



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



## MAY 17, 2026

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

#### **Monday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.m.  
Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m.  
Spanish Community 7:00 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.  
This Is Our Faith 1:30 p.m.  
Confession 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Benediction 6:00 p.m.  
Mass 6:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.m.  
This Is Our Faith 6:30 p.m.  
Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Women's Club Mtg 6:30 p.m. at Kolping

#### **Thursday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:15 a.m.  
Adoration 9:15 a.m. - 6:50 p.m.  
Confession 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Benediction 6:50 p.m.  
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Name Pig Roast

#### **Friday:**

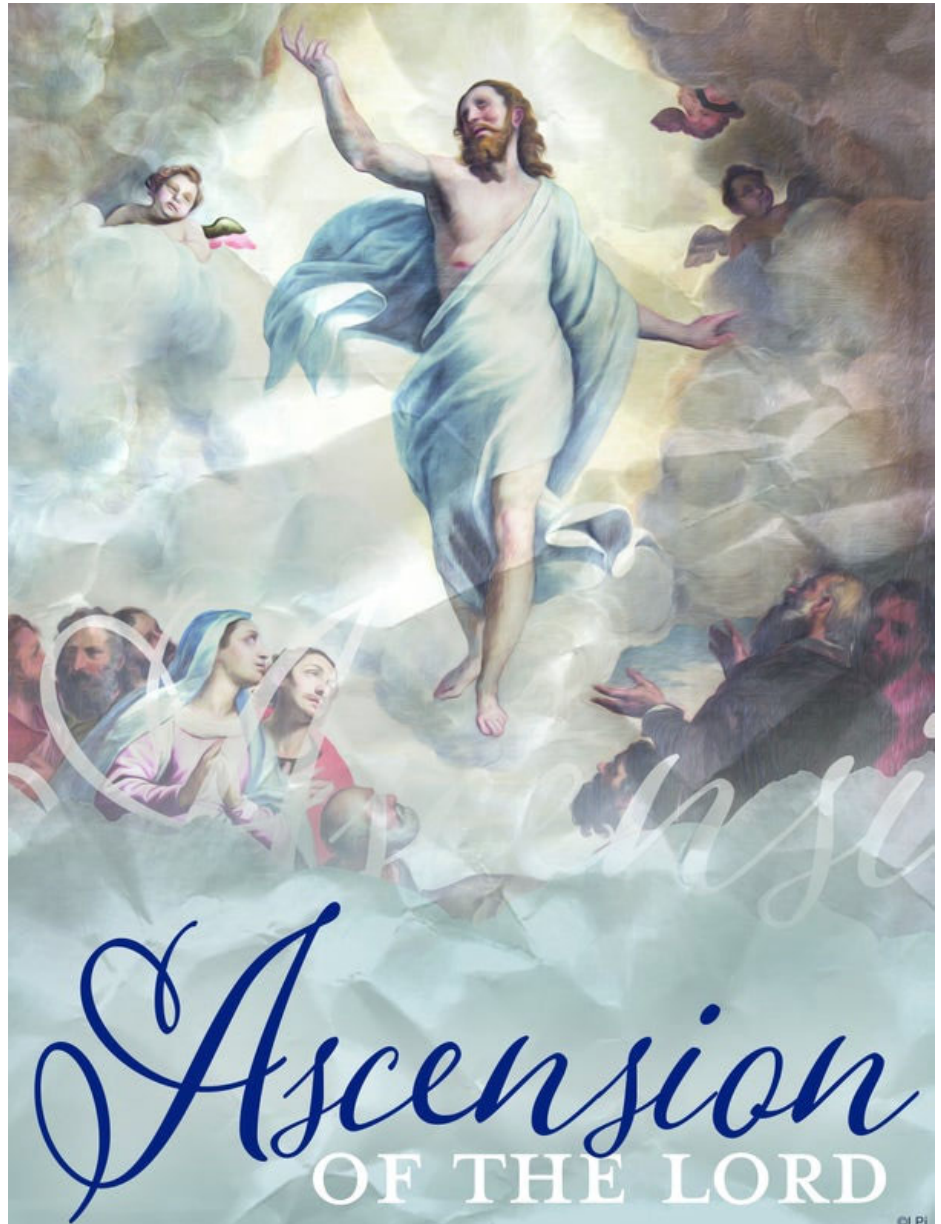
Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.m.  
Rosary 2:15 p.m.  
Gamblers Anonymous 12:15 p.m.  
Alive & Grateful 7:00 p.m.

