



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



## APRIL 12, 2026

### *This week at St. Elizabeth...*

#### **Monday:**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary at 9:00 a.m.  
PPC/Finance/School Bd Mtg. 6:30 p.m.  
Parent Track Meeting 6:30 p.m.

#### **Tuesday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.m.  
Food Pantry 9:00 –10:00 a.m.  
Adoration 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Confession 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Benediction 6:00 p.m.  
Mass 6:30 p.m.  
This is our Faith 1:30 p.m.  
That Man is You 7:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.m.  
This is our Faith 6:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.m.  
Adoration 9:15 a.m. - 6:50 p.m.  
Confession 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Parents Club 6:00 p.m.  
Benediction 6:50 p.m.

#### **Friday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.m.  
Gamblers Anonymous 12:15 p.m.  
Alive & Grateful 7:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.m.  
Confession 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Mass 5:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday:**

Mass 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. (English)  
Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00 a.m.  
Confession 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.  
Spanish Mass 1:00 p.m.  
Spanish Mass Hospitality 2:15 p.m.



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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# FROM FR. DEO

April 12, 2026



## Jesus, I trust in You!

On this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, we conclude the Easter Octave—a time of deepening our understanding of Christ’s Resurrection. Pope Saint John Paul II explained that Divine Mercy is God’s loving response to a sinful world. In Jesus Christ, we find the fullest expression of God’s mercy, who compassionately sees our brokenness.

Jesus’ loving message was revealed to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, whom Saint John Paul II called “the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.” Jesus said to her: *“My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners... it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from my Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy”* (Diary, 367). Continuing, *“Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion”* (Diary, 1146).

In today’s Gospel, the risen Lord appears to His disciples, gathered in fear behind locked doors. Jesus brought them consolation, saying: *“Peace be with you.”* He shows them His wounds—signs of mercy—and entrusts them with the mission of forgiveness. When Thomas touches those wounds, his doubt is met with compassion and turns into faith: *“My Lord and my God!”* Christ’s wounds are not barriers, but open doors of mercy, calling us to trust in the Lord.

On this Sunday, we are invited to receive God’s mercy through Confession, Holy Communion, and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, especially at 3:00 p.m. No matter where we find ourselves—whether burdened by sin, uncertainty, or fear—Christ desires to forgive and heal us as He says to us: *“Peace be with you.”*

As we receive this gift of mercy in the Sunday Eucharist, the Risen Lord fills us with love and offers us forgiveness. As St. Faustina writes, *“From it (the Eucharist) I draw all my strength; in it is all my comfort. Jesus concealed in the Host is everything to me.”* (Diary, 1037).

In parish news, we warmly welcome our children as they begin the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, and I thank those who generously assist them. Everyone is invited to join us at 3:00 p.m. today for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the bilingual Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Confessions will also be available. Finally, I encourage you to register for the Women’s Bible Study in English, starting later this Spring. Come, deepen your faith and connect with fellow parishioners.

## Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

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

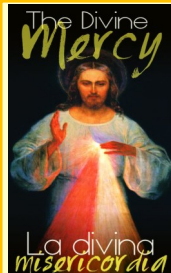
Fr. Deo





In the Gospel today, Jesus stands amid us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say: "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul poor box you say: "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.



### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



You are invited to join us **TODAY, Sunday, April 12, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3:00 p.m. in church** as we take time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and pray bilingually the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Confession will also be available.

**STARTS TODAY!**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD





Children in Pre-k through 2nd grade are invited to learn about the readings of the day and engage in activities that support the understanding of the gospel message.

 **Sunday Mass (4/12 - 5/17)**  
9:00 AM  
 **6020 W. Ardmore Ave.**  
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**EVENT  
POSTPONED**

**New Start Date Coming Soon. Sorry for the delay and confusion.**

**Questions? Contact Ashley Guinn**

**MASS with the ANOINTING OF THE SICK**



We will offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the **8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, April 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,” so you may receive this sacrament as often as you need it during your life.



**SICK LIST**

Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—Michele Schmidt—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—Rick Levins—Grace Luna—Marivic Ginete Malibiran—Larry Muench

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



**All Women of the Parish**

**Please join us today, Sunday, April 12, for our Women's Group Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Hospitality in the Auditorium. Our monthly meeting will start after at 10:45 a.m.**

**All Parishioners**

**All parishioners are invited to the Auditorium after the 9:00 a.m. Mass today for Hospitality. Coffee, juice, milk, and doughnuts will be served.**

**Everyone is also invited for Hospitality next Sunday after the 1:00 Spanish Mass in the auditorium.**



# Totus Tuus

## Registration is Open

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will be hosting Totus Tuus from July 12-17<sup>th</sup>.

