



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



AUGUST 2, 2026

This week at St. Elizabeth...

Monday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Food Pantry 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Exposition 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.

Wednesday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Thursday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Exposition 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.

Friday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Gamblers Anonymous 12:15 p.m.

Spanish Group 6:30 p.m.

Alive & Grateful 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Rosary 9:30 a.m.

Baptism Preparation Class 9:30 a.m.

Confession 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Mass 5:00 p.m.

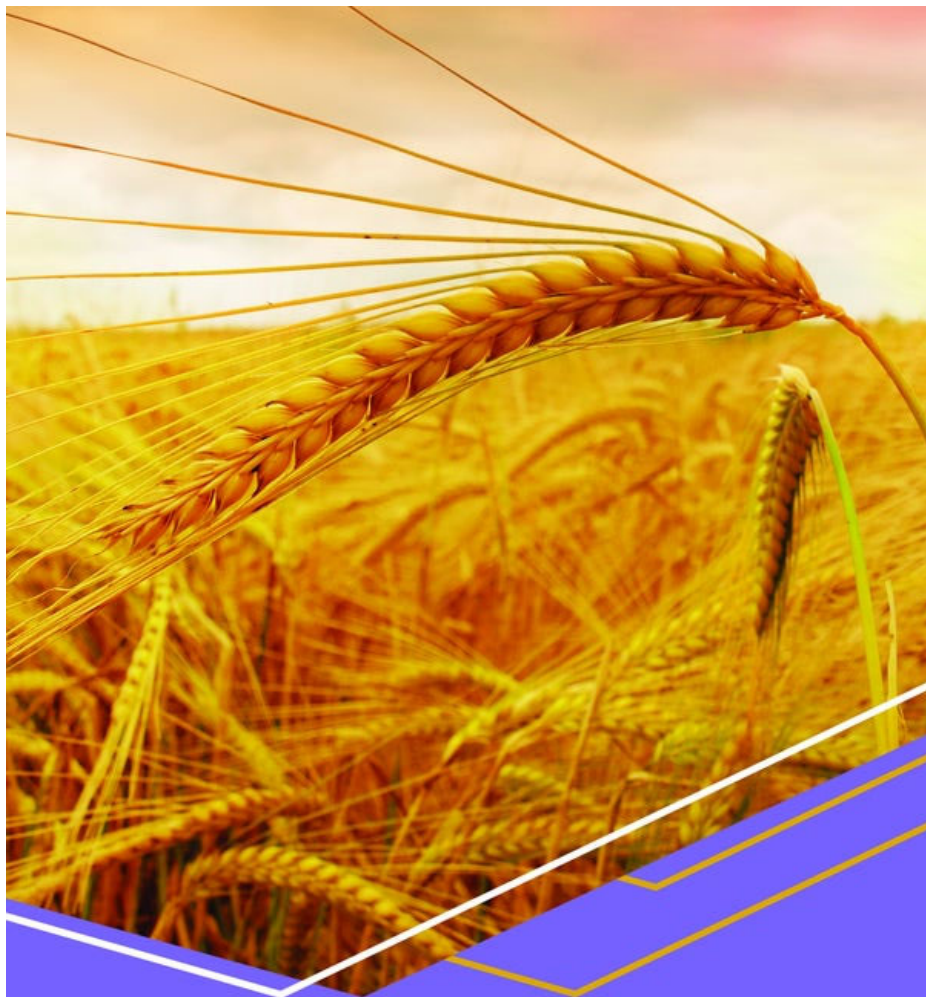
***Gala Dinner & Raffle tickets available
at 5:00 Saturday & all Sunday Masses***

Sunday:

Mass 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. (English)

Confession 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

Mass 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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.***

FROM FR. DEO

August 2, 2026



Seventeen Years as a Priest

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, I would like to share with you my joy and gratitude to God for the gift of priesthood. Seventeen years ago, on August 1, 2009, I was ordained a priest and promised to serve God and His people. Looking back, I can say with gratitude: God is good all the time... All the time God is good! He has been gracious and faithful to me.

