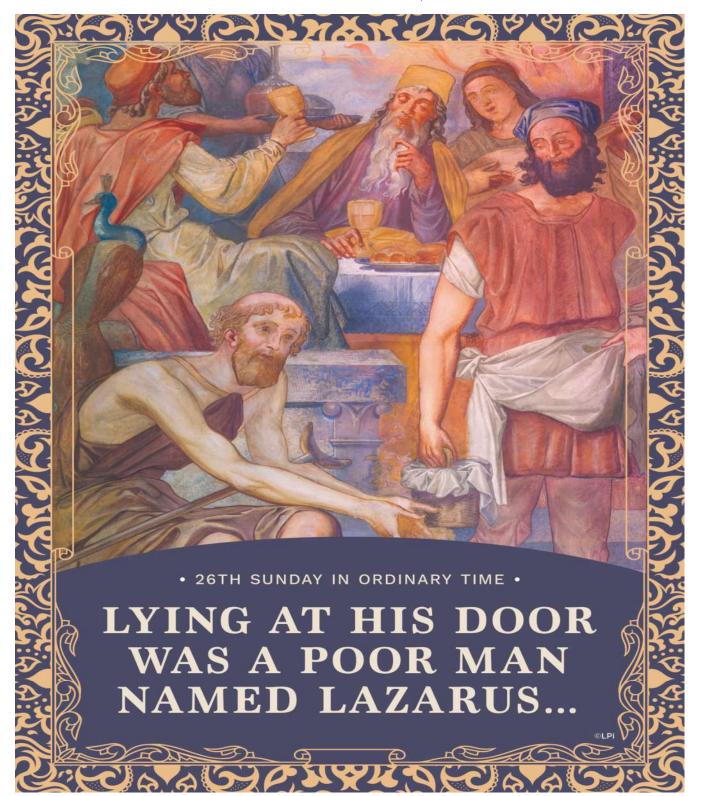


SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



September 28, 2025

FROM FR. DEO

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good! Last Sunday, I had the privilege of attending the St. Vincent de Paul dinner at Friendship Presbyterian Church, where our parishioners generously served meals to the homeless and those in need. More than just a meal, it was a space of warmth, dignity, and conversation.

One image that stayed with me was a husband washing dishes while his wife, along with others, served meals. It was a quiet but powerful witness of love in

action. It reminded me that the Gospel constantly calls us to be compassionate, and to do small things with great love.

Many of you are living this out already through ministries such as the food pantry, ministers of care to the homebound, and other acts of kindness such as the Station School. Every time we care for the vulnerable, we are serving Christ Himself. This Sunday's readings stress our responsibility to care for the poor, reminding us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.

The Prophet Amos, in the first reading, denounces the wickedness of those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on only themselves. In the second reading, Paul urges Timothy, and us, to pursue the virtues of "righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" and to keep the commandment of love, instead of seeking wealth. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the rich man who was punished, not for having riches, but for neglecting his duty to show mercy. Day after day, the rich man stepped over and ignored Lazarus, without even seeing his suffering. And after death, the rich man found himself on the other side of a great chasm — one that he had spent his life digging with his own indifference. He failed to see and treat Lazarus as his brother.

During his first visit as Pope to the U.S. in 1979, Pope Saint John Paul II said that this parable "must always be present in our memory; it must form our conscience. ... We cannot stand idly by, enjoying our own riches and freedom, if, in any place, the "Lazarus" of the twentieth century" stands at our doors." This Gospel challenges us to ask: Who is "Lazarus" at my gate and in my neighborhood? Are there people in our community that we overlook or avoid? Are we using the gifts God gave us — not just wealth, but time, love, and mercy — to help them? Let us strive to be a parish that sees the poor, welcomes the forgotten, and responds with love to their cry.

In Parish news, I'd like to thank the parish volunteers and especially the school parents for organizing such a joyful, welcoming, and well-run Parish Social. It was good to come together as one community (parish and school) and build our friendship and unity in Christ.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary — one of the most cherished and powerful prayers of our Catholic faith. Through the Rosary, we reflect deeply on the life, death, and resurrec-

tion of Jesus Christ through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. I invite all individuals, families, and parish groups to make the Rosary a special part of your daily life this month.

St. Padre Pio said: "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." May our Blessed Mother intercede for us.

In Christ,

Fr Deo





On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continue his work and mission in our parish.

This month through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to "bring good news to the poor," by assisting families and individuals by providing food and rental and utility assistance.

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



Beginning next weekend (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 <u>41,000</u> 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."

Thank you for your support!

Respect Life Month

The upgrade from Faith Direct to ParishSOFT Giving is almost here!

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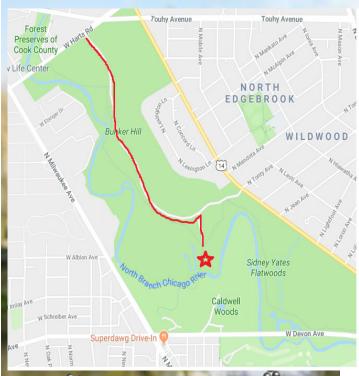
The annual blessing of pets will take place on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **Saturday, October 4 at 12:00 noon.** in the school (Moody Ave.) parking lot.

All pets, and their owners are welcomed to attend!