#### **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.



### *Our 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.*

May 17, 2026

## The Ascension of the Lord



Peace to you!

As we celebrate today the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the Gospel presents us once again with Jesus' comforting promise: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." We can't help but think of the Ascension as a moment of farewell, of departure. After all, Jesus is physically leaving the earth by ascending upwards to Heaven. However, as Christians, we celebrate this solemnity rather as an assurance of Christ's unshakeable presence among us. Even though He is ascending to the right hand of the Father, Christ does not abandon His Church in the process. Jesus remains ever present through His Word in the Gospel, through one another's presence, and chiefly through the

Holy Eucharist. No matter what sort of trials we go through in our lives, Christ is our rock and our refuge. He said it Himself: "I am with you always!"

This solemnity also holds special meaning for me personally. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, I celebrated the fifth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. By God's grace and love, I celebrated my first Mass as a priest on the Solemnity of the Ascension. Every year, this feast reminds me of the tremendous gift I received from Christ Himself. To be a priest is to receive an indescribable gift that I get to share with everyone I encounter, especially all of you, my parish family. I am deeply grateful for all your prayers, support, and encouragement throughout these formational years as a priest of Jesus Christ. As I celebrate this special milestone in my priesthood, I ask you to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Share with the young people in your life that serving Christ is an incredible gift; it is a life full of wonderful, blessed surprises, as one follows the Lord.

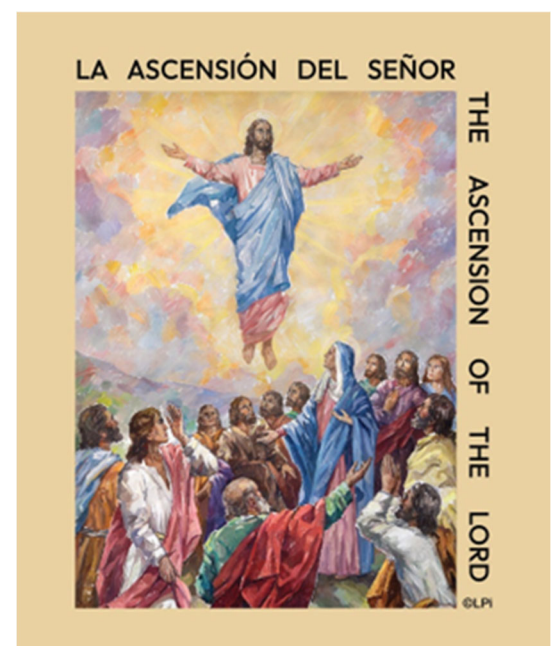
Today, we will be having our Mother's Day Raffle drawing during the hospitality gathering after the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle and our parish ministries through your generosity. Your support helps strengthen the life of our parish community and the many ways we seek to serve one another.

Finally, we invite everyone to save the date for our Annual Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, which will be bilingual. Corpus Christi is one of the most beautiful opportunities we have as a parish family to publicly witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we process together with the Blessed Sacrament around our parish campus, we proclaim that Christ walks with His people and remains truly present among us.

Following the procession, all are warmly invited to a parish-wide potluck. It will be a great opportunity to continue sharing together at table after first sharing at the Heavenly Table of the Eucharist. We invite parishioners to bring a dish, dessert, or beverage to share with the community. Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule after Masses this weekend and next so that you may let us know what you would like to bring. We hope many of our families will join us for this joyful celebration of faith and fellowship.

Peace!

Fr. Leo





Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through His disciples... and now through us.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society (through the parish office) so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.



## SPECIAL PENTECOST BLESSING

**Next weekend the Church will celebrate Pentecost.** Many people think of this day as the birthday of the Church. In commemoration of this special day, we will offer a special blessing/ commissioning of all lay ministers here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.

