



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**



**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother  
will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:22a

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## **Parish Vision Statement**

*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.*

# FROM FR. DEO

February 15, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, which follows the theme "Together We Bring Light." Cardinal Cupich reminds us that together we bring God's light to our world when we support struggling parish communities, Catholic schools, religious education and ministry formation programs, and initiatives that uphold life and promote peace. Through your generosity, light reaches our communities and touches the lives of many—especially those who are suffering, in need, or underserved. After the homily, we will be invited to make our pledge. I encourage you to pray and to support the Annual Catholic Appeal as generously as you are able.

In Parish news, we will begin the holy season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Lent is a sacred time of repentance and renewal, calling us to live the Gospel more faithfully as individuals and as a parish community. Throughout Lent, the parish will offer opportunities for spiritual growth, including Missions, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer, and other resources. Please consult the parish bulletin and website for the complete Lenten schedule. May this Lenten season be a time of grace, healing, and spiritual renewal for us all.

I warmly invite you to our State of the Parish listening session on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the school auditorium. This gathering will bring clergy, staff, and parishioners together in a synodal spirit of listening, dialogue, and shared discernment. You will receive an update on parish life and learn about our plans to address the challenges before us. Parishioners are invited to share their insights and to contribute to the parish's pastoral mission. Come and learn what God is doing in our parish—and where He is calling us next.

One of the core pillars of our parish vision is to be an intentionally welcoming parish family. We seek to express this spirit in our Mass celebrations by extending God's hospitality to one another. For this reason, beginning on the First Sunday of Lent, we will be invited to greet one another before Mass as a sign of welcome and communion.

In social news, the winter season of Adult Volleyball at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity begins this Sunday, February 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The players will receive a special blessing during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. My team is hoping to win it all again!!! Please join us, support our teams, and enjoy a fun evening together!

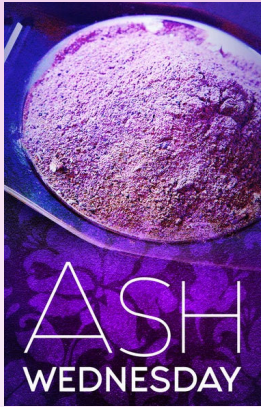
Finally, I invite you to take up a Lenten discipleship challenge: bring or invite a friend or family member to Mass. Together, let us bring Christ's light to others.

Happy and Fruitful Lent!

Fr Deo



## ASH WEDNESDAY



February 18 is Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (in English) and at 7:30 p.m. (in Spanish.)

We will also have Prayer Services at noon and 4:00 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed after the homily at all of the above services.

Please make sure to take a bulletin this weekend. It contains an inserted calendar with all of our liturgical offerings for Lent. There will also be a Rice Bowl box that we encourage you to use for part of your Lenten almsgiving activities.

You are also invited to avail yourselves of the many Lenten prayer resources that can be found at all church entrances. Please take them and use them. You may make a contribution for these by placing it in the slot of the vestibule wall marked pamphlets. Thank you.



## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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## EVENING PRAYER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Plan now to join us each Monday of Lent at 6:30 p.m. for Evening Prayer. Join us on Fridays for Stations of the Cross. They will take place at 2:15 p.m. with the school, at 6:30 p.m. in English and at 7:15 p.m. in Spanish.



## Ending Hunger with CRS Rice Bowl

This Lent, our community will participate in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl—connecting our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Get your rice bowl which are inserted in this week's bulletin. They'll also be available in the vestibule throughout Lent. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.



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## SICK LIST

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MaryAnn Hermesdorf—Lidia Piper—John Kottra—Rosemary Marinello—Marion Calvino—  
Giovanni Randazzo—Ann Sychowski—Rick Levins—Elvia Caruso

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



## The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is returning to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity on Feb. 18!

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link starting **February 18th** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

## Totus Tuus Is Back! Save the Date!



Totus Tuus is returning to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity this summer from July 12th-17th. This is a great opportunity full of fun and faith formation. Registration will start soon. Keep an eye on the bulletin and Flocknote in the coming weeks for more details.

If you would like to be one of the first notified when registration opens or if your family would like to help host the Totus Tuus missionaries as either a host family or by having the missionaries over for dinner one night please contact Ashley Guinn.

### 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](mailto:parishoffice@setparish.org)

We prefer to email the statements or have you pick them up. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish!

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# COMING SOON!

## *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 Catholics believe?
- Why do Catholics believe what they 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 Catholic Faith.

The same 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**

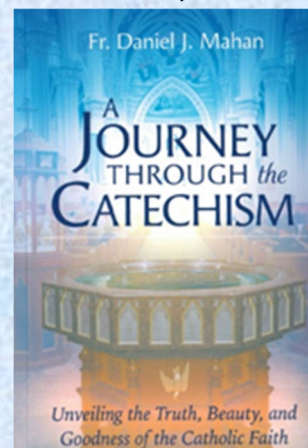
Sessions will be held in the lower level of the rectory (next door to the church.)

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) 763-8228 or [jmadura@archchicago.org](mailto:jmadura@archchicago.org) for more information or to sign up.

Consider this an ideal aspect of your Lenten / Easter season spiritual journey.

Hurry – space is limited!



**We invite you to join us for a Listening Session on the state of the parish.**

**Monday, March 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium.**

Topics will include Parish mission and values plus updates from the Parish Council, Finance Council, and the school.

*Your presence and feedback are valued!*



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## Parishioners' Corner

### My Faith Journey



Hello! Father Deo recently invited me to contribute an article to our "Parishioners' Corner." I advised Father that expressing my thoughts and feelings -- especially on paper -- is not my strong suit. But here goes.