At just 12 years old, after the genocide in Rwanda, I began asking myself what I would do with my life and who I wanted to become. As my country was recovering from that tragedy, I longed for goodness and healing. I wanted to become a man of God, help unite people, and heal wounded hearts. Along the way, I encountered the life and witness of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, from whom I learned the love of God, the Eucharist, and a (com)passion for souls. Like Isaiah, I felt unworthy, “a man with unclean lips...;” yet I heard the Lord ask, “Whom shall I send? And Who will go for us” (Isiah 6:8) My answer became, “Here I am, send me.” My priestly calling is to bring Christ to His people, feeding them with God's Word and sacramental grace, and bringing them to Him.

Let me share a few memorable moments from my priestly journey. In my first year as a priest, I dreamed that I was late for my morning Mass. I woke up at 2:00 a.m., rushed to get ready, only to discover that it was still dark outside! I guess God warned me not to be late to my own Mass! When I was learning Spanish and could barely speak it, I once forgot my written homily in my room. I began sweating before the Gospel proclamation as I realized that I had no notes. I prayed to the Holy Spirit, and that day, I am still not sure what language I spoke—but somehow, people understood the message! God is Good!

During the COVID-19 lockdown, I was alone in the rectory at St. Procopius Parish in the Pilsen area, Chicago. Each Thursday, we exposed the Blessed Sacrament in the prayer garden, where people gathered safely at a distance. I will always be grateful for the hope Jesus brought to His people during those difficult days.

When I became seriously ill with COVID-19 in September 2020, I experienced the community's love in a special way. People brought food, water, and medicine to my door simply because they cared. Throughout my priesthood, I have seen people die peacefully after receiving the holy Anointing; I have witnessed the brokenhearted leave Mass or Confession with renewed hope and joy. I have witnessed God's grace in countless ways, and for all of them, I am deeply grateful. I also humbly ask forgiveness from God and anyone I may have failed to see, hear, or accompany as I should have.

In 2009, Barak Obama became President of the US, and smartphones began to shift from a technology gadget for a few to a mainstream device. Indeed, in the past 17 years a lot has changed in our society and our world. What has not changed is that a priest is chosen from the community to serve the community (See He 5:1). I am especially grateful to you, my parish family, for sharing your faith, your joys and struggles with me. I pray that each one of you finds room in my priestly heart. Please pray for me, for all priests, and for those discerning their vocation. The world needs priests because the world needs Christ.

May the Lord continue to call many young men to say yes to the beautiful and demanding gift of the priesthood.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr Deo





In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, He blessed them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

Know that your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society helps those living in poverty just like the loaves and fishes touched many in Jesus' time.

Trinity Gala News and Updates

Members of the Gala Committee will be at all Masses next weekend, Aug. 8 & 9, to sell Raffle and Dinner tickets and answer Program Book questions

Congratulations to Donna Quirk, the winner of our third in a series of bonus Early Bird "Trinity Gala" Raffle ticket drawings for a gift card at Kamari Kafe.



For the next few months, we'll continue to draw one name from among those who have purchased tickets for the Trinity Gala Cash Raffle, which is being held in conjunction with the Trinity Gala event, set for Saturday evening, November 14, at the Ridgemoor Country Club.

Also as part of the Trinity Gala, every attendee will receive a keepsake Program Book, which will have space available for business ads and personal messages.



Often these personal message ads start with, "A special Thank You to..." or "Best wishes to (name) on the occasion of..." or "Congratulations on your anniversary..." or "Way to Go...for a special accomplishment." Lots of possibilities!

You can reserve as much as a full page in the Program Book or as little as a 30-character message. More information is available on the parish website, or with the QR code below.

Or stop by our Trinity Gala table before and after all Masses, August 8-9, to learn more about personal message ads in the Program Book. Also, Committee Members will be selling Event and Raffle tickets.

For more information about the Trinity Gala, check out the Parish website:

<https://stelizabethtrinity.org//trinity-gala-save-the-date-november-14-2026/>

For Gala Program Book Ads



**For Gala Dinner Tickets
\$90 each**



**For Gala Raffle Tickets
\$20 each**



Religious Education



Join Us for RE for the 2026-27 School Year

Registration is now open for children from 1st to 8th grade. Forms are available on our website, at the back of church, or by using the QR code above.

Tuition for this upcoming year will be \$275 plus \$75 for each additional child and there is a \$100 sacramental fee if your child will receive a sacrament this year. Our first class is Sunday September 13th from 10:00-11:30 and the full calendar can be found online.