**At all Masses, after the homily**, anyone involved in any of the following ministries will be asked to stand: **Altar Servers, Art & Environment, Catechists, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Collection Counters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Finance Council, Food Pantry, Gardeners, Holy Name, Lectors, Livestreaming, Ministers of Care, Music, One Parish One Prisoner, Parish Council, Prayer Shawl, Rescue Project, Respect Life, Sacramental Preparation, School Board, Spanish Prayer Group, SPRED, St. Vincent de Paul, That Man Is You, This is our Faith, Ushers, Women's Bible Study and Women's Group.**

As you can see, there are many and varied ways you can participate in the life of the parish by sharing your time and talent in one or more of these ministries.

At Pentecost, listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and seriously reflect on how you are being called to serve the Church through this parish. Ask some of the people who stand at Mass why they do what they do. You are needed...you are being called. Will you answer the call?



### All Women of the Parish

Please join us **today, May 17, for our Women's Group Mass at 9:00 a.m.** followed by Hospitality in the Gym. *(Come and see Children's Liturgy set up!)*

We hope to also see you at the last meeting of the year on **Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Kolping Center 5626 N. Elston Ave.** Details to follow.

### All Parishioners

All parishioners are invited to **Hospitality today, May 17, in the Gym after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** Coffee, juice, milk, and doughnuts will be served. *(Come and see Children's Liturgy set up!)*

**Hospitality will also be offered after the 1:00 Spanish Mass today in the Auditorium.**





JOIN US!  
**FOR OUR CORPUS CHRISTI  
 PROCESSION**

SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING THE  
 11AM BILINGUAL MASS

**STAY WITH US AFTER THE  
 PROCESSION!  
 WE WILL GATHER IN THE  
 AUDITORIUM FOR A PARISH  
 POTLUCK**

\* PLEASE  
 NOTE: THERE  
 WILL BE NO  
 12PM  
 CONFESSIONS  
 & NO 1PM  
 SPANISH  
 MASS ON THIS  
 DAY

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 PARISHIONERS TO  
 BRING A DISH,  
 DESSERT OR  
 BEVERAGE TO  
 SHARE.**

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 DROP OFF  
 FOOD IN THE  
 AUDITORIUM  
 BEFORE THE  
 11AM MASS



**PRAYER SHAWL**

On Monday, May 18, we will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the art room of the school and continue making our beautiful Prayer Shawls to comfort those who need to be wrapped in prayer and a comforting shawl. Join us in this rewarding ministry. We were present at the Mass of the Anointing in April. Many people were able to choose a shawl for themselves, or a friend. Come join us for an evening of camaraderie and joy as we plan and design these comforting shawls. No experience needed. Just willing hands to comfort others. Questions? Call Carol at 773-849-4432. See you Monday!



**SICK LIST**

Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—Michele Schmidt—  
 Nelda Garza—Jimmy Retondo—Elizabeth Hofstede—Donna Kolinski—JoAnn Keto—  
 MaryAnn Hermesdorf—Lidia Piper—John Kottra—Rosemary Marinello—Marion Calvino—Sarah Martin—  
 Giovanni Randazzo—Rick Levins—Grace Luna—Marivic Ginete Malibiran—Larry Muench—Peggy Larsen  
*(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed.)*



# Welcome

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## Deacon Charles 'Charley' Shallcross

I am very pleased and excited to become part of Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish!

I was born and raised on the Northwest Side of Chicago. I attended De Paul University, and for many years I worked in the corporate business world.

My wife Veronica and I were active in Saint Pascal Parish for over 40 years. She taught first grade at St. Pascal School, and we have been involved with many of the parish organizations such as Holy Name, Saint Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Bereavement Ministry, Lector, and Altar Server Instruction.

I was asked about possibly entering the diaconate program several times, and after much reflection I began the aspirancy process of discernment. I was ordained to the diaconate in May of 2019.

At that time, I switched careers. I had been volunteering at Resurrection Hospital, and I enjoyed that work very much, so I started Clinical Pastoral Education and became a full-time chaplain. I was first at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, and later was with Kindred Hospice. I continue to do chaplain visits and Communion services at care centers, hospitals, and private homes.

My grandchildren attend St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School, so I am very happy to be serving as a part of their parish.

Father Deo, Father Leo, and the entire staff and community of St. Elizabeth have been very gracious and welcoming, and I look forward to meeting everyone and being a part of this wonderful community!



