



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



AUGUST 23, 2026

This week at St. Elizabeth...

Monday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.
Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Parish Pastoral Council 6:30

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.
G to G volunteers 6:30 p.m.
Gala Committee 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)



TODAY

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!

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 23, 2026



Who Do You Say That I Am?

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

I often get asked: tell us about your last name? There is an interesting difference between last names in Rwanda and other cultures. In America, a last name usually identifies the family you belong to. In Rwanda, children in the same family may have different last names, and each name often carries a meaning—a story about the family, the circumstances of birth, or what the parents hope the child will become.

In my family, my siblings and I have different last names. My name, Mbonyumugenzi, comes from *mbonye*, meaning “I see,” and *umugenzi*, meaning “companion” or “fellow traveler.” When I was born, my father said, “I see another life companion.” To truly know someone and where they come from, the last name is not enough; you also need to know their family—especially their parents and the people they resemble and, ultimately, build a relationship with them.

When Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” and “who do you say that I am?”, He was not simply asking for information but inviting them to reflect on their knowledge of and relationship with Him.

Two Sundays ago, when Peter walked on water and began to sink, Jesus told him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Mt 14:31). Today, that same Peter is praised: “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah” (Mt 16:17). What changed?

Peter opened his heart to God’s revelation and confessed, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Peter is not simply giving Jesus a name or title; he is recognizing His true identity. His confession of faith reveals his growth in his relationship with Jesus. In turn, Jesus gives Peter a new identity and mission: “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.” There is something beautiful here: Jesus tells Peter who he is by telling him what he is called to become. His new name comes with a new mission.

The same is true for us. Our identity is not simply defined by our name, our family or our profession. Although our faith often begins through the witness of parents, catechists, priests, teachers, and friends, it must become personal. God knows us personally, calls us by name, and gives our lives a purpose. And sometimes, like Peter, we discover who we truly are when we discover who Jesus is for us. Let us ask ourselves: Who is Jesus to me, and who am I because I belong to Him? Is He simply someone we know about, or is He truly the center of our lives?

Parish News: Join me in welcoming Our Lady of Czestochowa back to our church! I warmly welcome all our brothers and sisters who are visiting our parish for the first time or returning as we honor our Blessed Mother. May her presence draw us closer to her Son, Jesus.

Our Lady of Czestochowa, Pray for Us!

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo.



Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals Himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve those who are poor by joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society?



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.

*The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Social
is Just Around the Corner!*

Save the Date

*Saturday, September 19 following the 4 00 p.m. Mass.
on Ardmore Avenue and in the Parking Lot*

Food, Games, Music, and Fun for the whole family!

(Note that there WILL NOT be a 5:00 Mass on September 19.
Confessions will be heard beginning at 2:30 p.m.)



**St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Holy Name Society/Men's Club
5th Annual Golf Outing
September 12, 2026**



- Location:** Old Orchard Country Club
700 W. Rand Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056
- Reception:** St Elizabeth of the Trinity Auditorium
6040 West Ardmore Chicago, IL
- Tee Time:** Check in 12:00-12:30 PM
Shotgun Start at 1:15 PM
Reception to follow at the Auditorium
- Bus:** Luxury Motor Coach available to and from course from St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Beverages available on bus to and from the course
Departure from Auditorium 11:30 AM
- Cost:** Golf - \$150.00
Golf and Motor coach (Highly recommended) - \$190.00
- Includes:** 18 holes of golf, cart, gift bag, prizes, reception and drinks

Foursomes preferred, but not necessary. Outing is COED. Please list golfers below.

Sign up early. – **Bus reservations must be in ASAP (limited to first 50 golfers)**
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Trinity Gala News and Updates

The Trinity Gala Committee has been hard at work planning an event (Saturday, Nov. 14, Ridgemoor Country Club) that will celebrate our patron saint and our parish community.

We have been most fortunate to be receiving donations and sponsorship from many businesses and supporters.

Among these is *Le Langage Des Fleurs*, in Park Ridge. They are locally owned flower shop that creates fresh, handcrafted floral arrangements for every occasion. (Here is their website: <https://lelangagedesfleur.com/>) We look forward to the flowers they will be providing to enhance our Trinity Gala.

You can purchase your Trinity Gala Event (dinner) and/or raffle tickets by going to ParishSoft or by scanning the QR Codes below. (Note: Tickets are \$90 each; tables are for 10 people, Raffle tickets are \$20 each). You can also buy them at the Parish Office.



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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.



Learning More About Generation to Generation

A group of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parishioners recently joined Father Deo for an evening presentation about the "Generation to Generation: Answer the Call" capital campaign. This educational session with Q&A time was hosted by Cardinal Cupich on August 10 at St. Patrick Parish, Lake Forest and brought together representatives from 15 parishes participating in the fourth wave of the campaign. Father Deo thanked the entire parish for its support of the program, remarking, "The evening was an opportunity for us to come together as a local Church, reflect on who we are, and discern how we can strengthen the life and mission of our parish for generations to come."



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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All Men of the Parish

That Man Is You will return for its third year on **Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 in the school auditorium.** Each session will end at 9:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us for hospitality, a powerful video presentation, and meaningful discussion in a safe space. Invite a friend to join you.

Here's what some of our past participants have said:

"...testimonies have been satisfying!"