We look forward to helping your child to grow in their faith and love for Jesus!

We can always use more help if you would like to be a catechist or a classroom aid please contact Ashley Guinn in the parish office.



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

Join Us for Rescue Project Starting August 31st at 6:30 pm



Why is there something
rather than nothing?

Why is everything so
obviously messed up?

What if anything has God
done about it?

How should I respond?



How Our Past Participants Described Their Experience of Encountering Jesus in the Rescue Project:

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

“ It was enlightening and thought provoking”

“ I enjoyed meeting new people and talking
about faith openly”

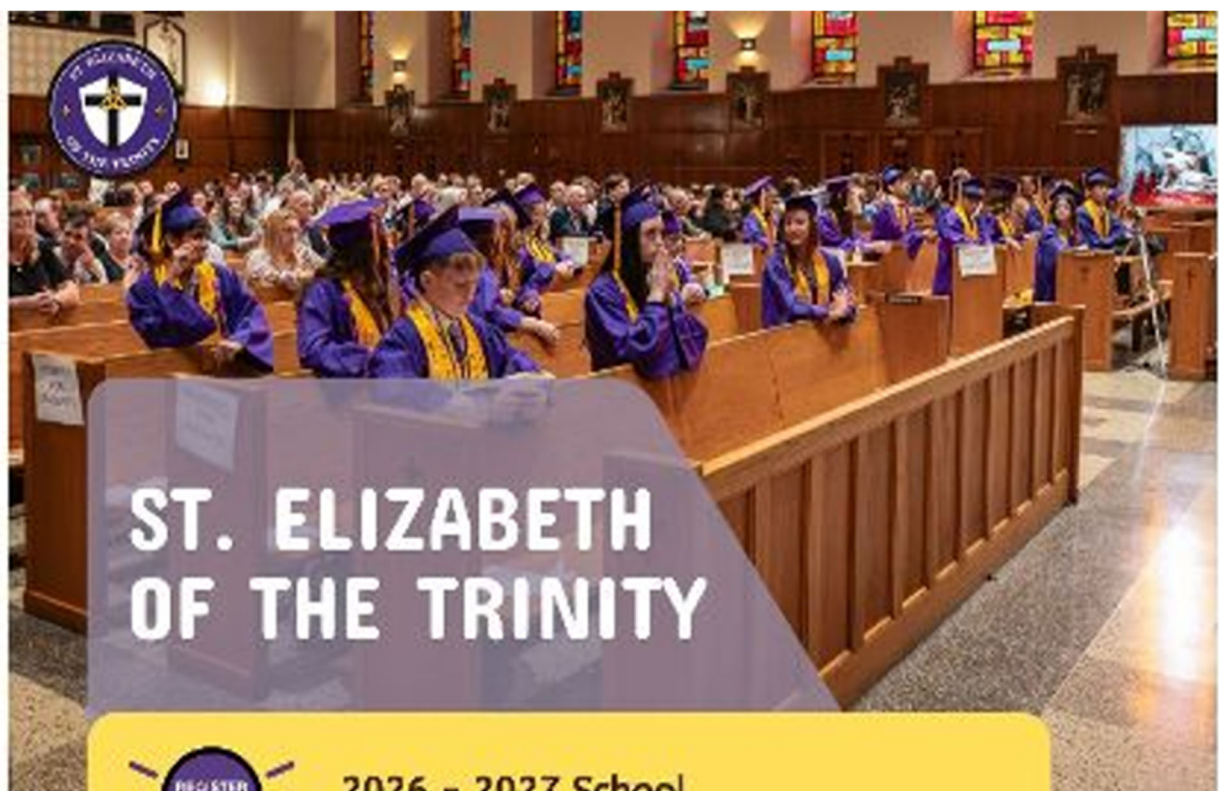
“I enjoyed the interaction with my table mates
and hearing their perspectives.”

“It was worth hearing and being reminded
about what is really important”

Come join us each week for some
hospitality followed by an
engaging video and faith sharing
conversation. If you want more
information or to register please
email Ashley at
aguinn@archchicago.org, call the
parish office or use the QR Code

Ever ask yourself these questions?
We invite you to join us for The Rescue
Project.
Together we can discover The Story.





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in our church.

Let us place ourselves,
our families and our parish
under her motherly protection.

