



# ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



## JULY 19, 2026

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

#### **Monday:**

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Rosary 9:00 a.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.  
Gala Committee meeting 6:30 p.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.  
Confession 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Mass 5:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday:**

Mass 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. (English)  
Confession 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.  
Mass 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Spanish Cornerstone Dinner 2:15 p.m.



## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom  
of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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

July 19, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

In today's Gospel (Matt 13:24-43), Jesus continues His teaching through parables, using familiar images from everyday agricultural life. Growing up in Rwanda, one of the most challenging chores on our family farm was pulling weeds from the cornfield. It required patience and careful attention because it was easy to mistake a young corn plant for a weed and accidentally pull it out.

My brother and I learned that lesson the hard way. One day, our mother asked us to weed the large garden behind our house, where she had planted corn and peas. The corn was still very small and growing among the weeds. Eager to impress our mom—and secretly hoping for a reward of candy—we enthusiastically volunteered for the job.

Everything was going well until our friends came by and distracted us. We spent more time talking than paying attention to what we were pulling. By the time we finished, we had removed not only the weeds, but also a good number of the young corn plants! My mother was not pleased. Instead of receiving candy, we earned a temporary ban from working in the garden until we learned to pay closer attention.

That childhood experience beautifully illustrates today's Gospel. In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the servants want to pull out the weeds immediately, but the master says, "Let them grow together until the harvest." God's patience is wiser than our haste. He gives us time to repent, grow, and bear good fruit because He sees not only who we are today, but also who we can become through His grace.

Like the field in the Gospel, each of us has both wheat and weeds. Yet God never gives up on us. Through His Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He patiently transforms our hearts into a rich harvest of holiness.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of today's Gospel is patience - patience with ourselves and with others. Parents need patience as they raise their children. Married couples need patience with one another. Parish communities need patience as they grow together. We all need patience because God is still at work in every heart until harvest time.

In Parish news, we are delighted to have the beautiful new image of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity in our church. It is displayed near the presider's chair, where it will inspire us to seek her intercession and deepen our devotion to our patron saint. More information about the image and its symbolism will be shared soon. We are deeply grateful to the artist, the generous family who made this gift possible, and everyone who helped bring this project to completion.

We also extend a warm welcome to the Little Sisters of the Poor, who will be with us this weekend to share their mission of caring for the elderly poor. The second collection will support their important ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

*St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!*

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo



Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that He will mercifully gather us into His kingdom.

**This week, please say a special prayer each day for those who are poor and forgotten in our parish.**

### Thanks and Welcome

The finest team of Altar Servers in the Archdiocese just got better! Throughout April and May new Altar Server candidates practiced, studied, and observed our older Servers. These candidates passed two tests - vocabulary and actions, to be sure they'd be qualified to help all our parishioners pray better together at Mass. We can all be proud of these new Servers...and we need to thank them for their generous use of time and energy to help the spiritual growth of our St Elizabeth of the Trinity parishioners. This year's new Servers:

|                   |             |                  |                 |
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| Andrew Dirnberger | Lily Downs  | Maddux Jordan    | Adalay McCray   |
| Quinn McMahan     | Lexie Sagar | Molly Shallcross | Brendan Stevens |
| Will Stevens      |             |                  |                 |

If you see our new Servers before or after Mass be sure to congratulate them and thank them for their service.

Fr. McC and Fr. Leo

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - July 19, 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Matthew 13:24-43)

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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# Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

# Baptism



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

## *Trinity Gala News and Updates*

Congratulations to Sue Fulara, the winner of our second 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 will 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, November 14, at the Ridgemoor Country Club.



Not familiar with the Ridgemoor Country Club? Here's a quick snapshot of our Trinity Gala venue, which was established in 1905, and describes itself as “a club in the heart of the city.”

Ridgemoor is conveniently located, (6601 W Gunnison St., Harwood Heights) for our community-building evening. Attendees can anticipate attentive service, quality dining, and tasteful surroundings.

While Ridgemoor is not on the circuit for hosting major golfing events with world renowned participants, the Club boasts one memorable “hall-of-fame” worthy occasion. The year was 1942 and the regular US Open was canceled due to World War II. A special golfing event, called the Hale America National Open, was planned instead and held at the Ridgemoor Country Club. The tournament raised \$20,000 for the Navy Relief Society and the USO. Golfing legend Ben Hogan shot a 17 under par 271 across four days, including a course record 62.



We're looking forward to Saturday, November 14, at the Ridgemoor Country Club! Don't miss out on the fun and make your reservation today.

For more information about the Trinity Gala, check out the Parish website, <https://stelizabethtrinity.org//trinity-gala-save-the-date-november-14-2026/>



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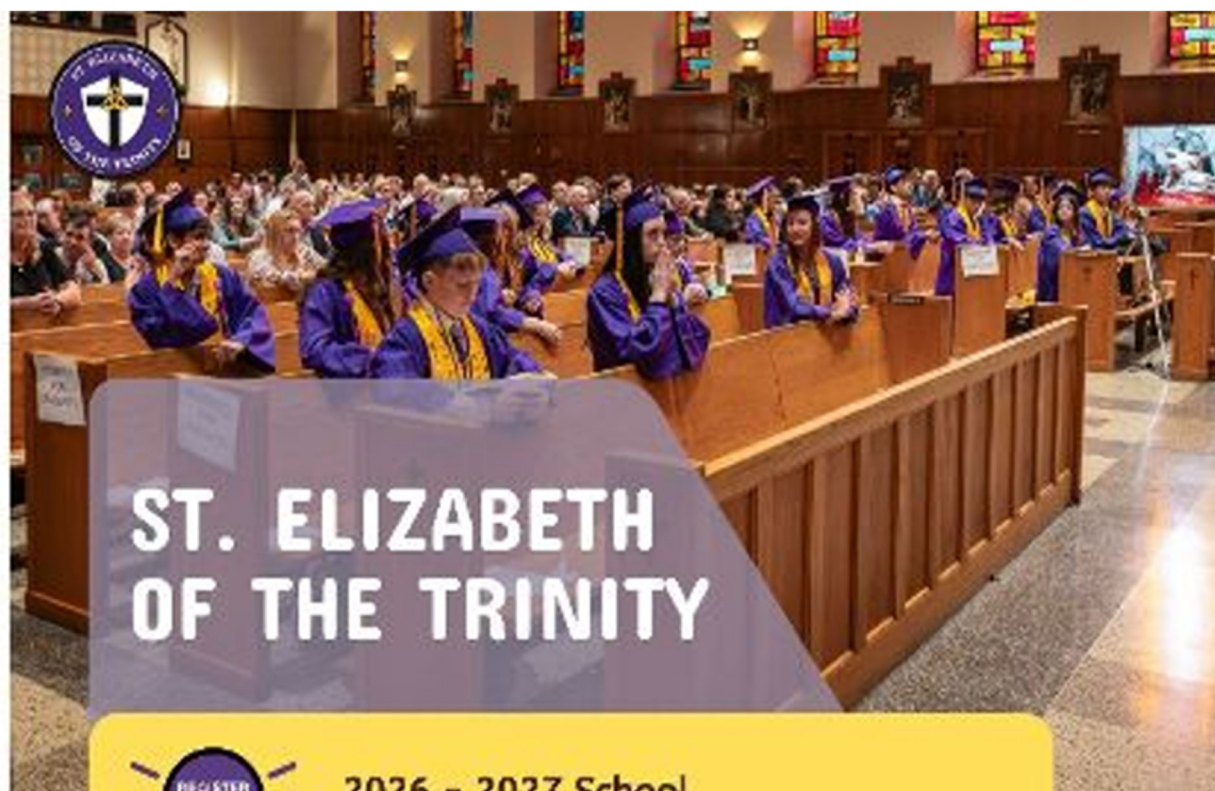
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## A Personal Reflection



*Richard Muench, a cradle Catholic and a longtime resident of Forest Glen, father of six, grandfather of 14, and great grandfather of 15. He and his wife Arlene recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. He was regularly taking bicycle rides and walks around the neighborhood. In retirement, he was active with various pursuits including service on the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Pastoral Council. Then, in the fall of 2023, Richard was diagnosed with cancer. Here is his deeply personal reflection about what followed.*

I saw two experts for my next action steps to overcome this disease. Both agreed that my history of good health through 91 years pointed toward infusion – a method giving me Opdivo, a medicine to strengthen my own system to fight back.

This plan, for me, was wrong! I ended up for three months in the intensive care unit (ICU) at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, which was selected as the best place for me to recover.