Cecilia and Maxwell children of Edward & Leticia (Rosalez) Torres





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. " - (Matthew 18:20)



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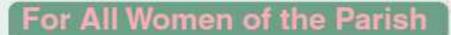
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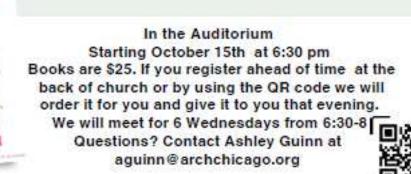
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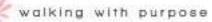
In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? Living in the Father's Love will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

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.



SCAN ME





Parishioners' Corner

My name is Shannon Nelson. I am a long-time parishioner of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (legacy St. Thecla). I know that some parishioners struggle with how to identify themselves - perhaps using the term "transplant." I would like to suggest that we all embrace that St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is really a continuation of St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, and St. Thecla. Our histories come with each and every one of us. Do you know that each of our legacy parishes celebrated their first Masses within about 6 months of each other -- 100 years ago?

(For the history enthusiasts, St Thecla – Aug 15, 1925; St Cornelius – Oct 4, 1925, and St Tarcissus – May 23, 1926.)

Five years ago, we formed St. Elizabeth of the Trinity with a vision to "Renew" and "Build a New Reality". We are all likely in different places of acceptance and peace with the merging of our parishes. Additionally, we have parishioners who have only known St. Elizabeth of the Trinity in its merged state.

As I personally reflect on where I am in this journey, I'll use the spiritual model of the Easter Mystery: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

Early in the Renew My Church process I sat in Holy Thursday. I knew something big was coming. I didn't quite know what it was going to feel like. I knew God was calling us to do something hard and I prayed for a different path.

Then, in November of 2019, I was thrust into Good Friday where grief consumed me. My Mom always said that a Parish is really about the people. Yet the buildings and campus held so many memories for me and my family. Ultimately, many people I knew went different places. Good Friday was a lonely place to be.

I can't point to when or how I transitioned to Holy Saturday, but I eventually did and here is where I remain. I have mostly moved past the sadness. Logically, I understand why this change had to happen. I anticipate there is something wonderful ahead. I know that where I am in this journey is my decision. I admit that I am a bit jealous of those who are in Easter Sunday already. I continue to push myself to get closer, trusting in the Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The community of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is here for us to support each other on our journeys and respect the challenges we experience. I invite you to pray with me that we all find ourselves rejoicing in Easter Sunday soon!

What are your thoughts about the merging of our parishes and our new reality as St. Elizabeth of the Trinity? We urge you to share them.

As best as you are able, please use the Easter Mystery model: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Where are you on the journey?

We'll print some of your responses here on the "Parishioners' Corner" page. All feedback received will be shared with and valued by the Parish Council.

Your thoughts can be submitted in print by dropping them off or mailing them to the Rectory. If you like, you can submit your comments anonymously.

Or you can send an email to fellow parishioners: Bobbie DuMelle (<u>bobbiedumelle@sbcglobal.net</u>) and/or Ron Polaniecki (<u>ronpcues@yahoo.com</u>) Note "Parishioners' Corner" in the subject line.

We pray as a parish that the Holy Spirit will provide us with a lens of hope to guide us going forward.



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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 27, 2025

5:00 PM — Helen Ptak, Kathy Burns, +Don Love, +Carol Saylor, +Erin Stastny

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), +Cesar Hernandez Marin

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

8:30 AM — +John Kastrzewa

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

8:30 AM — Sofia De La Rosa, +Charles Boyd, Frank Tadeusiak, +Gabriela DeJesus, (anniversary) +Ramiro Navarro (anniversary)

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

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — for the intentions of Pope Leo

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2025

8:30 AM — Mike Kelly

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2, 2025

8:30 AM — for the St. Elizabeth School community 9:15 - 6:50 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:50 PM 6:00 - 7:00 PM -- CONFESSION 7:00 PM — Spanish Mass

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 2025

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina, +Gloria Rankin

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025

8:30 AM — Kepros & Pryst families

3:30 - 4:30 - CÔNFESSIÓN

5:00 PM — +Don Love Jr., +Dick & +Peggy Lameka

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

7:30 AM — Jo Sanborn (25th anniversary), Estelle Dyjak (19th anniversary), Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Ed Sanborn, Anna, Joseph, Walter & Edward Dyjak

9:00 AM — souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — +Carmen Rosario Castro, +Sr. Mary Alice Setnicar OSB

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) +Raul Krutof, +Jose Luis Bucio, (4th anniversary), Ramiro Flores Jr. (health), +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Raul Roussett

Presider Schedule - October 4 & 5

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Leo / 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. Deo



Priesthood Sunday



Sean Glasebrook & Erin Vasiliadis - II



Andrzej Miszta Bonnie Szpila

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priest-

hood Sunday

Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,

Archangels

Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the

Church

Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin

and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday:

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1

Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps

138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51

-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-

62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9,

10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk

10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk

10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2

Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



Save the date! ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



Pre-sale cost: \$6.00 carry out per person Date: Sunday, October 19th Time: 11:30 am-2:30 pm Location: Phil's Pizza D'Oro 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 Thank you for your support





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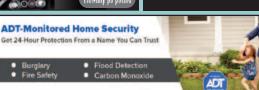
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SERVICES

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: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday: 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

(All are bilingual)

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) Hours: 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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You in me, and I in You – may this be my motto."

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity