“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” - Matthew 7:24

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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary,
Pray for Us.
**Welcome to St. Elizabeth**

*We Invite You to Join Us Often!*

**June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**June 6, 2021**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for June:
Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.

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**Exposition of the Holy Eucharist with Vespers (Evening Prayer) & Benediction**

Join us for Exposition & Adoration with Benediction & Vespers, 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. Come and spend an hour with the Lord to end your weekend and start your week.

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Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
& Sundays 7 - 8:00 p.m. (with Vespers)

We are looking for more Thursday Adorers!
Spend an hour a week with our Lord.
Call the Parish Office to sign up.

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Monday, June 7 (Weekday) – NO MASS**

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8:15 a.m. - Jessie Gonterman by Michael & Jody Gibbs

**Wednesday, June 9 (Weekday)**
8:15 a.m. - Lisa Dellamano by Rosalie Boyd & Family

**Thursday, June 9 (Weekday)**
8:15 a.m. – Ida Gragg by J.Fellhauer & Family

**Friday, June 11 (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)**
8:15 a.m. – Lorraine Gonterman by Michael & Jody Gibbs

**Saturday, June 12 (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**
8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

**Sunday, June 13 (Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
4:30 p.m. (Sat) Members of St. Elizabeth Parish
8:00 a.m. Antonio Castro Sr. by Michelle Carroll
8:00 a.m. Mass will be live streamed

**In Memoriam**

THE 14 DAY CANDLE will be burning in memory of Lorraine Gonterman

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS - It is NOT too late to sign up or renew your First Friday Memorial Intentions. These names are remembered monthly at Mass on each First Friday through the year. A yearly donation of $60 is requested for these listed intentions. Please pick up a new form at the Parish Office or call & we will be happy to mail one.

**Sunday’s Mass Readings**


**Take, Eat, Drink.** Oh, some of us still long to gather with the Church on Sunday to do Eucharist, to give thanks. Some of us still yearn to come to Mass and share in Communion. We long to both eat and drink the Lord Jesus Christ. This holy dining tells us who and whose we are. Soon, pray.

♦ If I can come to the church on Sunday, for what do I give thanks?
♦ How can I help those who still cannot come because of COVID 19 mitigations?
♦ If I cannot come to the church on Sunday, how will I still choose to give thanks?

**Divine Mercy Minutes**

“Once, the image was being exhibited over the altar during the Corpus Christi procession [June 20, 1935]. When the priest exposed the Blessed Sacrament, and the choir began to sing, the rays from the image pierced the Sacred Host and spread out all over the world. Then I heard these words: ‘These rays of mercy will pass through you, just as they have passed through this Host, and they will go out through all the world.’ At these words, profound joy invaded my soul.”

(Diary, 228)
Please continue to pray for Father Alfred on his trip home to Uganda, so that it is restful, enjoyable, and safe.

Some photos from Father’s journeys…

Lake Bunyonyi Crater lake in Uganda

Father Alfred with his youngest sister Stella, in the equivalent of our first year of high school

**Parish & School Events**

**Sunday, June 6**
- 9:00 a.m.- Men at Prayer
- 7:00 p.m.- Exposition and Holy Hour with Vespers

**Monday, June 7**
- 7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

**Tuesday, June 8**
- 7:00 p.m. – BINGO

**Wednesday, June 9**
- 7:00 p.m. – Adoration

**Thursday, June 10**
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**Prayers for our Military**

Prayer for Military Members and Their Families

Almighty and Eternal God, protect the members of our Armed Services as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Antonio Chacon-Mendoza, IL; Lee Brown, Fort Hood, TX; Raymond Chant, Jr., Afghanistan; Arron Gray, Colorado; Pvt. Damien Mendoza, Ft. Benning, GA; James Schilling, San Diego; Britney Stiegitz, Ouijonbou, South Korea; Brandon Weidner, Mobile, AL; Dylan Niles, Lackland AFB, TX; Nolan Yehling, Whiteman AFB, Mo; Justin Niles, JBER AFB, AK; Kody Presswood, Italy; Michael Snyder, Camp Lincoln, Springfield, IL

**Prayers for our Clergy**

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays in June:
- June 9- Fr. Christopher Comerford
- June 11- Msgr. David Hoefler
- June 14- Fr. Adam Prichard
- June 16- Fr. Joseph Ring
- June 18- Fr. Joseph Carlos, OFM
- June 21- Fr. Aloysius Ndeanaefo
- June 24- Fr. Allen Kemme
- June 27- Fr. Thomas Hagstrom
- June 28- Fr. Jason Stone
- June 29- Fr. Charles Dahlby & Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM

**4:40 FOR SEMINARIANS**

Six months ago, the diocese launched a campaign called 4:40 for 40 Seminarians. We invited the entire diocese to pray a Hail Mary every day at 4:40 so that, with the help of Mary, we can have 40 men answer the call to be a seminarian for our diocese. If you have been faithfully praying every day, thank you! If you are just hearing about this, we invite you to jump on board. May is the month of Mary and we know with her help, anything is possible! PRAY BIG!
Our class is away this week into this weekend at our “canonical retreat”, the retreat required prior to ordination by Canon Law. Canon 1039 reads, “All who are to be promoted to any order must make a retreat for at least five days, in a place and in the manner determined by the Ordinary. Before he proceeds to the ordination, the Bishop must have assured himself that the candidates have duly made the retreat.”

I wish I could be there with you as you celebrate this great Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, but I’m also grateful to be on this retreat with my brother classmates as we enter the final weeks leading up to ordination.

I love this Feast of Corpus Christi!

St. Thomas Aquinas proposed to Pope Urban IV a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Holy Father instituted the feast in 1264 as a Solemnity (a liturgical day of the highest rank) and made it a universal feast for the whole Catholic Church.

At the end of the Holy Mass on this day in many places, there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance, followed by Benediction. Perhaps this Sunday evening you could join us for our Sunday Evening Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction, in order to spend a bit more time in quiet and peaceful prayer with Our Lord, and in worship of Him.

While he is well-known for his Summa, an "encyclopedia" of theological thought that anchors much of our theology, devotion to the Eucharist led to some of St. Thomas Aquinas's most beautiful and poetic writing. He wrote the prayers for this Solemnity’s liturgies at the Pope's request, including the sequence, one of the great poems chanted or recited before the proclamation of the Gospel. Today the Church has three Sequences in use on different feasts: Victimae Paschali Laudes (Christians, To the Paschal Victim) for Easter Sunday; Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) for Pentecost, and Lauda Sion Salvatorem (Sion, Lift Up thy Voice and Sing), for Corpus Christi.

St. Thomas Aquinas also wrote a hymn for Vespers: Pange Lingua (Sing, tongue, the mystery of the glorious Body), from which we have the Tantum Ergo (Down in Adoration Falling) verses sung at Benediction. His hymn for Matins, Sacris Solemnis (Sacred Solemnity), includes the great Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels) meditation best known in the setting by Cesar Franck. From his hymn for today's Lauds, Verbum Supernum Prodiens (Word Descending from Above), we take the other Benediction hymn, O Salutaris Hostia (O Saving Victim). Finally, he wrote a hymn of Eucharistic thanksgiving, Adore Te Devote (Devoutly I Adore Thee), which we may recognize from the hymn with the starting line, "Godhead here in hiding." This hymn expresses the mystery and wonder of our reception of Jesus in Holy Communion.

In his 2003 encyclical on the Holy Eucharist, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, Blessed John Paul II praised these hymns and poems of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi: “Let us make our own the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an eminent theologian and an impassioned poet of Christ in the Eucharist, and turn in hope to the contemplation of that goal to which our hearts aspire in their thirst for joy and peace”. Each of these hymns provides great doctrinal statements of the truths of the Incarnation, the Paschal Mystery, and the Eucharist while expressing devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and Redeemer.

Yours in Christ the Servant,
Deacon Candidate Michael Halbrook

Our parish sent home “gift” copies of The Search to school families as a summer activity. You can sign up to experience it too. Invite a friend and contact the Parish Office to sign up! It’s as easy as picking up a booklet and watching the videos on FORMED, or joining with or pulling together a small group to go through The Search together.

Watch it yourself, as a couple, as a family, and/or invite friends over to watch it with you.

**GC Rock Youth Group**

**Sunday, June 13: Gathering @ Holy Family 6:30-8pm, BRING A FRIEND!**

**Sun. June 6, 20, & 27: No gathering** Rocks and Parents, please join us at Vespers/Adoration for 1 hour 7-8pm on Sunday evenings at St. Elizabeth when we do not have a Gathering. We are planning a group activity in June. Stay tuned! Also, mark your calendars for Totus Tuus July 11-15 – see information earlier in the bulletin. Watch our FB Group (GC Rock Youth Group) or GroupMe for any changes or additions that may come up. Questions? Rita 972-4022, Woody 876-7551, or Dawn 709-3565

**Journey into the Church - RCIA**

Learn more about what we believe as Catholics, what it means to be a Catholic, or what the process of entering the church looks like. Contact Michael Halbrook: mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org or 618-877-3300 x1005.

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**WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD**

**THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS & THE FAMILY OF**

**MICHAEL ROSS HALBROOK**

**JOYFULLY ANNOUNCE HIS ORDINATION TO THE**

**SACRED ORDER OF THE DIACONATE**

**BY THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS JOHN Paprocki**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26 AT 1000 A.M.**

**STREAMED LIVE AT Dio.org/LIVE**

**SEATING AT THE CATHEDRAL IS LIMITED, AND FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED**

**HIS FIRST PROCLAMATION OF THE HOLY GOSPEL AND SERVICE AS DEACON OF THE MASS WILL BE AT**

**ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, GRANITE CITY**

4:30 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 26, AND 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 27

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, GRANITE CITY**

4:00 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 3, AND 8:00 & 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY, JULY 4

**CELEBRATION WITH PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS, & FAMILY**

COLUMBUS HOME, 4225 OLD ALTON ROAD, GRANITE CITY
COME & GO BETWEEN 1:30-3:30 P.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 27

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS • NO GIFTS, PLEASE
Pride of our School
During June & July, office personnel may be reached by email or calling (618) 877-3300. Email is preferred over voicemail and will be checked more frequently. The main school office will open August 2nd. Mrs. Ratchford will be teaching 8th grade Mrs. Grinstead will be teaching 4th grade. Mrs. Young will be joining our school family and teaching 1st grade.

Parish News
FRIED CHICKEN DINNER- On Sunday, June 13, from 11am until 5pm, the parish will host an all you can eat fried chicken dinner in our cafeteria! Outside seating will be available, weather permitting. Dinner will include chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, applesauce, bread, coffee or tea and dessert is included. $12 for adults, kids under 12 are $6 and under 2 years old is FREE. Proceeds will be used to improve the safety of our school building through upgraded restrooms and an improved camera set up. Please join us for a great meal!

LADIES SODALITY – PIES and CAKES are needed for the Parish Chicken Dinner on Sunday, June 13th. Please make your favorite dessert and you can drop it off in the cafeteria before mass on Saturday or Sunday morning. We look forward to your goodies and seeing you at the dinner.

SENIOR LUNCHEON- Our senior luncheon returns on Wednesday June 16th at 11:30 a.m. in the Harmony Room. Special guest speaker is Granite City Mayor Mike Parkinson. Cost is $8 and can be paid at the event. Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 877-3300 by Wednesday June 15th.

THANK YOU- To those who have made additional contributions to this year's Parish Community Tithe (PCT), formerly ACSA, we thank you! We are still approximately $7,000 short of our goal. Please prayerfully consider sending in your contribution. Any shortage will come out of regular parish contributions. Forms and stamped-addressed envelopes are available in the Gathering Space and at the Parish Office.

STEEL CITY MUSIC FEST- The Columbus Home Association (KC Hall) will be hosting the Steel City Music Fest on Friday, June 18th. Proceeds will benefit Holy Family and St Elizabeth schools and parishes. In order to make this event successful we need volunteers throughout the day/ evening. Service hours will apply to the 2021/2022 school year. Jobs include working food/beverage booths, ticket booths, trash/cleanup, parking, game booth, etc. To sign up or for questions contact Jamie S. at 618-567-7802

BULLETIN SPONSORS- This week we would like to thank Wojstrom Funeral Home and Crematory. 618-931-3939 www.wojstrom.com Because a funeral should be affordable.

150 CLUB WINNERS- The winner of the 150 Club drawing for May is #14 Charles & Joyce Alexander and for June, #24 Patricia Paz.

LIVING ROSARY & BLESSING OF VEHICLES
Thank you to Mark Yehling for inspiring, rallying, & organizing our Living Rosary & Blessing of Vehicles last Sunday, and for all who helped and who joined us to pray, and for Father Iggy for leading the prayer and blessing our cars. Thanks be to God for the beautiful day! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Respect Life

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT – Nearly 1 in 4 women have had an abortion. There is hope for healing. Join us at the next Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, August 13-15. To learn more and register, go to: dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html

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PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS
O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/reasons-against-assisted-suicide.

Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to assisted suicide. But the same polls show that people's views shift when they learn about its dangers—especially the dangers for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care. Consider that, in Oregon and California, some patients' health insurance offered to pay for assisted suicide, but not treatment. And in states where assisted suicide is legal, often no psychiatric evaluation or treatment is required. Additionally, assisted suicide fosters discrimination by creating two classes of people: those whose suicides we spend millions of dollars to prevent and those whose suicides we assist and treat as a positive good.

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St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality HANDMADE QUILT RAFFLE

It is again time to take the opportunity to participate in the Annual Ladies Sodality Quilt Raffle Fund Raiser. The talented and generous quilters of our parish have once again donated six (6) quilts for this fund raiser. What a blessing!!

There will be a drawing at the May meeting and then one chance every other month through March 2022. Get your tickets in quickly before the May drawing for six chances to win one of these unique and beautiful treasures. They are great for your home or to give as a gift, and can become a wonderful keepsake for your family.

Each chance is a donation of $2.00. On the reverse side of this paper is a sheet of 10 tickets. Please complete the information on each ticket that you want to purchase. You are welcome to place the completed tickets and money in an envelope marked “QUILT RAFFLE” and place in the collection basket; or you may mail / drop off your envelope to the church office.

If you need more tickets just call Kathy Swift at: (618) 980-5216 and she will get them to you as quickly as possible. Extra tickets will also be available in the gathering space at church.

As always thank you so much for participating in this annual Ladies Sodality fund raiser.

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Thursday, May 13 (Easter Weekday)
8:15 a.m. Jim McDonnell by Helen Withers
Friday, May 14 (Easter Weekday)
8:15 a.m. James Alsop by Diane Vivod
Saturday, May 15 (Easter Weekday)
8:15 a.m. Communion Service
Sunday, May 16 (The Ascension of the Lord)
Sat 4:30 p.m. Jeffrey Carroll by Michelle Carroll
8:00 a.m. Members of St. Elizabeth Parish
(8:00 a.m. Mass will be live streamed)
10:30 a.m. Eddie Broyles by Mary Johnson

In Memoriam

THE 14 DAY CANDLE will be burning in memory of Jeffrey Carroll.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS - It is NOT too late to sign up or renew your First Friday memorial intentions. These names are remembered monthly at Mass on each First Friday through the year, beginning in May. A yearly donation of $60 is requested for these listed intentions. Please pick up a new form at the Parish Office or call & we will be happy to mail one.

Sunday’s Mass Readings


Love, Love, Love. “Love” or “loved” is spoken seventeen times in the Bible readings today. Not a mushy Hallmark movie kind of love. But the love God has for us. The love we have for God and Christ. The love, therefore, we must have for everyone else. Strong, bold, lasting.

- How do I know I am loved? Let me count the persons and ways?
- How will I love those who are near?
- How will I love everyone else?

Divine Mercy Minutes

from the Diary of St. Faustina

“I have been living under the virginal cloak of the Mother of God. She has been guarding me and instructing me. I am quite at peace, close to Her Immaculate Heart. Because I am so weak and inexperienced, I need like a little child close to Her heart.”
(Diary, 1097)

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