



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



AUGUST 16, 2026

This week at St. Elizabeth...

Monday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry 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:

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

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)



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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.*



The Power of Being on Our Knees

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

Time flies, and back-to-school time is already here. Parents are busy buying backpacks, books, and new shoes. But let us not forget another important spiritual backpack: a prayerful and respectful heart. We have to remind our children how to treat their teachers, classmates, and, above all, how to stand before God and walk with Him.

The Gospels rarely show Jesus kneeling. One striking moment is in Gethsemane, where He kneels in prayer before the Father (Luke 22:41). Today, let us reflect on the Canaanite woman's kneeling (Matthew 15:21–28) and what it teaches us about faith and prayer.

Early in life, I learned about kneeling. My mother was only 5'4", while my father was 6'3" and most of my siblings were tall. Especially after my father died, disciplining us was not easy, given our height and size. Whenever we got into trouble, we would kneel with our hands folded across our chests. Sometimes punishment followed, but often our mother simply forgave us. Before we even said a word, our humble posture helped to soften her heart.

This carried over to school. My friends, and I were often late because we stopped to play soccer. Before explaining ourselves to our teacher, we would kneel and ask for forgiveness. Seeing our humility, she would often reduce or even forgive our punishment. As I grew older, I understood the meaning of that posture: remorse, humility, and respect for authority. I am not asking our students to kneel, but to have the same spirit of respect and humility before others.

This connects beautifully with the attitude of the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel (Matthew 15:21–28). Desperate for her daughter's healing, she kneels before Jesus and cries out, "Lord, help me." Matthew uses the Greek verb *proskuneō*, meaning "to bow down" or "to prostrate oneself" in profound reverence. As an outsider, she humbles herself completely before Jesus, a Jewish teacher, expressing her deep faith and trust in Him.

The disciples want Jesus to send her away, but she refuses to give up. Her kneeling is not a sign of weakness; it is faith. Kneeling is not only a physical posture but a disposition of heart. Her miracle begins not with a demand, but with a humble posture before the Lord. When we kneel before God, we are not admitting defeat; we are declaring total surrender, trust and dependence on Him. She kneels before the Lord and rises with a miracle: Jesus told her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Our world teaches us to stand tall, depend on ourselves, and never bow down. But the Gospel reminds us that true strength often begins on our knees. Kneeling before God does not make us smaller; it places us where His grace can lift us higher. How do you stand before the Lord in your prayer?

In Parish News: Join us next Sunday for the Enthronement of the Image of Our Lady of Czestochowa at the 11:00 a.m. bilingual English-Polish Mass. All are welcome!

We warmly welcome back our students, teachers, and parents as we begin a new school year. We missed you and are so happy to have you back! This weekend, we will offer a special "Back-to-School Blessing" for all students and teachers. May this new year be filled with learning, growth, friendship, and God's abundant blessings.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us! See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr Deo.



The Gospel today announces that the Kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what household items and clothing you no longer use...and put them in the St. Vincent de Paul collection boxes next to the gym entrance.

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SAVE THE DATE

PROCESSION &
SOLEMN MASS OF
ENTHRONEMENT
OF
**OUR LADY OF
CZĘSTOCHOWA**

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23RD

AT THE
11:00 AM MASS

BILINGUAL POLISH / ENGLISH

Join us as we enthrone
Our Lady of Czestochowa
in our church.

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

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA,
PRAY FOR US!

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be open it's normal year round schedule beginning this week:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday & Sunday



Classes for becoming Catholic begin on September 13th and we will partner with our brothers and sisters at St. Paul of the Cross. Deepen your faith, journey with others, and be welcomed as a member of the Catholic Church. Contact Ashley Guinn at aguinn@archchicago.org to learn more.

Looking for a way to grow in your faith, and meet some fellow parents? Come join us for The Rescue Project!



Join us for food, a thought provoking video and meaningful small group conversation.

Sessions starting August 31st from 6:30-8:00pm in the auditorium.

To Register use the QR Code or email Ashley Guinn at aguinn@archchicago.org.



GENERATION TO GENERATION: ANSWER THE CALL CAMPAIGN AT St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

We are now entering the beginning stage of the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign. Our parish's participation in the campaign, along with all parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago, will meet needs of our parish and support Catholic ministries in Cook and Lake counties.

Our goal at our parish is to raise \$810,000 in pledges payable over five (5) years from our parish families. Fifty percent of the funds from these pledges will go toward the parish needs as listed in our case study. The remaining fifty percent will go towards spiritually renewing our church, supporting our priests, and assisting vulnerable communities.

When you receive your invitation to participate in this historic effort, please pray and discern a multi-year sacrificial pledge that is right for your family. Today, join us in praying for the success of the Generation to Generation campaign.



SICK LIST



Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Michele Schmidt—Nelda Garza—Jimmy Retondo—Elizabeth Hofstede—Donna Kolinski—JoAnn Keto—MaryAnn Hermesdorf—Lidia Piper—Rosemary Marinello—Marion Calvino—Sarah Martin—Giovanni Randazzo—Grace Luna—Marivic Ginete Malibiran—Larry Muench—Peggy Larsen—Lucas Carter—Theresa Anspaugh—Stella Beck—Patricia Mielecki—Elia Perez—Joey Bachowicz—Leticia Jimenez—Carolyn Stanton—Lorena Suarez—Martha Jimenez—Carmen Garcia

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



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.

