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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



25th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

FROM FR. DEO

September 21, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good! Today's readings tell us about the connection between discipleship and stewardship. Discipleship is following Jesus Christ and developing a relationship with Him that transforms us. Stewardship is the practical and spiritual response of a disciple. As the U.S. Bishops explain: "A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

This Sunday's readings remind us that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship. In the first reading, Amos, the prophet of social justice, condemns crooked business practices. He calls the Jewish merchants and Israelites to be faithful to Yahweh, the God of Justice. For Amos, stewardship demands the practice of justice and mercy to all.

In the second reading, St. Paul instructs Timothy and his community to become true stewards of the Gospel, by preaching the "Good News" to pagans. Today's Gospel tells the story of the dishonest steward (Luke 16:1–13). At first, we might wonder why Jesus seems to praise a man who acted dishonestly. But a closer reading shows that Jesus is challenging us to be spiritually wise and intentional in how we use the resources entrusted to us. What do these readings teach us?

1. Holiness is achieved by living our faith with honesty and being faithful in little things. Jesus invites us to be generous, share, and invest our time, money, and energy in what lasts forever such as love, mercy, justice, and the service of others.

Jesus instructs us to become "faithful in small things," St. John Chrysostom declares: "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing," and St. Theresa of Calcutta commends us: "Do little things with great love."

The message is that it is not the size of the gift that matters, but the love with which we offer it. A simple good morning, a phone call, a kindly thank you, celebrating the blessings and success of others, sharing in their sorrows, offering them help and support in their needs, inviting a friend to Mass or adoration and welcoming someone in the church – these are "little things" we can all do.

2. Our faith calls us today to use wisely the spiritual resources God's offers us to make every moment a step toward eternity. Our church is open every day; we have the gift of Jesus in every Mass, and on Tuesday and Thursday Jesus is waiting for us for adoration, and we have different ministries for men and women to help us grow in the knowledge of and encounter with the Lord.

3. Finally, Our Lord reminds us that we cannot serve two masters. As members of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish, let us grow in our trust in God and be wise stewards of what we've been given, and put our faith into action through service, prayer, and generosity.

We must use our blessings — time, talents, health and wealth – wisely and justly so that they will serve us well in eternity.

In parish news, we have created a "Parishioners' Corner" page in the bulletin -- a dedicated space for you. As members of the Body of Christ, each one of us has something valuable to contribute: a journey of faith, a moment of grace, a prayer intention, a reflection on the readings. Please share these with your fellow parishioners on the "Parishioners' Corner" page.

I'm happy to remind you that this weekend is our Parish Social! It's a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a faith community—not just to pray, but to celebrate, connect, and enjoy one another's company.

Finally, I reiterate our invitation to join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday and Thursday here in our Church. Take a break from the noise and busyness of your daily life to rest in the peaceful presence of the Lord.

In Chris,

Fr Deo

We are called to discipleship and to be good stewards



In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Society Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps cover the cost of educating our seminarians as they proceed through the stages of formation before ordination as priests.

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You can also give electronically at Faith Direct or at:
archchicago.org/seminarianfund or use the QR Code

Thank you!



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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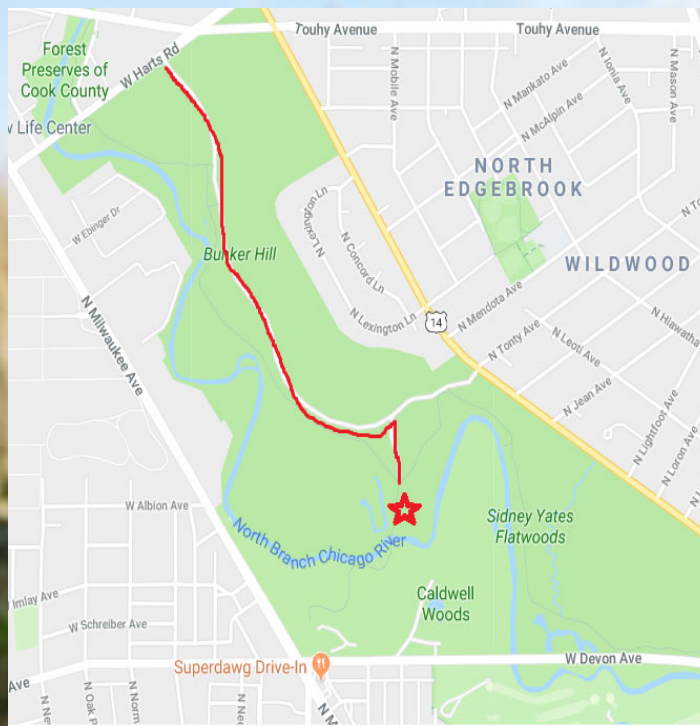
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- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.
- **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

We're committed to making this a smooth transition. You'll receive more information as we get closer to the launch in early October.

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Rosary by the River English & Spanish Sunday Oct. 5th 3:00 p.m. Caldwell Woods

Catholics will be saying the **Rosary** Coast to Coast on Sunday October 5th. Join thousands of voices around the United States simultaneously at 3:00 p.m. (CST).