The day program for grades 1-6 will run from 9am-230 pm Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>

The Evening Program for grades 7-12 will run from 6:30pm-8:45pm Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>-Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Contact Ashley Guinn

### WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS?

Totus Tuus is a week-long, summer youth retreat for young people in first through 12th grade. Participants will grow in their faith through skits, games, songs, the celebration of the sacraments, and engaging, interactive teaching. Hosted at 22 parishes, a Totus Tuus team of four college students and seminarians will inspire our young people with their energy and enthusiasm for the Catholic faith. They bring to our parish a zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and a missionary spirit. Their joy is contagious and will remind us that Jesus "came that we might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10).

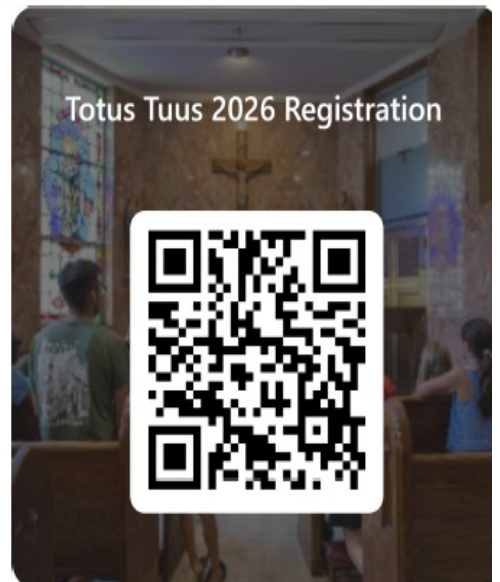
The Totus Tuus program is built upon five pillars: love for the Eucharist, Marian devotion, authentic catechesis, Christian vocations, and fun! Our hope is to deepen the relationship our young people have with the Lord Jesus, while showing them how exciting a lifetime adventure with the Lord can be.

A Totus Tuus promise: If you can convince your kids to come the first day, we promise you they'll want to come back the next day!

### Registration Link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6P8W6e41eK>

Totus Tuus 2026 Registration





# First Responders Mass



**St. Elizabeth of the Trinity**  
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**Sunday, April 26th 2026**



**9:00 am Mass**

• *Reception in Auditorium to Follow*

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## Save the Date **Candlelight Rosary** May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM

Hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council  
Coffee will be served following the service



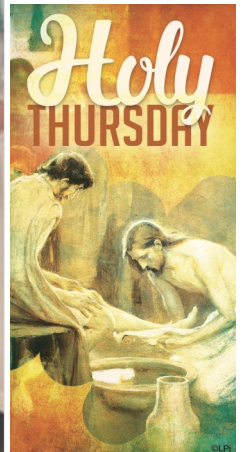
### **Note to the parish community**

I would like to share the news that our Operations Director, Mike Parilla, will be leaving his role at SEOTT in consideration of personal responsibilities. We appreciate his contribution to our parish and are grateful he will be continuing to serve as Operations Director within the Catholic Community at Our Lady of Ransom. Please keep Mike and his family in your prayers. The search for his replacement is underway. Mike will be with us through the on-boarding process of his replacement. Anyone interested in this position is encouraged to visit the Human Resource area of the Archdiocesan website for more information: [Operations Director - St. Elizabeth of the Trinity - Vic. II | Careers](#).

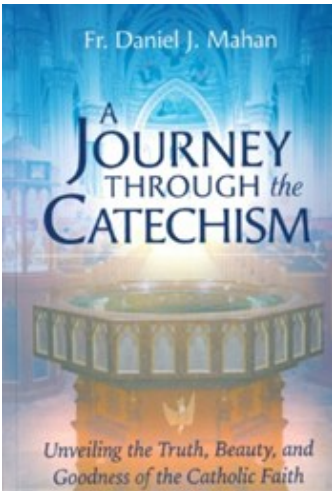
Fr. Deo

## The Last Supper

Our seventh-grade students of our school delivered a powerful and inspiring retelling of The Last Supper on Wednesday of Holy Week. Through their performance, they beautifully reflected on faith, friendship, and the deep significance of this sacred moment in history.



## Parishioners' Corner



It's free; it's once a week through May; it happens at SEOTT and it's offered on Tuesday afternoons (which I attend) as well as on Wednesday evenings. The hidden gem I am referring to is the "Review of Catechism" class hosted and presided by Jim Madura.

I learned my catechism in Catholic grade school many years ago. I know that Catholic doctrine and dogmas have not changed. However, the Church continues to understand and teach our faith in renewed ways over the centuries. I signed up for the SEOTT catechism classes because I wanted to review what I have forgotten, clear up what I may have misunderstood or missed, and learn about changes in how the Church administers our faith.

For these sessions at SEOTT, we use Fr. Daniel Mahan's book, *A Journey Through the Catechism*, which serves as our textbook. The work is divided into four categories or pillars based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Each chapter of Fr. Mahan's book concludes with a synopsis and some questions that ask the reader to reflect on what was just read. The actual *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, while not particularly hard or academic, is not an easy-to-read book for many. In contrast, Fr. Mahan's book is more understandable to the layperson, and the format is question/answer. The author explains how the teachings of the Church reflect Scripture and tradition. We have read and discussed topics such as the Trinity, Mass, the Sacraments, Mary, our resurrection, saints, and prayer.

