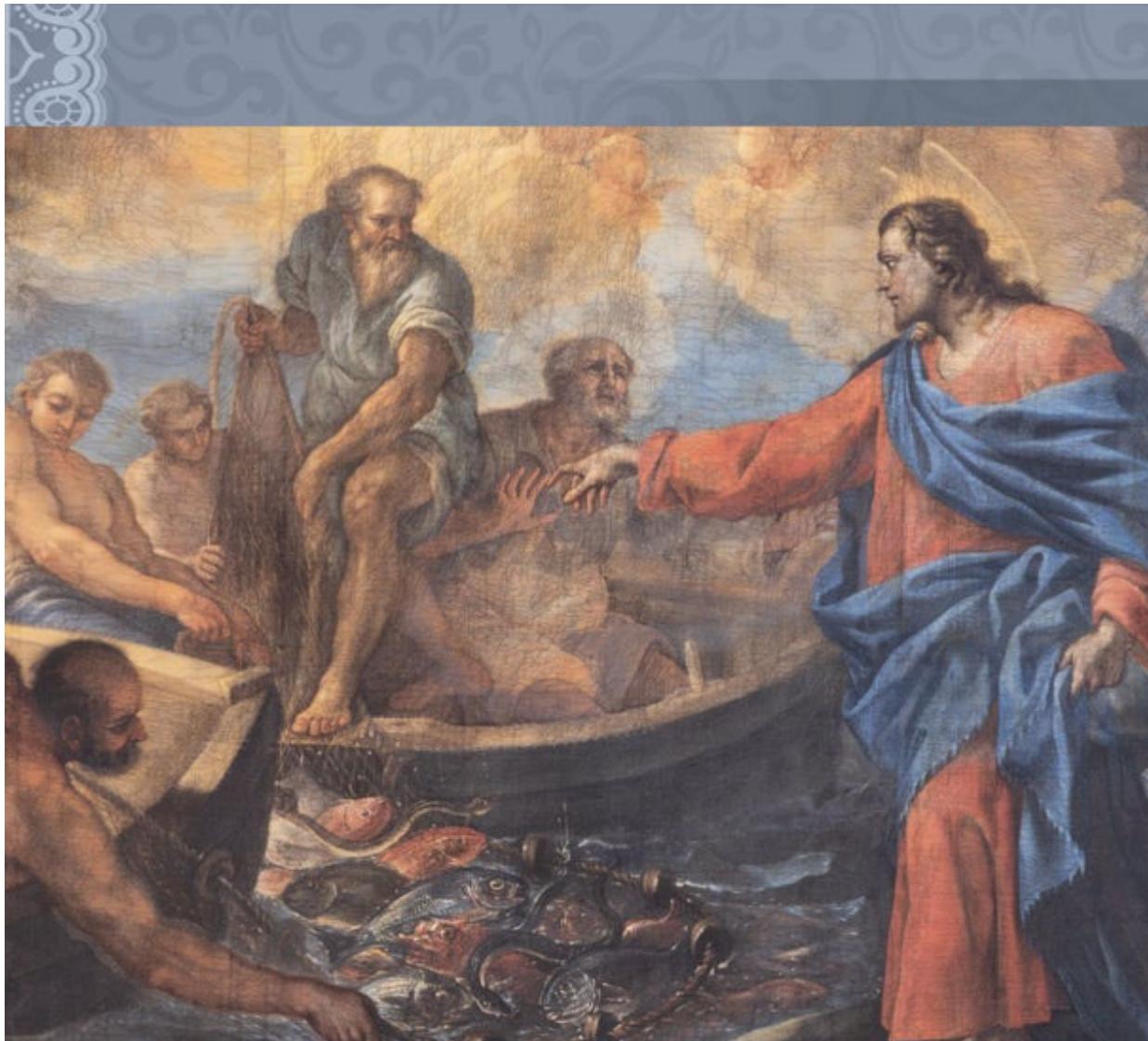




ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



JANUARY 25, 2026



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Mt 4:19

FROM FR. DEO

January 25, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

This weekend we begin Catholic Schools Week, a time to give thanks for the gift of Catholic education and for those who make it possible. This Sunday's readings beautifully reflect the Church's vision of education.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah describes a people who were walking in darkness but have now seen a great light. It is a message of hope and promise—reminding us that God's light continues to shine wherever hearts are open to Him.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus fulfills Isaiah's prophesy through His preaching and healing ministry. He proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand and invites those living in darkness to enter it through repentance and a renewed way of life.