We will begin to gather at 2:30 in Caldwell Woods off the Harts Road or Caldwell entrance (near the flattest, closest path). Feel free to bring a chair and/or umbrella. Follow the map/signs to the starred area.

Rosary will be said in English and Spanish and will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. led by Fr. Leo.

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. "



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—
MaryAnn Hermesdorf

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This brief but powerful Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.



In the Auditorium

Starting October 15th at 6:30 pm

Books are \$25. If you register ahead of time at the back of church or by using the QR code we will order it for you and give it to you that evening.

We will meet for 6 Wednesdays from 6:30-8

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Parishioners' Corner

It will have escaped the attention of no one that the combining of our three parishes – St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, and St. Thecla – was challenging at best, and unbearable at worst. However, five years of transition and the appointment of a new shepherd, Father Deo, for our parish, is the foundation and inspiration for going forward to write a new chapter for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.

As we continue to build a new reality, journeying and healing together, we want to acknowledge the past with gratitude and truth. We pray as a parish that the Holy Spirit will provide us with a lens of hope to guide us.

We are inviting members of all three legacy parishes to share their journey and express their feelings, suggestions, and perspectives regarding the merger.

Your thoughts about how our parish can go forward can be submitted in print by dropping it off or mailing it to the Rectory. If you like, you can submit your comments anonymously.

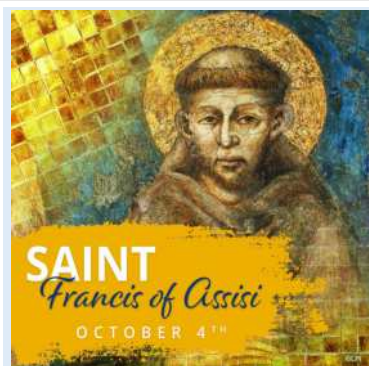
Or you can send an email to fellow parishioners: Bobbie DuMelle (bobbiedumelle@sbcglobal.net) and/or Ron Polaniecki (ronpcues@yahoo.com) Please note “Parishioners’ Corner” in the subject line.

We’ll print some of your thoughts on the “Parishioners’ Corner” page of the bulletin and all feedback will be shared with the Parish Council.

In short, we are poised to take a step back so that we can walk together to advance a new future for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.

Look for reflections about the Sunday Readings and messages about the new vistas that Father Deo envisions on his weekly bulletin page. Then look periodically for notes from parishioners as well as news about people and parish activities.

"O my God, Trinity whom I adore, let me entirely forget myself that I may abide in you, still and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity; let nothing disturb my peace nor separate me from you...." - St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



PET BLESSING

The annual blessing of pets will take place on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **Saturday, October 4 at 12:00 noon.** in the school (Moody Ave.) parking lot.

All pets, and their owners are welcomed to attend!





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Kindergarten has entered the STEM room

Playing games and learning the basics of how to use a computer with a keyboard and mouse helps improve their cognitive skills, enhances motor skills from using the mouse, increases engagement, and develops problem-solving. Early exposure builds confidence and supports diverse learning styles.





St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Class of 2026 Car Wash Fundraiser

- ✓ Saturday, September 27th
- ✓ 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- ✓ 5859 N. Moody Avenue
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Gym Parking Lot
- ✓ 8th Grade Class Fundraiser
- ✓ Cars \$12 • Vans/SUVs \$15

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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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

4:00 PM — John & Helen Ptak, deceased members of the Ognibene family, +Michael Byrne (20th anniversary), +Dom Colletti (12th anniversary)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

7:30 AM — +Jozef Cudzych
 9:00 AM — +John J. O'Connor, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — +Theresa Driscoll, +Eric Alan McArthur
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Romero Flores Jr. (health)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

8:30 AM — Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 6:30 PM — +Roberto Santiago

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

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

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

8:30 AM — Natalie Walter, Walter Czapla
 5:00 PM — Helen Ptak, Kathy Burns, +Don Love, +Carol Saylor, +Erin Stastnt

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

7:30 AM — Zofia Kelemba
 9:00 AM — souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Esther Ormachea, souls in Purgatory
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, +Evangelina Angulo Castro (1st anniversary), +Jose Felipe Parra Martinez, +Diana Calderon, Ramiro Flores Jr (health)

Presider Schedule - September 27 & 28

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



Sean Glasebrook & Erin Vasiliadis - I



Veronica Puralewski

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: National Migration Week
 Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
 Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

SPARE CHANGE / BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR THE WOMEN'S CENTERS



Beginning on the weekend of **October 4 & 5** (Respect Life Sunday), our parish will be participating in **The Baby Bottle Project** benefiting **The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland**. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 41,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on October 4/5, fill it with your spare change, and **return it the weekend of Oct. 25/26**.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. *Thank you for helping defend life* and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

If you are donating by check, please make it payable to: "The Women's Center."

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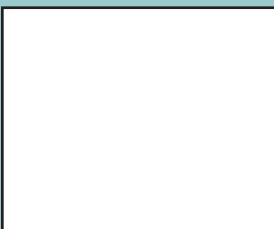
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SERVICES

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

Parish Office (Rectory): 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 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

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

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St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*