Donations toward our school's Fun Run are being accepted through the end of May.

Please support our school!

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of the  
*Lord*

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la  
*Ascensión*  
del  
*Señor*

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## Sharing Families-Rwanda

If you're not familiar with the inspiring 10+ year story of our generous parish support for Station School in Rwanda – or would like a review – please see the insert from the October 8, 2023 Sunday Bulletin. Below is a link to the picture-filled report on our parish website.

<https://stelizabethtrinity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Station-School-Rwanda.pdf>

What has been the impact of your generous support?

- When we started our journey with Station School, its national rank was 28%.
- First, we introduced the sponsorship program that included hygiene supplies, and that nudged the ranking a bit higher.
- Then, we started the lunch program, and the ranking moved up to 33%.
- Today – 10 years later – the ranking has jumped to an impressive 92%.

When visiting with the teachers in November 2025, they informed us about the struggles the students experience when taking the national exam. The reason that the students struggle is because they do not regularly take tests, so it is a bit daunting when it's time for the all-important national test. The teachers asked if we could provide a printer which could be used to provide the students with practice tests throughout the school year. This would boost the confidence of the students when it comes time to take the national exam.

Thanks to your generosity, we have provided a printer for the school. The next milestone? To reach a 95% ranking by the end of the year.

*The teacher's message to the Sharing Families:*

“May God bless you for the serious work you are doing for our students. Words cannot explain how grateful we are. Many of our students had no hope for tomorrow, and now because of you, they have hope.”



*new printer*



*students praying with our rosaries*



*new supplies arrive*

I am heading to the Station School this month. I am confident that there will be more good news to come. May God Bless you for your kindness and ongoing support of this impactful project.

Our motto is simple: ***Helping one child will not change the world however, for that one child the world will be forever changed.***

### **Want to participate?**

You can sponsor a student or donate any amount at any time by making a check payable to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. (Please be sure to **mark on the memo portion of your check “Station School”**). The cost for sponsorship is \$25.00 per student. You can also donate online via ParishSoft.com. **Please select Station School (Rwanda).**

Follow our progress on this remarkable journey at [www.stelizabethtrinity.org](http://www.stelizabethtrinity.org) and see the hope and smiles in the eyes of the children. We have given them the gift of a brighter future and we have received the gift of an extended family.

God bless,

**Bobbie DuMelle**

## School May Crowning

A beautiful reminder of faith, growth, and tradition took place during the school Mass on May 7 – our Crowning of Mary. As our second graders begin their journey with First Communion, our eighth graders prepare to close a special chapter at St. Elizabeth. One group just beginning, another ready to spread their wings — both forever part of our school family.



## From Myth to Faith

When I learned to read, my favorite subject was fairy tales along with Greek and Roman mythology. The enchanting fantasy cast me into a world outside of my own. Then, in high school and college I discovered the writings of Tolkien and C.S. Lewis who wrote of courageous hobbits and lions who were willing to give their lives for others. Since then, my reading interest has shifted to other fiction and nonfiction subjects.

In February, I attended a book presentation and signing. This author is a man of letters, Martin Shaw, who holds a PhD in Myths and is a born-again Christian. He believes that legends and storytelling are important to reaching maturity in our faith journey. He dramatically retold an age-old story of a young man named “No Song” whose great ambition was to sing for people even though he had a terrible singing voice. Deciding he didn’t fit in with the villagers, he lived on the outskirts near the forest.

A fox (who smokes cigarettes according to Shaw) approaches “No Song” and gets a strong whiff of the aromatic stew “No Song” is cooking. The fox proposes a deal. In exchange for all of “No Song’s” stew, the fox will give him the gift of an enchanting voice. The swap takes place, and “No Song” is able to sing a “Sacred Song”—but this gift is only to be used for special occasions such as weddings, Baptisms, funerals, and the like.

“No Song” returns to the village with the new name of “Beautiful Song” and uses his gift to serve the community. However, he ultimately begins to use it not only at Sacred occasions (as he had promised the fox) but also for his own selfish purposes. One day while “Beautiful Song” is sleeping, the fox returns and takes back the gift of beautiful singing.