Trinity Gala News and Updates

Our "Trinity Gala" will be a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the canonization of our patron saint, "St. Elizabeth of the Trinity." The evening promises to be an opportunity for making memories as a parish community.

We've been asked about the dinner menus for the event, set for Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Ridgemoor Country Club. Here they are:

Dinner Menu/Plated

Artisan Rolls and Butter; Salad - Petite House Salad, Balsamic Vinaigrette; Entrée - 4 oz Lemon Chicken, 2 – 2 oz beef medallions, Red Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Lemon Butter Sauce, Red Wine Demi; Dessert - Assorted House Baked Cookies

Vegetarian Option

Parmesan Crusted Cauliflower Steak; Butternut Squash Puree, Wilted Spinach, Toasted Almonds

A gluten-free dinner option will also be available. Please make your entree request when purchasing your dinner ticket.



You can purchase your Trinity Gala Event (dinner) tickets by going to ParishSoft by scanning this QR Code. (Note: Tickets are \$90 each; tables are for 10 people). They are also available at the parish Office.

Here is the direct link:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/49cdc813-f205-476f-a5ef-dd9c77c9d8ac>



You can purchase your Trinity Gala Raffle tickets (\$20 each) by going to ParishSoft by scanning this QR Code

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Sharing Families-Rwanda

As promised, there is more good news to report from the Station School! When visiting the school in May, we found the students to be studious, doing well academically, healthy, and the happiest we have ever seen. The teachers were preparing the students for their highly important annual National Exams.

We stopped in each classroom and discovered most of the lessons at all levels were being taught in English. A few of the daily lessons written on the chalk board were Entrepreneurship, Concept of Disability, and Inclusion Education and Environment. This is in addition to the traditional standards like periodic tables, math, etc. To no one's surprise, our gifts of chocolate lollipops and regulation soccer balls were well received.



lollipop celebration



soccer ball testing team



drummers



waving good-bye

During our stay, the energetic all-girl drumming group performed traditional Rwandan songs, plus a beautiful poem dedicated to the Sharing Families of Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity, thanking us for the love and kindness that have changed their lives forever.

A major milestone was witnessing the long-hoped-for completion of the momentous water well project, which concluded with the installation of a water station on school grounds next to the kitchen.



Water station



kitchen

Please save the date: We will have our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on October 18th, at Phil's Pizza D'Oro.

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.***

Thank you for your continued support, your gifts will never be forgotten.

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 www.parishsoft.com. Please select ***Station School (Rwanda)***.

Follow our progress on this remarkable journey at 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

Welcome Scholarships

**A High-Quality Catholic Education
is Within Reach.**



Thinking about making the switch to a Catholic school?

Our welcome scholarships help make Catholic education more accessible for **public school families**, opening doors to strong academics and faith-filled learning.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity provides a nurturing environment where students are challenged to grow into critical thinkers for the world ahead.

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Scholarship Highlights

- \$1,000 for the first student in year 1
- \$500 for the first student in year 2
- An additional sibling is eligible for the same amounts
- Additional financial assistance is available for those who qualify



Who Can Apply

- Rising 1st-6th grade students who attended public school in the 2025-26 school year

How to Apply

- Start the process by scanning the QR code below
- Experience St. Elizabeth of the Trinity by scheduling a tour
- Complete enrollment documents
- Join our family!



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume meetings on Monday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the art room of the school. Over the summer, we have received some nice donations of yarn. Come see what we have and help plan what it all can be. You do not have to know how to knit or crochet. We will be making comfort shawls for people who need our prayers and comfort and know that we are thinking about them. Questions - Call Carol at 773-849-4432. See you on the 17th!!!!

Parishioners' Corner

Keeping Faith and Family at the Center



Our names are Kevin and Victoria Hastings and we have been a part of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish since its inception. For us, this parish has felt like home from the beginning and, despite having two other parishes located much closer to where we live, we feel called by God to be here. Witnessing its growth over the years has been encouraging and cultivating personal relationships within the community has been instrumental in our own faith journey, both as husband and wife, and as parents.

Speaking of being parents, we have two young boys who have



completely stolen our hearts. Passing down our beautiful Catholic faith to them is of utmost importance to us. Some of the ways in which we are doing this include attending mass every Sunday; reading the Gospel daily and sharing prayer intentions; renewing our baptismal vows each year; baking Jesus a birthday cake on Christmas Day; praying the rosary; dressing up like saints; morning and night prayer followed by blessings given by Kevin; creating a prayer table to display the liturgical season; and giving our time and talents to the parish.