Catholic schools share in this mission by forming young minds and hearts in the light of the Gospel. Students learn not only how to read and write, but also how to live, love, and choose what is right.

When I reflect on my own experience of Catholic education—from preschool in Rwanda to Loyola University—I do not think only about books, exams, homework, grades, or academic achievement. I think about people: teachers who did not only impart knowledge, but transmitted values, who taught us that success is not just about being smart, but about being kind, loving, and faithful. I think of priests and religious whose presence and example remind us that we are children of God, called to be the light and salt of the world.

Many of you identify by the school you attended and the parish you call home— places of belonging where faith was nurtured and lifelong friendships were formed. You certainly carry sweet memories as students or parents in Catholic schools. How has that experience shaped your life and faith, and how can you help carry that legacy forward by supporting our school today?

As a Catholic school, St Elizabeth of the Trinity strives to strengthen its Catholic identity by teaching Catholic values in every aspect of school life—through academics, athletics, and the many clubs, organizations, and activities in which our students participate. SEOTT central to our parish mission, drawing young families into our parish life. I gratefully acknowledge the dedication of our school parents and invite them to become more involved in parish life. I encourage everyone to continue supporting our school—both financially and through enrollment—for it is a vital way we give witness to Christ, pass on the faith, and sustain our parish.

In Parish news, I invite all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on our Parish Vision Statement and to discern how, guided by the Holy Spirit, we can live out this vision as a parish community.

Join us for the Candlemas on Monday, February 2nd, at 8:30 a.m. (English) and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish), celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed as we honor Christ, the Light of the Nations.

Finally, we give thanks to God for our students, parents, teachers, and staff, and we pray that our Catholic school may continue to be a place where faith and learning grow together.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo



Parishioners' Corner

At its regular monthly meetings, The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been diligently working with Father Deo to craft vision statements for the three pillars that support the overarching Vision Statement for the parish. The goal of all of these statements is to provide inspiration for parish vitality.

Key concepts of the parish vision statement were developed in practical ways by our students who reflected on what St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School means to them. Their insights and perspectives are shared in the next few pages of this bulletin, as they prepare to observe Catholic Schools Week.

ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY VISION STATEMENT

A few weeks ago we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany also known as the Feast of the Three Kings or Magi. The star in the East guided these wise travelers on their journey to find the Christ Child. We, too, can benefit from guidance on our faith journey to discover, encounter, and grow closer to Jesus in our lives.

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Family is adopting a new Parish Vision Statement. It intersects with the three pillars we have introduced - Community, Evangelization, and Worship - and their corresponding vision statements. We encourage you to pray and reflect on these, and to discern how our Parish Family can bring this vision to life.



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity Parish

COMMUNITY:

To inspire and nurture a welcoming spirit that fosters belonging and actively encourages a shared commitment to discipleship, stewardship, and vibrant parish life.

Parish Vision

We are a vibrant Catholic parish family where all are welcomed to seek and be transformed by Christ, and to be sent forth to radiate Trinitarian love in daily life.

EVANGELIZATION:

To invite and accompany people on their journey of faith—offering meaningful encounters, authentic conversations, and spiritually enriching experiences that draw them closer to Jesus Christ and to our parish community.

WORSHIP:

To foster worship at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Catholic Parish that leads to a personally meaningful encounter with Jesus Christ and calls to radiate the life of the Holy Trinity in daily life.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Join us next Sunday, February 1 at 9:00 a.m. for our Women's Club monthly Mass.

Our February meeting will follow hospitality at 10:45 a.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

After Mass, come to the auditorium for hospitality sponsored by the Women's Group.

There will also be hospitality after the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.



CSW BULLETIN

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

January 2026

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week

According to our students, being part of a Catholic school means:

- learning how to treat others with kindness and compassion
- praying together and growing in faith
- feeling supported and safe—academically, socially, and spiritually
- building a strong relationship with God
- being encouraged to live like Jesus in and out of the classroom
- representing their school and faith with pride
- being part of a community that truly cares for one another

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is a time when Catholic schools across the country celebrate the unique value of a faith-filled education—one that nurtures the whole child through strong academics, spiritual growth, and a caring community. As one of our students shared so simply and beautifully, *"Catholic Schools Week is when we strive to follow God and come together as a school community."* For families considering a Catholic education, there is no better way to understand its impact than by listening to the students who live it every day. At **St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School**, our 8th graders describe their experience not just as attending a school, but as belonging to a second family. One student shared, *"Every day I learn something about how to be a good Catholic."*





When asked specifically what St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School means to them, our 8th graders shared:

- “Since I transferred here, I have made so many new friends, learned so much, and changed as a person.”
- “The small classes help us get to know everyone. Our class is extremely close.”
- “My teachers encourage me to do my best and are always willing to help when I need it.”
- “St. Elizabeth has shaped me into a better person and learner.”
- “My teachers push me to be the best version of myself—not just in schoolwork, but in kindness and gratitude.”

