



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



OCTOBER 19, 2025



FROM FR. DEO

October 19, 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good! Today is World Mission Sunday. We gather as the Church of Christ to reflect upon and pray for the missions. This celebration reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to evangelization.

In his message, *Missionaries of Hope Among all the Peoples*, Pope Leo XIV urges Christians to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year 2025. He recalls his own missionary service in Peru and how the generosity and prayer from Christians can transform communities. He asks parishes to pray for and financially support their work. The Pope reminds us that the missionary call is rooted in our baptism and must become our spiritual identity. It is not the work of a select few, but for all the baptized.

In the readings of this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus reminds us about the necessity “to pray always without becoming weary” (Lk 18:1). We must persevere in prayer and trust in God. In the first reading, Moses, after sending Joshua to fight against Amalek, prays tirelessly for the victory of Israel’s army. Clearly, Moses and the Israelites learned the necessity of prayer and not losing heart. As Moses grew weary, his two aides, Aaron and Hur, seated him on a rock and propped up his arms. In the Gospel, Jesus introduces the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow to emphasize the “necessity of praying always and not losing faith.” The widow is a model of the trust and tenacity with which His disciples are to pray. Paul recommends to Timothy (and to all of us) to persevere in prayer and ministry, by proclaiming the Word of God with persistence, and to “correct, reprove and appeal with patience.”

These readings illustrate both how and why we should pray. To “pray always” doesn’t mean we should spend all day on our knees. It’s about living with an ongoing openness to God, and staying connected with Him in every part of life. Persistent prayer is about trusting God enough to keep asking, even when we don’t yet see the answer. Prayer is not about changing God’s mind — it’s often about changing our hearts. God may be waiting to give us more than we’re even asking for — but first, He may be preparing us to receive it. Sometimes God delays, not because He doesn’t care, but because He is working in the silence. Keep praying and asking with faith even if your prayer seems unanswered. Like Moses and the widow, let us remain faithful and hopeful in our prayer.

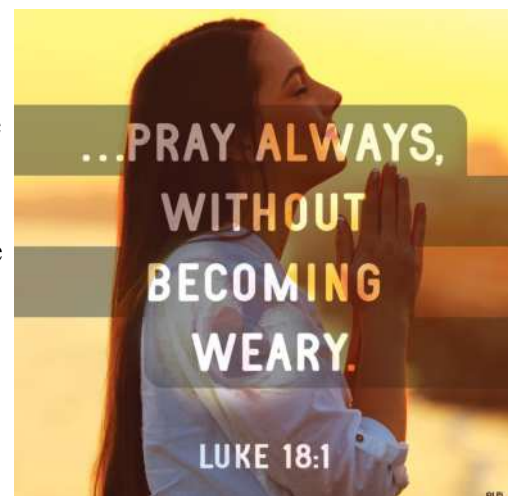
In parish news, I invite you to join us in welcoming Bishop John Siemianowski who will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, October 26, and formally introduce me as Parish Administrator. Let us come together as one community in faith to mark this new chapter in the life of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish with joy, hope, and prayer. I also encourage the women to join a new season of Women’s Bible Study at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. It’s a time to grow deeper in your relationship with God, connect with other women of faith, and explore the beauty of Scripture together. Contact Ashley Guinn for details.

Let us answer the Holy Father’s call to be “Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples” by praying constantly and participating in the Church’s mission.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo





The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Winter Coat Drive Next Weekend

At all Masses on the weekend of October 25 and 26 the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting new and gently used, clean winter coats for homeless folks and others in need in our area. Thank you for your generosity and support.



JOIN US FOR FR. DEO'S INTRODUCTION MASS

Our local Vicar, Bishop John Siemianowski, will preside at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday, October 26 during which he will formally introduce Fr. Deogratias Mbonyumugenzi as the Administrator of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.



A reception offering light hospitality will take place in the gym (5859 North Moody Avenue) afterwards.

Everyone is invited to attend and to offer your prayers and best wishes for Fr. Deo.



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PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next Prayer Shawl Meeting will be Monday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Room of the school. Please attend if possible. We will be going through our inventory to select shawls to donate to the Anointing Mass the following Saturday, October 25 at 8:30 a.m. to which you are also invited. Your help will be appreciated. Hope to see you then!