My name is Tony Lupinski, and I am a SINNER. No, this isn't the beginning of an AA meeting -- but keep that thought in mind as you continue reading.

My faith journey started 74 years ago. I was raised Catholic by two loving parents who taught me how to pray and the importance of Sunday Mass. I went to Our Lady Gate of Heaven grade school and Mt. Carmel high school on the south side. (Yes, I am a Sox fan!) I planned to become a Chicago police officer, but the academy was full. My dad helped me get hired at a steel mill. I earned good money and decided to stay, much to my parents' delight.

1970 was a good year. I had a steady job and met my future wife. We were married in 1973 at Queen of Apostles Parish. God blessed us with our daughter, Heather, in 1975, and our son, Keith, in 1977. I was blessed.

Somewhere, I stopped going to church. I still believed in God but convinced myself that I could talk to Him anywhere, so I didn't need a church. That idea didn't turn out very well. Eventually, the life I had built slowly fell apart.

I lost everything, and after about 20 years, I hit bottom. No one on earth could help me -- and I certainly couldn't help myself. One day, I drove to a church and spent an hour talking to God. I begged for His forgiveness and help. I went to confession for the first time in 20 years and attended Mass that weekend.

Now that you know where I've been, I'd like to share why I do what I do today.

It was a Sunday homily by my friend and Pastor Father Dan Fallon (now deceased) that struck a chord. He said that it's not enough to go to Sunday Mass and receive Jesus. To be truly Catholic, we must give something in return: our time, talents, and treasure -- all gifts from God.

I thought it was time for me to give back. But then the doubts set in. What could I do -- Eucharistic Minister? Lector? Minister of Care? Do I really think I am worthy? Then I remembered that Jesus surrounded Himself with sinners. So, I said to myself "Here I am Lord."

I'm still on my faith journey, with its ups and downs. But today, I have Jesus and His Church walking beside me and guiding me. I thank Him daily for restoring my soul. All I have to do is believe and have faith.

Tony Lupinski



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

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

5:00 PM — +Joseph Martino (birthday), deceased members of the Ognibene family, +Electo Infante, +Kathleen Weber, +Thomas Byrne, +Pamela Kaczmariski, +Joan Tavrides

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

7:30 AM — +Helen & +Alexander Kolinski, +Edward Dyjak (birthday), +Anna, +Estelle, +Joseph & +Walter Dyjak, +Jo & +Ed Sanborn, +Emily Rodden, +Bridget Kelly, +Catherine Mulcrone (month's mind)

9:00 AM — +Tom Gutzman, +Adelina Cabrera Dela Rosa (birthday), +Gemeliano Cabrera (birthday), souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — +Adelina Cabrera Dela Rosa (birthday), +Gemeliano Cabrera (birthday), Madge Morrison (birthday & good health), +Marjorie Ostrowski, +Marilyn McGlade, +Peggy Hanley

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS

1:00 PM — +Cesar Hernandez Marin, Edson Granados, +Jesus & Adrian Hernandez, +Sandra Puma

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

8:30 AM — +Peter Eck, +Joseph Guidi, Dorothy Holden (birthday)

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

6:30 AM — for our parishioners

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

12:00 PM — LITURGY OF THE WORD SERVICE

4:00 PM — LITURGY OF THE WORD SERVICE

6:00 PM — +Carmen Rosario Castro

7:30 PM — (Spanish)

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

8:30 AM — Michael & Michele (good health)

11:00—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction

6:00 - 7:00 PM — bilingual CONFESSION

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

8:30 AM — +Richard Bekielewski Sr.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

8:30 AM — for the shut-ins of the parish

3:30 - 4:30 - CONFESSION

5:00 PM — +Don Love, +Kathleen Weber, +Thomas Byrne, +Bridget Byrne, +Fr. Edwin Pacocha, +Kathleen Greaney, +Madelynn Jacobs

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

7:30 AM — +for our parishioners

9:00 AM — +William Paul Durkin, +Eileen Maloney Durkin, +Edward Durkin, +Patrick Durkin, +Maureen Durkin

11:00 AM — +Reynold Salmi (anniversary), +Vicente Ormachea (anniversary), Julia Keeney (anniversary), +Fr. Edwin Pacocha, +for Julia Keeney

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS

1:00 PM — +Magaly Fernandez (5 mo. Anniversary), +Carlos Alexis Hernandez, Perez & Silvio Giraldo Monsan, +Adalberto Correa Garcia, +Esteban Rodriguez Monsalve

**Presider Schedule - February 21 & 22**

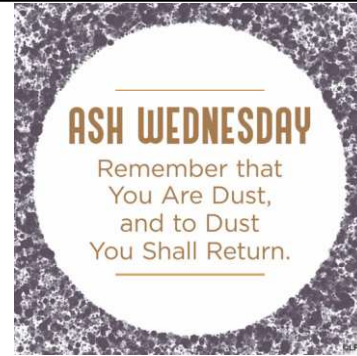
5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

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

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



**Please Make Your Gift to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal  
Together we bring light**

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 donate as you are able to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

**WE WILL HEAR CARDINAL CUPICH’S HOMILY THIS WEEKEND AND GO THROUGH THE IN-PEW COMMITMENT PROCESS**

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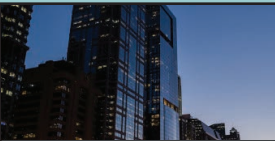
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## SERVICES

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*