Ninety days in the ICU is a long time, and while there, I got to know Jesus, my Lord and my God. Many nights, around 3:00 or 4:00 a.m., I talked with Him about the “why?”

Early in this drama, as my memory left me, when I talked to Jesus, I forgot my prayers, including the Our Father, Hail Mary, and even “Jesus, I trust in You.” Finally, I could remember only one word, “Jesus.” I kept saying it at night. After some length of time, my memory returned, including all the prayers I had known but had forgotten.

The next step after Northwestern Hospital was a trip to a rehab center in Northbrook, where I spent seven months to learn how to breathe on my own, walk, and eat.

Now I’m back home with my wife, Arlene, and family. I am at about 70-80% capacity. There are many actions I can no longer perform and require help. But there are many I can do, and I do them.

But Jesus is still with me and I can say the whole Rosary from memory.

Remember: Jesus is with us, for us, and in us – ALWAYS.

And I sincerely thank all who sent me well wishes, prayed for me, visited me, and expressed concern about my health.

Richard Muench



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

### SATURDAY JULY 18, 2026

5:00 PM — +Don Love Jr., +Ellie Burns, +Arthur Hamilton (RIP)

### SUNDAY JULY 19, 2026

7:30 AM — +Alexander Kolinski & +Walter Dyjak (birthdays), +Helen Kolinski, +Jo & +Ed Sanborn, +Anna, +Joseph, +Estelle & +Rose Dyjak, +Edward Dyjak, (2nd anniversary), Lolita Barrius Tiu

9:00 AM — +Tom Gutzman, Marytown Franciscan community & Bonaventure Province +souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — +Jan & +Karolina Pawlik (RIP), +Kazimierz & +Katerzyna Lucarz (RIP)

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

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

### MONDAY JULY 20, 2026

8:30 AM — +Theresa Cicchetti, Julia Albert

### TUESDAY JULY 21, 2026

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

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 JULY 22, 2026

8:30 AM — for those memorialized in our prayer garden

### THURSDAY JULY 23, 2026

8:30 AM — for those on memorial boards and trees

9:21-50—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction

6:00 - 7:00 PM — CONFESSION

### FRIDAY JULY 24, 2026

8:30 AM — for those in our Book of Remembrance

### SATURDAY JULY 25, 2026

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

3:30 - 4:30 PM - CONFESSION

5:00 PM — +Bridget Byrne, +deceased members of the Ognibene family, +Joseph A. de Miliano, +John & +Estelle Malek, +the Macior family, +Loreli Miller (6 mo. anniversary), +John Scanlon

### SUNDAY JULY 26, 2026

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

9:00 AM — +Kevin Kirby (birthday), +souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — +Henryk Bujno, +Anne Hundrieser

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish Mass) Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, Rizo Cruz family, +Sodronio Pacheco, +Sandra Puma (birthday), +Jesus Chacon, +Jose Sacramento Suarez (21st anniversary), Antonio Espinoza (help in recovery), +Julia Suarez

### Presider Schedule - July 25 & 26

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo



Arthur Hamilton

Anne Hundrieser

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious

Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Saturday: St. James, Apostle

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 3:44-52 or 13:44-46

## A Blessing for Summer

O God,  
pour Your blessing upon these summer months  
of sun and clouds, flowers and growth.  
In this season of cultivation,  
cultivate us as we worship, work, play,  
and rest in You.  
May this season,  
and all the others,  
serve to draw us closer to You.  
Amen.

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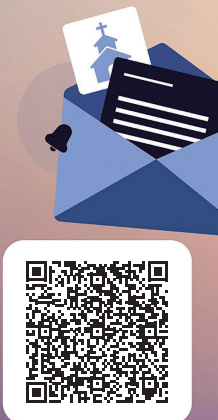


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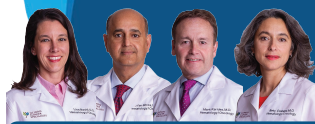
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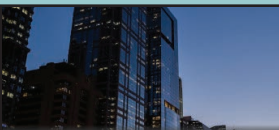
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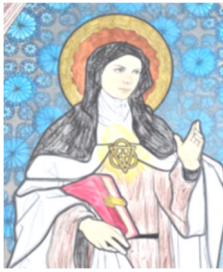
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## SERVICES

### 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)**

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**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. -  
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### 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*