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA,
PRAY FOR US!

Parishioners' Corner

The Importance of a Parish Priest

I have known Fr. McCarthy for many, many years and I was just delighted to see him and all the people who were at his recent 85th birthday party.

My story about how I met Fr. McC has to do with my horrific fear of rodents. About 40 years ago or so, I lived with my two little daughters in Lincoln Square in Chicago. Our cat discovered a mouse in our kitchen and picked it up with her mouth and came into our front room. I was horrified and my oldest daughter (about 10 years old) took the mouse and carried it out into our backyard - she knew how scared I was. The next morning, I decided I had to get out of Lincoln Square and move into an apartment further west. I registered at the church that was close to us - Our Lady of Victory. Fr. McCarthy was one of the priests there and I made arrangements to meet with him and our friendship began. His spirituality, his Irishness, and his pleasant personality was wonderful and we became friends and I became very eager to participate in the things that were going on in the parish. Fr. McCarthy basically healed any wounds I had and encouraged me to participate in what went on in church, which I did. I am deeply grateful to God for putting me into Our Lady of Victory and deeply grateful for all I've been able to do over the years and the many blessings I've received. My gratitude is just growing more and more.

- Mary Wudtke

The July 1 gathering in honor of Fr. McCarthy's 85th birthday gave us, as a community, an opportunity to celebrate with someone we all love and respect.

Fr. McCarthy, as well as the other priests and deacons in our parish, provide us with spiritual strength in an often-challenging world.

- Mary Ellen Gold

Father McCarthy will be recognized at the Trinity Gala on Saturday, November 14, at the Ridgemoor Country Club, for his many years of dedicated service.

Father McCarthy served as pastor of St. Tarcissus from July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2011 and has continued to serve the parish since then as Pastor Emeritus.

THANK YOU DONORS!

Part of what made the July 1 celebration of Fr. McCarthy's 85th birthday so delightful was the great array of donated desserts.

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

Chicago Sweet Connection Bakery
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Please be sure to patronize their businesses!



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

SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026

5:00 PM — +Keith Walker, +Don Love, +James Donovan (anniversary), +Margaret Keogh (anniversary)

SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2026

7:30 AM — +Valerie Adrian Davis (RIP), Marytown Franciscan community & Bonaventure Province

9:00 AM — +Richard A Deck, +Gerry Biala, +John & +Gloria Wojnicki, +souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario (health), +Joe Gardner (birthday), Joseph Gardner, +Norbert Rendak (1st anniversary)

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish Mass) +Sodronio Pacheco, +Julia Suarez, +Jesus Chacon, Rizo Cruz family

MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2026

8:30 AM — +deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families

TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2026

8:30 AM — +Barbara Duczynski, Eleanor, Grace, Sam & Joe Holden

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 AUGUST 5, 2026

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

THURSDAY AUGUST 6, 2026

8:30 AM — Mark Brown, +Lorraine, +John, +Martin, +Richard & +Brian Fulara, +Matthew & +Margaret Futterer, +Hector P. Magnanao

92150—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction

6:00 - 7:00 PM — CONFESSION

7:00 PM — Spanish Mass

FRIDAY AUGUST 7, 2026

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina (health)

SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2026

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

1:00 PM — WEDDING — Steve Kurtz & Shannon Rose

3:30 - 4:30 PM - CONFESSION

5:00 PM — +Don Love Jr.

SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2026

7:30 AM — +Franciscan community & Bonaventure Province

9:00 AM — ++souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — Danny Cabbot Jr. (birthday) +Brian Brady, +Carmen Rosario Castro

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish Mass) +Sodronio Pacheco, +Jesus Chacon, +Pedro Lopez, Antonio Espinoza (help in recovery)

Presider Schedule - August 8 & 9

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Leo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo



WEDDING BANNS



III - Steve Kurtz & Shannon Rose



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Paul Szumski

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

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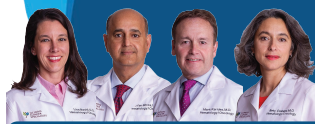
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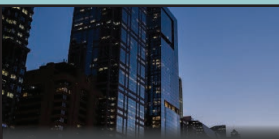
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SERVICES

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) Summer Hours: Monday - Friday- 9:00 a.m. -
4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 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*