HVAC System for the church and the gym. The plan was to have this completed back in May but the unit they shipped was the wrong unit. We are hoping that we will get the new unit in the next few weeks and can get them replaced prior to winter starting. In conjunction with the HVAC replacement, we are also redoing the west Sacristy roof the unit sits on. This will bring us to 100% church roof replacement as we move into 2026. With the roofs of the church being done we are looking to have a portion of the ceiling tiles in the rear of the church replaced along with some patching and repainting of sections of the walls and ceilings by the saints and stained glass that suffered a lot of water damage over the last several years. Also, by spring of 2026 we look to replace the roof on the rectory to stop the leaking our Priests have been experiencing over the last several years.

Finally, our principal Dr. Hillmann, our Facilities Manager Mark Brun and myself have met with an architect to begin planning our new playground for the School and Parish. The plan is to turn the Moody Parking lot into a playground and green space that all of the Parish and our school kids can benefit from as a place to exercise during lunch and gather and socialize after Mass. Our goal is to have this completed by the start of school year 2026, if all falls into place perfectly.

We are excited for all we have accomplished so far over the last couple of years and we look forward to all we are going to accomplish around the Parish Campus as we move into 2026 and beyond. Thank you for your support of our Parish and continued patience as these projects do require some maneuverings and adjusting from all of us as when we come to Church and School.

God Bless,

Michael Parilla
Operations Director

Join Us for Rescue Project Starting September 14th

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

STARTS TODAY!



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.

STARTS TODAY!

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"

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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



Save the date! ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



Date: Sunday, October 19th

Time: 11:30 am-2:30 pm

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 years 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 the church on October 11th & 12th or you can purchase at the rectory

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

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Questions?
Email: julieweiss424@gmail.com



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Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—Michele Schmidt—
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(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed)



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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

5:00 PM — Electo Infante, +Tom Gutzman, Carmen Rosario Castro, +Kevin Taylor, +Adele Martin Bach, +Don Love Jr., +Lorraine & +Ralph Schmidt (wedding anniversary)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

7:30 AM — +Linda Foster, +Catherine Kamermayer, +Richard von Hatten, +Daniel Havik, +Barbara Hornbeck
9:00 AM — souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health), Ma. Fier Celine Gomez (thanksgiving)
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Stephanie Rousset (birthday), Krofot-Rousset family, Roberto Revelas (birthday), +Alejandro Basave Ocampo, Romero Flores Jr. (health)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

8:30 AM — for those in our Book of Remembrance

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

8:30 AM — +Dom Colletti (12th anniversary)
11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
6:30 PM — for those on our memorial trees and boards

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

8:30 AM — Ed Jones, Jacobucci family

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

8:30 AM — St. Elizabeth of the Trinity school community
9:15 - 6:50 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:50 PM
6:30 PM — bilingual Confessions

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

8:30 AM — for those in our prayer garden

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish
4:00 PM — John & Helen Ptak, deceased members of the Ognibene family, +Michael Byrne (20th anniversary)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
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, Romero Flores Jr. (health)

Presider Schedule - September 20 & 21

4:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / Guitar Ensemble
7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ
9:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / piano / parish choir
11:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ
1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Deo



*Happy 70th
Birthday
Pope Leo*



Eduardo Amaro Franco

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Saturday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

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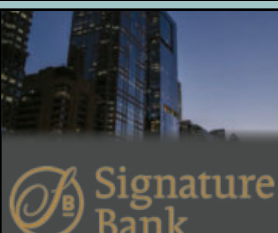
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SERVICES

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.)
**Thursday: from after 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 6:50
p.m. (in Spanish)**

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*