The sessions, which are 90 minutes each, are scheduled through May 19 and May 20. So, there is still time to stop in the rectory, pick up a book, and join these sessions at SEOTT. We read two chapters a week, which takes about one hour depending on whether you reference the actual *Catechism*. You don't need your own copy of the *Catechism* to make the readings meaningful.

With these sessions, I am renewing and relearning my faith. In particular, I will be more knowledgeable and confident in explaining, professing and defending my Catholic faith to my non-Catholic friends. Also, it's been a great opportunity to meet and get to know other people in the parish. There are a few more weeks left and it's not too late to join in. Each "class" session stands alone and does not rely on the previous one. It's an experience I recommend.

Connie Polaniecki



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

**SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026**

5:00 PM — +Eugene Fraczkowski, +Don Love Jr.

**SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026**

7:30 AM — +Diane Sentowski, Milagrosa Constantino (health) Marytown Franciscan community & Bonaventure Province

9:00 AM — +Tom Gutzman, souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — +Janice Green, +Lillian Dresmol, Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health), Jennie Tourville, +Maria, +Nicholas, & +Ricardo Ortiz, +Celina Marie Cubero

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Cesar Roman Rodriguez (RIP), +Carmen Burgos, +Margarita, +Mercedes & +Nicholas Soto, +Jose & +Alma Guzman, Isaiah Soto (keep in God's graces), Monica Cisneros (health)

3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet

**MONDAY APRIL 13, 2026**

8:30 AM — +Arlene Mondack, +Matthew & +Margaret Futterer, +Lorraine, +John, +Martin, +Richard, & +Brian Fulara, Meredith Cichetti, Milagrosa Constantino (health)

**TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2026**

8:30 AM — +Patsy McDonough (birthday), +Anna Pawlik (RIP)

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 APRIL 15, 2026**

8:30 AM — Robert F. Taylor

**THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2026**

8:30 AM — the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity school family

9:15—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction

6:00 - 7:00 PM - CONFESSION

**FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2026**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026**

8:30 AM — +Larry Shinnik (RIP), +Donald Darkes (RIP)

3:30 - 4:30 PM - CONFESSION

5:00 PM — +deceased members of the Ognibene family, +William Rohaly

**SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2026**

7:30 AM — +Ed Sanborn (24th anniversary), +Jo Sanborn, +Helen & +Alexander Kolinski, +Anna, +Estelle, +Joseph, +Walter & Dyjak, +Rose Dyjak (7th anniversary)

9:00 AM — Marytown Franciscan community & Bonaventure Provinces +souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — +Bridget Byrne, +Judith Czerkies

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — +Cesar Hernandez Marin, +Cesar Roman Rodriguez (RIP), +Carmen Burgos, +Margarita, +Mercedes & +Nicholas Soto, Isaiah Soto (keep in God's grace)

**Presider Schedule - April 18 & 19**

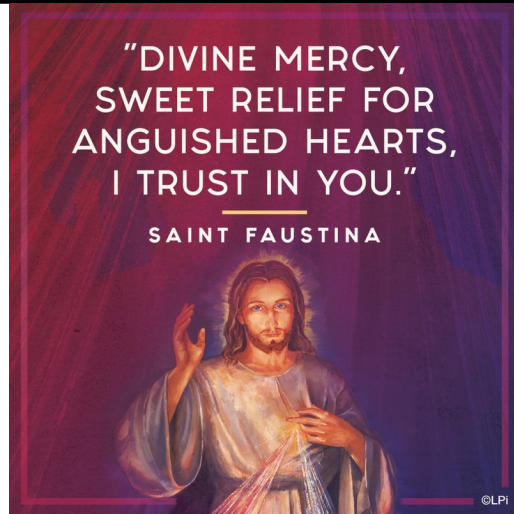
5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ

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

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo



Paul Shallcross

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
 Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr  
 Tuesday:  
 Wednesday: Tax Day  
 Thursday:  
 Friday:  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - April 12, 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

*“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)*

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I’d want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

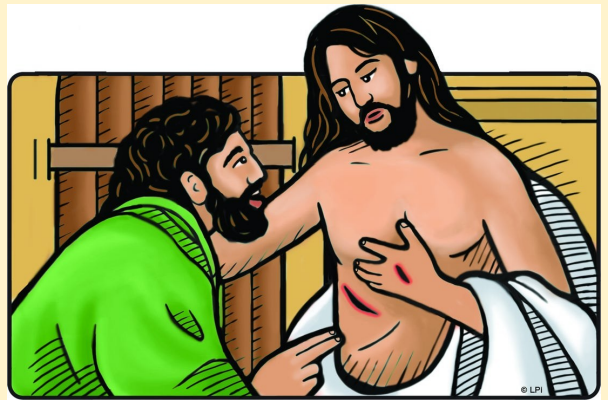
Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— Father John Muir

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and a Confession Guide



## 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*