These reflections speak to what many families hope for in a school: strong academics, caring teachers, meaningful faith formation, and a close-knit community where children are known, valued, and guided. We warmly invite you to our **Open House** this **Sunday from 10:00-12:00** to experience St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School for yourself. If this time does not work for your family, please reach out—we would be happy to schedule a personal tour and answer your questions.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School



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- St. Elizabeth also has a great community, with kind teachers and welcoming students.
- Being a part of a Catholic School means that we are very supportive of each other, praying together, and learning about the time of Jesus .
- Every day, I learn something about being a good Catholic.
- Being a member of this Catholic school community has shaped who I am today, teaching me to be kind and to live like Jesus while deepening my understanding of God and faith every day.
- Being part of a Catholic community to me means having another family to be with.
- I have been at this school for almost 10 years, and I love it here. I wish I could spend more time here because my friends and I created many great memories, and I would recommend this school to anyone.
- Being at a Catholic school means you get to represent your school and God in every after-school curricular activity you sign up for, which is an honor.
- Seeing Faith-Partners inside and outside of school always makes me smile.
- Being part of a Catholic school community means having a safe place for worship and learning.
- Being part of the Catholic community has taught me how to treat others and how to follow God and listen to what the Holy Spirit is trying to guide me toward.
- Being a member of this school has shaped me into having a strong relationship with God,.
- Being a part of a Catholic school is very meaningful and essential to me. It shows that I am a proud, hardworking St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Catholic School student.

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TOGETHER WE BRING LIGHT

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal



Please Make Your Gift to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Many families in our parish should have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich.

On behalf of those served by the ministries of the parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us an opportunity to join with others and affirm that “together we bring light.” In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. As we consider God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect our gratitude by using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express that gratitude.

Please make a donation as you are able to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.



2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 contribution statements are now available by request. You may request one by: calling the parish office (773 763-8228), by stopping by the parish office, or by emailing the parish office at parishoffice@setparish.org)

We prefer to email the statements or have you pick them up.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish!

An Invitation to All Men of the Parish

That Man Is You - The Fight of Faith equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Biblical identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves. Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God’s own identity.

Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown of glory.

Join us for a video presentation followed by deep, meaningful, personal, and safe conversations and fellowship on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All men are welcome. Come and see how this experience can make you a better man!

Learn more at thatmanisyouth.com.



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—Lidia Piper—John Kottra—Rosemary Marinello—Marion Calvino—
Giovanni Randazzo—Ann Sychowski—Elvira Caruso

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

Something Exciting is Coming to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity!

This Is Our Faith

This series will explore what the Catholic Church teaches and believes by studying the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

- What do we believe?
- Why do we believe what we do?
- Where do these beliefs come from?
- Why are all of them important?

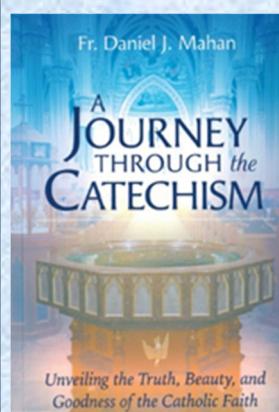
We will explore Church tradition and scripture, in addition to the Catechism. This series is ideal for life-long Catholics who want to learn more about their faith as well as seekers and newly received people into the Church.

Sessions will be offered twice each week starting on

Tuesday, February 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. through May 19

or

Wednesday, February 25 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. through May 20.



Sessions will be held in the lower level of the rectory.

Reading from the book *A Journey Through the Catechism* will be required prior to each session. There will be a \$20 fee to purchase the book. Bibles and Catechisms will also be available to those who would like to purchase them.

Contact Jim Madura at (773) 763-8828 or jmadura@archchicago.org for more information or to register.

Hurry – space is limited!

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In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

This month, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting families and individuals in need with food and with utility and rent assistance.



Watch *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Sunday Mass on YouTube* - search for the *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel*.

SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2026

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family,
+Margarita Chan (18th anniversary)

SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2026

7:30 AM — +Catherine Mulcrone
9:00 AM — +Alicia Harrison (anniversary), +Rosaia
Penodas Sr (birthday remembrance, + John Pinelo
(anniversary), souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — Walter & Mary B. Davitt (health), +Peggy
Hanley
2:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS
1:00 PM — +Juventino Gonzalez (25th anniversary),
Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, +Cesar Hernandez
Marin, +Jesus & Adrian Hernandez, +Magaly
Fernandez (4 month anniversary), +Pedro Lopez

MONDAY JANUARY 26, 2026

8:30 AM — +Paula Meister, +Navidad Deveza (anniversary)

TUESDAY JANUARY 27, 2026

8:30 AM — for the intentions of the Holy Father
11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
6:30 PM — for the homebound of our parish

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28, 2026

8:30 AM — Zofia Kalembera

THURSDAY JANUARY 29, 2026

8:30 AM — for our school community
11:00—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction
6:00 - 7:00 PM — bilingual CONFESSION

FRIDAY JANUARY 30, 2026

8:30 AM — Estefania Pena, +Pauline Sokol, +Bernard
Berndt, +Charles Boyd (birthday remembrance)

SATURDAY JANUARY 31, 2026

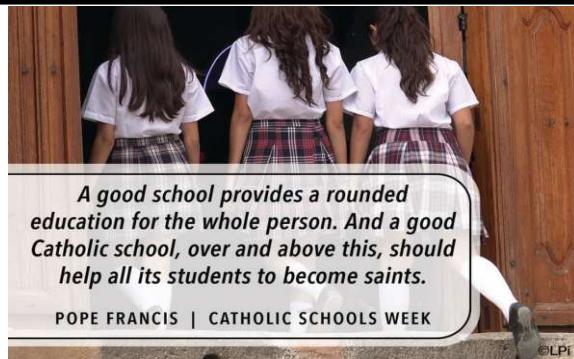
8:30 AM — for those in our Book of Remembrance
3:30 - 4:30 - CONFESSION
5:00 PM — +Don Love, +Bridget Byrne, +Oliver O'Leary

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2026

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
9:00 AM — +Richard A Deck, Jack Brown, Eric &
Elizabeth Gonsalves (50th wedding anniversary),
souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — +Becky Finnerty, +Catherine Mulcrone
2:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS
1:00 PM — +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Pedro Lopez, +Jesus &
Adrian Hernandez

Presider Schedule - January 31 & February 1

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



Stephanie Hill
Mark Law

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Monday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Tuesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

FINAL HOMILY SURVEY: YOUR RESPONSE TO THE HOMILY TODAY

Fr. Leo has been participating in the Preaching for Encounter Program for the last two years. He is dedicated to improving his homilies and would love to hear your feedback on his homily on the weekend of February 7th & 8th at the 5pm, 11am and 1pm Masses. Please scan the QR code and take a few minutes to let us know how it impacted you. Paper copies will also be available on February 7-8 at church. Thank you for your help in supporting him to preach better!



ENQUESTA FINAL: SU RESPUESTA A LA HOMILÍA DE HOY

El **Padre Leo** ha estado participando en el Programa de Predicación para el Encuentro durante los últimos dos años. Él está dedicado a mejorar sus homilías y le encantaría escuchar sus comentarios sobre su homilía el fin de semana del 7 y 8 de Febrero durante la Misas de 5pm, 11am o 1pm. Escanea el código QR y toma unos minutos para contarnos que pensaste de su homilia. Enuestas en papel tambien estarán disponibles el 7 y 8 de Febrero en la iglesia. ¡Gracias por ayudar al Padre Leo con su predicación!

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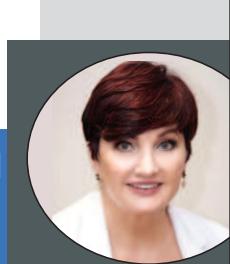
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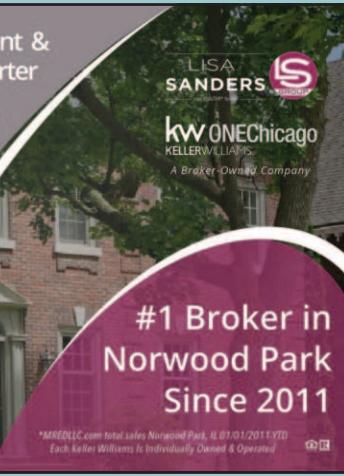
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SERVICES

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)

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)

*"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