



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

FROM FR. DEO

September 7, 2025



From Parishioners to Disciples

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, we give thanks to God for the canonization of two beloved young laypeople who continue to inspire us with their profound examples of Christian discipleship: Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925). Frassati, a young lay Dominican from Turin, Italy, was known for his deep spirituality and tireless service to the poor. He lived a life rooted in prayer and charity, embodying the Gospel in every aspect of his daily routine. Acutis, a saint of our times, speaks especially to the hearts of young people. He lived a short, but radiant life and gave us a powerful and relatable witness of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in the modern world.

As we reflect on today's readings, we're inspired by these two saints to live authentic discipleship by putting God first in our lives and carrying our cross. The first reading instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and strength from the Holy Spirit so that we may do the will of God as His true disciples. St. Paul's letter to Philemon reminds us that detachment and renunciation are necessary for a true disciple of Christ. Jesus takes up Paul's point by articulating the cost of discipleship. He makes it clear that *"Whoever does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."* He uses two images to highlight the cost of discipleship: a man building a tower who first calculates the cost, and a king going to war who evaluates his army. Following Christ may cost us our time, our priorities, even our comforts and attachments. But it will set us free and lead us to a happy and purposeful life despite the suffering we may experience. Acutis, even in his final days when he was dying of leukemia, offered his suffering with joy and for others. He never complained. He said: "I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church." Acutis teaches us that discipleship involves sacrificial love and trusting God even in pain.

In our consumer society, Jesus invites us to renounce possessions: *"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."* This spiritual detachment requires sharing what we have with others and seeing God and others as our treasure. Acutis understood Jesus' teaching and said: "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God" and "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan." Acutis was a normal teenager who played soccer, loved computers, and enjoyed video games. But he lived his faith authentically every day, showing kindness, standing up for bullied classmates, and helping the poor. Acutis used his tech skills to build a website proclaiming the faith-inspiring Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He challenges modern disciples, especially young people, to use social media and the Internet to evangelize. He centered his life on the Eucharist, attending daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration: *"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."* His deep devotion to the Eucharist teaches us that discipleship is nourished by the Real Presence of Christ. His life reminds us that holiness is possible at any age and in any generation.

What could these readings and two young saints teach us about our discipleship and parish life? For many people, it's easy to fall into the habit of being "parishioners," people who attend Mass occasionally and support the Church. But the Gospel calls us to something deeper, more intentional, and more transformative. Jesus did not say, "Come, be a parishioner." He said: "Come, follow me" (Matthew 4:19). The Church exists not just to gather people, but to form disciples, people who know Jesus personally, follow Him daily, and share His mission in the world. As a community of disciples, we must bear witness to our Lord by participating as active members – not spectators – in the life and ministries of our parish. Transformed into disciples, parishioners do not just go to church; they understand that they are the Church; they live, act, and walk together, each one discerning what they can do for and as a Church. As we celebrate the lives of these new saints, may we be inspired to live out our own discipleship with renewed zeal, joyful hearts, and compassionate service.

This Sunday we officially begin our Religious Education Program. I want to express my deep gratitude to our catechists and volunteers who generously devote their time to this ministry. Their dedication and witness are essential to the spiritual growth of our young parishioners. I warmly invite all families to register their children for Religious Education and to make it a priority in the coming year.

St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, Pray for our Youth!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo



In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following Him and the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."

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Religious Education

CLASSES START TODAY!

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.



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 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.



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 SEotT 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.



Kendall August,
child of Jonathan & Dulce
(Jardan) Walters



All Women of the Parish

Please join us this **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 today, 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



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 this **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!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

All items for the September 14 bulletin need to be in by Thursday, Sept. 4
All items for the September 21 bulletin need to be in by Thursday, Sept. 11.



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Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—Michele Schmidt—
Joe & Nelda Garza—Jimmy Retondo—Elizabeth Hofstede—Donna Kolinski—JoAnn Keto—Jane Berg

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Questions?

Email: julieweiss424@gmail.com

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.

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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

STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!



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 NEXT SUNDAY!

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
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parish office or use the QR Code



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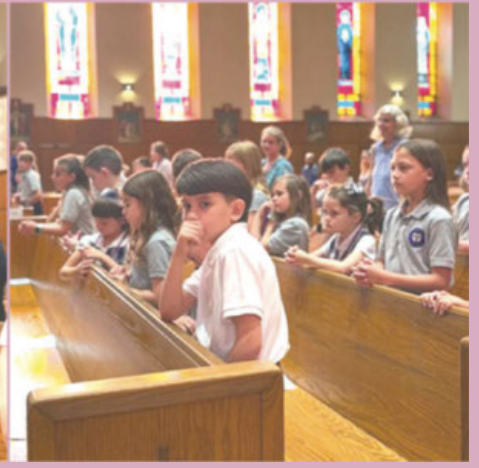


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God is good! All the time!

We had our opening of school Mass on August 21. It was a gift to see the pews filled with students again.



We are excited to welcome Mr. Brenner as our new gym teacher. He makes physical education fun while students get their heart rates up and build strength! Students in preschool through 5th grade have gym twice a week, while junior high students are lucky enough to sweat it out three days a week!





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 6, 2025

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, Walter & Edward Dyjak

9:00 AM — souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Ma. Fier Celine Gomez (thanksgiving)

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Jose Luis Bucio, Pedro Lopez, +Hector Castaneda, +Alfonso Contreras Estrada

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

8:30 AM — Marino Eccher, Mike Parilla, Carol Olita, Ma. Fier Celine Gomez (thanksgiving)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

8:30 AM — Austreberto Gonzalez, Damari, Julie Albert

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

6:30 PM — Richard Milkiwski (special intention), Ma. Fier Celine Gomez (thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

8:30 AM — Ma. Fier Celine Gomez (thanksgiving)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

8:30 AM — Ma. Fier Celine Gomez (thanksgiving)

9:15 - 6:50 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:50 PM

6:30 PM — bilingual Confessions

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

8:30 AM — Marielena Gonzalez, Jo Fergus, Ma. Fier Celine Gomez (thanksgiving)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

8:30 AM — Reynaldo & Gilda Rivero - thanksgiving, Ma. Fier Celine Gomez (thanksgiving)

1:00 PM — WEDDING — Robert Braun & Xochil Ruvalcaba

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)

Presider Schedule - September 13 & 14

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Leo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Andy Matijevic / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / piano / parish choir

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo

SEPTEMBER 11
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: Patriot Day

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025



Congratulations to all the couples celebrating 50 years of marriage this year!

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N State St, Chicago, IL

For more information and to register, visit: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding> or email us at gwa@archchicago.org or call the parish office.

Information to be requested: names (wife and husband), home address, phone number, e-mail address, preferred language on the certificate, Will you attend the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass? Do you require accessible seating?

Would you be interested in volunteering for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass? Which role would you like to volunteer for?

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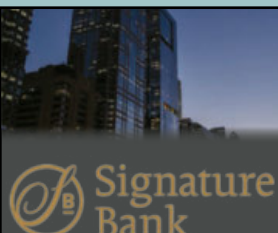
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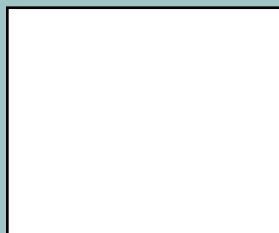
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SERVICES

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.)
**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*