One ministry that both Kevin and I feel called to assist in forming is the Respect Life Committee. As Catholics and parents, we value the sanctity of life. And as healthcare professionals, we have witnessed both the valuing of a life and the devaluing of it. Through this ministry we are hopeful to provide thought-provoking conversations, meaningful resources, and exciting opportunities to engage our parish in standing up for life at all stages. Come October, which is Respect Life Month, we will be launching this ministry; please keep an eye out for details in the bulletin! If you, or someone you know, is interested in getting involved with this ministry, please contact me, Victoria Hastings, at v.annahastings@gmail.com.

We will keep each of you in our prayers and we ask that you do the same for us. We are excited to see the continued growth of this parish and community. If you see us around, please be sure to stop and say hello!

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, please pray for us!

Kevin & Victoria Hastings



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

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2026

5:00 PM — +Marcos Fernandez, +Tom Gutzman,
+deceased members of the Ognibene family,
+Pilar Lourdes Cabrera Garcia, +Thomas Byrne

SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2026

7:30 AM — +Connie Conway, Franciscan community &
Bonaventure Province
9:00 AM — Jerry Wojciechowski (health) & Family
+souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — +Reynold Salmi (birthday), +Esther
Ormachea (anniversary), Carolyn Stanton (healing
& peace), Belinda Tablante (birthday)
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish Mass) +Sodronio Pacheco, +Jesus
Chacon, +Pedro Lopez, Lorena Suarez (health),
Aurora Reyna, Rizo Cruz family (your needs)

MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2026

8:30 AM — +Lorraine, +John, +Martin, +Richard &
+Brian Fulara, +Matthew & +Margaret Futterer,
Darryl Caybot (birthday)

TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2026

8:30 AM — +Ralph Powell (birthday), +Lorraine, +John,
+Martin, +Richard & +Brian Fulara, +Matthew &
+Margaret Futterer, +Thomas Byrne (justice),
+Irene Chmielowski (8th anniversary)
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 19, 2026

8:30 AM — Armando Manzo, Phina Garcia (thanksgiving
for her 75th birthday)

THURSDAY AUGUST 20, 2026

8:30 AM — +Anna Pawlik (RIP), +Phyllis Lavorato
(11th anniversary), Joan Harris (birthday)
9:15—6:50 PM — Adoration / Benediction
6:00 - 7:00 PM— CONFESSION

FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 2026

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2026

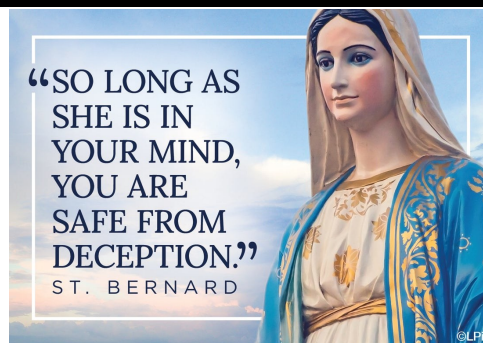
8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish
3:30 - 4:30 PM - CONFESSION
5:00 PM — +Bridget Byrne, +Don Love, +Thomas Byrne

SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2026

7:30 AM — +Helen & +Alexander Kolinski, +Jo & +Ed
Sanborn, +Anna, +Joseph, +Estelle, +Walter &
+Edward Dyjak
9:00 AM — +Richard Bekielewski Sr., Franciscan com-
munity & Bonaventure Province, +souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — +Michael James Shannon
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish Mass) +Magaly Fernandez, Antonio
Espinoza (help in recovery), +Sodronio Pacheco,
+Jesus Chacon, +Pedro Lopez, +Luz Garcia,
+Aurora Reyna

Presider Schedule - August 22 & 23

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor
of the Church
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom
11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt
19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt
20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13
-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Pope Leo's August Prayer Intention – For Evangelization in Cities

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
 Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, You walk through our streets and squares,
 enter tall buildings and humble neighborhoods,
 and silently accompany millions who seeks meaning amid noise and haste.
 You know, Lord, the heart of the city: its lights and shadows, its noise and loneliness.
 We know that cities are called to be places of freedom and opportunity,
 but they can also become spaces of anonymity and isolation.
 That's why today we ask You for a renewed gaze,
 able to discover in urban life fertile ground for proclaiming your Gospel.
 Give us a creative and deep faith,
 that doesn't remain in words, but becomes flesh through simple and loving gestures.
 Make us a Church that goes forth, able to reach out to the peripheries,
 to console those who are lonely,
 and to sow fraternity and connection instead of giving in to indifference.
 Lord, may our urban communities be open and welcoming homes,
 places where hope is shared, where no one feels invisible,
 and where the joy of your Gospel shines in the hidden lives of so many brothers and sisters.
 Make us your witnesses in the city, bold and creative missionaries,
 who proclaim your Love with their lives—
 a Love capable of overcoming haste, noise, and anonymity.
 Amen.

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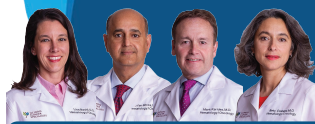
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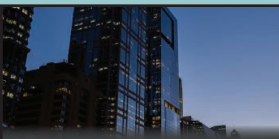
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SERVICES

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) Hours: Monday - Friday- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 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*