PICTURES OF THE DECEASED

We will once again have a shrine in church during the month of November honoring our deceased relatives and friends. You may drop off pictures of them in advance at the parish office. Make sure your name and phone number are on the back. You can take them home from the vestibule in early December.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

We will offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the **8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday, October 25th.**

This sacrament is intended for all who are ill - whether in body, mind, or spirit. The illness may be temporary, serious, or chronic. You may receive the sacrament if you are preparing for surgery or even if you are just experiencing “old age.”

It's important to understand that this sacrament is no longer referred to as the “Last Rites.” As such, you may receive this sacrament as often as you need it during your life.

What Pope Francis said about the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

- It is the Sacrament of healing and support in illness.
- “And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick.” - (James 5:14-15)
- It is Jesus Himself who makes Himself present in the Sacrament.
- Not even evil or death can separate us from Christ.
- The communal aspect assures those that are sick and their loved ones that they are not alone in their suffering.

After Mass members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a selection of blessed prayer shawls available for those who would like one.

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

During October, Respect Life Month, our parish is 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 return your baby bottle next weekend. You may give it to any usher as you enter church. Donations will also be accepted if you wish to use a plain envelope with “The Women's Center” written on it. If you are donating by check, please make it payable to: “The Women's Center.” You may also drop it off at the parish office during the week.

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.

Thank you for your support!



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—Eugene Pagani—Lidia Piper—John Kottra

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

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 19, 2025

Support Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples

Let us contribute to the evangelizing mission of the Catholic Church with our witness of life and prayer, our sacrifices and generosity. The collection taken this day provides critical support to 1,124 dioceses in remote and resource-limited areas. We accompany these local churches as they seek to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments in hope. Our offerings support pastoral and catechetical programs, build new churches, provide healthcare and education.

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- The dangers of having an old trust
- How to protect your family from the confusion, complications and legal fees of an incomplete estate plan



The Rescue Project – Experiencing the Gospel

In the spring of 2023, then Pastor Father Mike Grisolano worked with parish staff to introduce on a “let’s-try-this-out-basis” a new program called “The Rescue Project.” Its goal is to allow parishioners to encounter – or re-encounter – God wherever they are on their faith journey.

The pilot rollout at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity was a solid success. Since then, our parish has regularly run the Rescue Project -- described by its founder, Fr. John Riccardi, as a means to offer people, “a way of seeing reality, and of making sense of the world, history, and life that is vastly different from the story our modern culture tells.”

Including the initial “rehearsal” program, SEOTT has presented the Rescue Project six times, always without charge. Each session, in various ways, has accommodated the Spanish community. Up to the most recent offering, all the sessions have been held on weekday evenings, with a social time as part of the agenda. The last sessions and current session are on Sunday morning immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. More than 100 parishioners have participated in this powerful, inspiring program.

While the social time provides an opportunity for camaraderie and conversation, the centerpiece of the program is: the video presentations featuring Father John Ricardo; open, honest, personal sharing of experiences regarding one’s faith; and prayer.

Thank you’s go to the half-dozen hospitality volunteers, a dozen volunteer table leaders, plus several parish staff members for their important support and assistance. It indeed takes a village, in this case a parish, to offer such a program.

Here are just a few of the many positive, personalized comments from parishioners.

“It was a compelling and transformative experience, inspiring spiritual growth and deepening of faith.” -- Milka Stanojevich

“It was enlightening and thought provoking. It was worth hearing and being reminded about what is really important.” -- Laura Caraballo

“I had such a wonderful experience with the Rescue Project. It was remarkable to collaborate with others in the church and school community and delve into different perspectives on faith.” -- Joris Soding

“I’ve had the opportunity to go through the program and its message continued to resonate with me from week to week. It provided me with a new appreciation of my faith and edified me in my journey.” -- Darlene Duggan

Be sure to consider participating in the next offering of The Rescue Project at SEOTT. It is a proven opportunity for experiencing Jesus.

“Parishioners Corner” is a dedicated space for parishioners. All are invited to share their thoughts about the parish merger and building the new reality of SEOTT. In addition, we invite parishioner thoughts about a journey of faith, a moment of grace, a prayer intention, or a reflection on the readings. Send your thoughts (anonymously if you wish) to the Rectory office.