The moral of this story was easy for me to understand. I should be using my gifts with the purpose of serving others, and if not, the gifts might be lost. An interesting thought I had when Shaw finished his story is that the fox could have been God, or the devil, or even me—a weakened human being.

Shaw expressed a view of the Gospels which I had never heard. He said that the Gospels read like a myth: A man (Jesus) is born a fugitive; He dies an outlaw; and then He comes back in glory to the astonishment of all! Now that sounds like fantasy! The difference is that it is a true story—not a myth—but the wonderful, real-life story of Jesus.

Sometimes, when I think of my past fascination with fantasy and myths, I feel a little foolish. However, after hearing Shaw’s presentation I have a better understanding of why these stories are helpful in teaching us about life’s choices. I know, more than ever, that the Gospels, as fantastical as they seem, are the ultimate, real-life story. One point that Shaw did not address that evening is that faith is needed to believe in the Gospels. My gift of faith makes this story believable for me and that makes all the difference.

Connie Polaniecki



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

**SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026**

5:00 PM — +Angela Alfonso, +Bridget P. Byrne, +Patsy McDonough (33rd anniversary), +Pat and +Katie Beirne, +Don Love, +Joanne Kraft, +Thomas Byrne

**SUNDAY MAY 17, 2026**

7:30 AM — Marytown Franciscan community & Bonaventure Province  
 9:00 AM — +Tom Gutzman, +Paul Shallcross, +souls in Purgatory  
 11:00 AM — +Anne Leonard  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — Petra Hernandez (birthday), Rizo Cruz family, Sidronio Pacheco (recovery), +Esteban Rodriguez (100th birthday), +Silvio Giraldo (birthday)

**MONDAY MAY 18, 2026**

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

**TUESDAY MAY 19, 2026**

8:30 AM — for those in our prayer garden  
 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 MAY 20, 2026**

8:30 AM — for those on our memorial trees & boards

**THURSDAY MAY 21, 2026**

8:30 AM — Frank Gauss IV, +Joyce Jaszczor  
 9:15—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM - CONFESSION

**FRIDAY MAY 22, 2026**

8:30 AM — +John J. O'Connor

**SATURDAY MAY 23, 2026**

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish  
 3:30 - 4:30 PM - CONFESSION  
 5:00 PM — Marlene Warmowski, +Pat and +Katie Beirne, +Don Love, Jr., +Susan Woods, +Barbara Coyne, +Mary Coyne

**SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026**

7:30 AM — +Helen Kolinski (birthday), +Alexander Kolinski, +Jo & +Ed Sanborn, +Anna, +Estelle, +Joseph, +Walter & +Edward Dyjak  
 9:00 AM — +Philip Bober (anniversary), Marytown Franciscan community & Bonaventure Province + souls in Purgatory  
 11:00 AM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health)  
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION  
 1:00 PM — Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez (30th birthday), +Magalay Fernandez RIP, Petra Hernandez (birthday), Sidronio Pacheco (recovery), Rizo Cruz family

**Presider Schedule - May 23 & 24**

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. Daniel Villalobos / organ  
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day  
 Monday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr  
 Tuesday:  
 Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
 Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
 Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday  
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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

## Trinity Gala Dinner & Raffle Tickets on Sale Next Weekend

The Trinity Gala promises to bring our parish community together in a fresh and celebratory way. It all unfolds on **Saturday evening, Nov. 14, 2026, at the Ridgemoor Country Club in Harwood Heights.**

Before and after Masses next weekend – May 23/24 – we'll be selling Trinity Gala dinner tickets as well as tickets for the Cash Raffle.

Dinner tickets are \$90 each (tables of 10) and raffle tickets are \$20 each.

Details are on the parish website. Or stop by and see us before or after all Masses next weekend to find out more.

Bonus! Everyone who buys a Trinity Gala raffle ticket (and gives us their stubs) in the month of May will have a chance to win one of the three great gift cards for local eateries that we'll be drawing for.

***The Trinity Gala – celebrating our patron saint and our parish community!***

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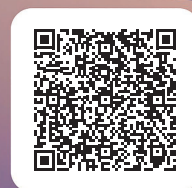


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## SERVICES

### 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 Bzdón to make arrangements:  
[gbzdón@archchicago.org](mailto:gbzdón@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*