"Very happy with TMIY"

"...I feel like the discussions were helpful..."

"It's good being with like-minded men with similar needs and goals."



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8th Grade Car Wash



The St. Elizabeth Class of '27 will be having our annual car wash on Saturday, Sept.12th from 9:30-12:30 in the gym parking lot. Cost is \$15 for vans/SUV's and \$10 for cars.

Thanks for your support of the Class of '27.



Our Lady of Czestochowa

God is everywhere. I know that I didn't have to travel to Doylestown, Pennsylvania, last year to find Him, but I went anyway. Here is how I discovered Him in a special way along with His Mother Mary.

The 90-minute drive from Philadelphia took me through scenic woodsy areas and picturesque hilly back roads to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. The Shrine is situated at the top of a hill, surrounded by serene, green grounds; Rosary and Stations of the Cross gardens, and a retreat house. Behind all this, is an expansive cemetery which has separate sections for clergy and veterans.

The Shrine, which was built in 1966, honors Mary as Our Lady of Czestochowa which was known for centuries in Europe and more particularly since 1683 when the Polish forces, through her intercession, defeated the Ottoman Turks at Vienna.

The history of this world-renowned painting dates back to St. Luke, when according to tradition, the Evangelist painted the holy image onto the top of a table built by Jesus. This sacred painting was moved from Jerusalem to Constantinople and eventually made its way to Poland in 1382. As the horses pulling the wagon which was carrying the painting across the Polish countryside came to Czestochowa, they stopped and would not move. This was taken as a sign from Mary and the icon remained there under the watchful care of the Pauline Fathers, who also are the administrators of the Shrine in Doylestown. Soot and candle smoke eventually darkened the image and it became known as the "Black Madonna."

My first thoughts as we pulled into the parking lot were joy and hope. The majestic church surrounded by nature filled me with awe – what a church is supposed to do! My mind and heart felt the glory of God. Once inside I marveled at the beauty of the floor to ceiling stained glass windows, depicting the history of Christianity in Poland and America. Also striking were the sanctuary-wide bas relief of the Trinity and the revered image of Mary. I relaxed with thoughts of God's own beauty and what I believe to be the beauty of heaven. I prayed at the side chapels dedicated to Mary such as the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

My visit reminded me that I am a member of the family of God, and specifically, of the universal Catholic Church. Many nationalities were represented at the afternoon Sunday Mass, one of few in English, not Polish. I knew in my heart there is a God and the people with me at Mass were united as one family in our love for Him and His love for us.

After such encounters, I think how nice it would be to experience such faith-filled excitement every time I am in church and especially in my own parish church. Sadly, that is not always the case for me. That's why trips to unfamiliar places which are outside of my everyday routine are so valuable as they inspire me to a renewed energy to carry on and share the life of Christ with the people I know and love.

It has been said that the Our Lady of Czestochowa icon in Jasna Gora, Poland, which means "bright light," has "beamed as a lighthouse of hope" in times of hardship to pilgrims not only from Poland, but also from all over the world. Now, our church has again, its own commemoration to Our Lady of Czestochowa, who I pray will inspire us with hope.

Connie Polaniecki



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

SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2026

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 community & 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 (recovery), +Sodronio Pacheco, +Jesus Chacon, +Pedro Lopez, +Aurora Reyna, Luz Garcia, Rizo Cruz family (needs)

MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2026

8:30 AM — for our parishioners

TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 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 AUGUST 26, 2026

8:30 AM — for those on our Memorial Trees and Boards

THURSDAY AUGUST 27, 2026

8:30 AM — +Madelynn Jacobs (birthday)

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

6:00 - 7:00 PM— CONFESSION

FRIDAY AUGUST 28, 2026

8:30 AM — Zofia Kalembe, +Kevin Kirby (1st anniversary), +Madelynn Jacobs

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2026

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

3:30 - 4:30 PM - CONFESSION

5:00 PM — +Sonia Maco, +Joseph A. de Milliano, +John & +Estelle Malek, +the Macior family, +Don Love Jr., Dick & + Peggy Lameka

SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2026

7:30 AM — Franciscan community & Bonaventure Province

9:00 AM — +Rose Marie Jakubiak, +Charles Boyd, souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — +Lucyna, +Richard, +Joey, for our parish-ioners

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish Mass) Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, +Jesus Chacon, +Aurora Reyna, +Sandra Puma (repose of the soul), Rizo Cruz family (needs)

Presider Schedule - August 29 & 30

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / piano

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Leo

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is far from
GOD

-St. Monica-



BORN INTO
Eternal Life

Gerald O'Looney
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasan, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12,
13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt
23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt
24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt
25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-
21/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom
12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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.



NOT CATHOLIC?
HAVEN'T RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION OR
CONFIRMATION?

YOU ARE LOVED.

**COME ENCOUNTER THAT
LOVE IN A NEW WAY BY
BECOMING CATHOLIC.**

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.

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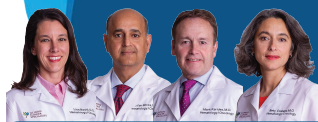
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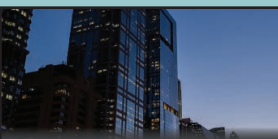
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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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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) 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*