Pope Leo: Faith cannot be separated from love for the poor

Pope Leo XIV released his first Apostolic Exhortation, ***Dilexi te*** (“I have loved you”), on October 9. It sees the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor, in caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available to all, accompanying migrants, charitable giving, working for equality and more.

Here are some highlights as provided by the Vatican Press Office.

“On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ Himself” (9).

“I can only state once more that inequality ‘is the root of social ills’” (94).

“Indeed, ‘it frequently becomes clear that, in practice, human rights are not equal for all’” (94).

“The dignity of every human person must be respected today, not tomorrow” (92).

“The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community” (75).

“Serving the poor is not a gesture to be made ‘from above’, but an encounter between equals, where Christ is revealed and adored... Therefore, when the Church bends down to care for the poor, she assumes her highest posture” (79).

“There are those who say: ‘Our task is to pray and teach sound doctrine’. Separating this religious aspect from integral development, they even say that it is the government’s job to care for them, or that it would be better not to lift them out of their poverty but simply to teach them to work” (114).

“We Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out, with intelligence, diligence and social responsibility. For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor” (119).

“We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor” (36).

“Unjust structures need to be recognized and eradicated by the force of good, by changing mindsets but also, with the help of science and technology, by developing effective policies for societal change” (97).

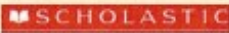
“The poor are at the heart of the Church” (111).

To see more go to: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-10/pope-leo-faith-cannot-be-separated-from-love-for-the-poor.html>

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025

5:00 PM — John & Helen Ptak, +Don Love, +Peter Eck, +Thomas Byrne

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — +Kevin Kirby, souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health), +Steve & +Helen Kaczmarek
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Lupita Gamino, Susana Reveles, Concepcion Torres (birthday), +Magalay Fernandez (3 wks.), +Family Contreras-Manon, +Hector Castaneda, +Alfonso Contreras Estrada

MONDAY OCTOBER 20, 2025

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2025

8:30 AM — Monica Gonzalez, living & deceased members of the Czapl, Rzendzian, Orybiewicz & Misztal families
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — for the intentions of the Holy Father

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2025

8:30 AM — +Mary Jaszczor

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2025

8:30 AM — for our school community
 9:15 - 6:50 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:50 PM
 6:00 - 7:00 PM -- CONFESSION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24, 2025

8:30 AM — Ann Tadeusiak

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025

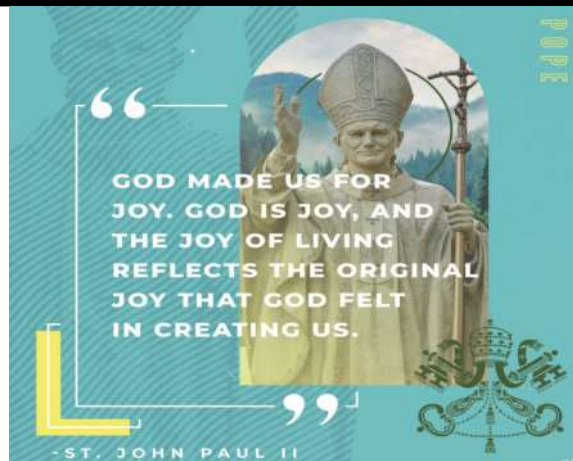
8:30 AM — for those in our Book of Remembrance
 3:30 - 4:30 - CONFESSION
 5:00 PM — +Don Lov Jr., +Erin Stastny, +Dick & +Peggy Lameka, +Rosaria Cicchetti

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — +James Mader, +Kevin Kirby, +Roger Cabrera (3rd anniversary), +Jimmy Cabrera (3rd anniversary), +Antonio dela Rosa souls in Purgatory
 11:00 AM — +Joseph & +Tekla Mruczek, +Antonio dela Rosa, +Jimmy Cabrera (3rd anniversary), +Roger Cabrera (3rd anniversary)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — **NO CONFESSIONS TODAY**
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) +Cesar Hernandez Marin, Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, +Diana Calderon, +Ricardo Calderon, Gabriela Reveles (birthday)

Presider Schedule - October 25 & 26

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
 Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope
 Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
 Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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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)**

Low Gluten Hosts: available from priest in center aisle at all Masses

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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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*