



He is risen! Alleluia!

Selected Easter artwork
from St. Elizabeth Royals
8th graders

He is Risen



He Is Not Here;
He Has Risen, Just
As He Said.



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**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary,
Pray for Us.**

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

We Invite You to Join Us Often!

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter
(St. Joseph the Worker)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Parish Directory

PHONE: (618) 877-3300

Mass & Confession Times: 1
Parish Office 2
Grade School 3

See bulletin cover for additional info.

After selecting Office or School there are additional menus.

Organizational Leadership

Finance Council	Charlotte Charbonnier
School Board	Denise Stout
Parent/Teacher Org.	Michele Stabinsky
Ladies Sodality	Pam Ames
Holy Name Men's Club	Rob Hutson
Men at Prayer	Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners	Pam Ames
Athletic Director	Dustin Brewer
Maintenance Team	Bud Charbonnier



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

Join us for Exposition and Adoration with Benediction and Vespers, 7:00-8:00 p.m. every Sunday. Come and spend an hour with the Lord to end your weekend and start your week.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, May 3 No Mass
Tuesday, May 4 (Easter Weekday)
8:15 a.m. Communion Service
Wednesday, May 5 (Easter Weekday)
8:15 a.m. Communion Service
Thursday, May 6 (Easter Weekday)
8:15 a.m. Jeffrey Carroll by Michelle Carroll
Friday, May 7 (Easter Weekday)
8:15 a.m. Intentions of First Friday Memorials
Saturday, May 8 (Easter Weekday)
4:30 p.m. Joseph Czwornog by Anna Czwornog
Sunday, May 9 (6th Sunday of Easter)
8:00 a.m. Blanche Pritchard by Alice Newton
(8:00 a.m. Mass will be live streamed)
10:30 a.m. Members of St. Elizabeth Parish

Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers, check your MSP app or email, or call the Parish Office to confirm your assignments. More information at stgranitecity.org/schedule.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

We are looking for more Thursday Adorers!
Spend an hour a week with our Lord.
Sign up at <https://adorationpro.org/elizabethil>

Sunday's Mass Readings

Gn 1:26-2:3 Psalm 90:2,12-13,14 and 16
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24 Mt 13:54-58

Giving of Yourself to Raise Others Up.

Joseph "the Worker" loved Jesus as a father loves his son and showed that love by giving him the best he had. He raised him as a craftsman, transmitting his own professional skill to him and raising work to a renewed dignity in the order of creation. He was happy to deny himself to provide better for his son. With Joseph, the Christian engaged in their work learns to deeply belong to God, and to fully take on one's place among others, sanctifying the world through our work.

"St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect, and enlighten families." - St. Pope John Paul II

- ◆ What are the unique talents God has given me to share with others?
- ◆ Who in my life needs something of what I can offer from what God has given to me?

From our Pastor's Desk

Father Alfred Tumwesigye

Praised be Jesus Christ! Grace and peace to you. In the year 1955, Pope Pius XII put May 1 on the Church's calendar to honor St. Joseph the Worker. Last year on December 8, 2020, with the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

This year since the optional memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker, May 1 falls on Saturday, in order to help foster devotion to Saint Joseph, our Bishop the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, 'considering the pastoral advantage of the faithful and out of a desire to foster devotion to the Protector of the Church' has granted us permission for use of the liturgical texts of memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker (Genesis 1:26-2:3; Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58).

In the Gospel reading, Jesus came to his native place, and his own townsfolk remark to one another; "isn't he the son of a humble carpenter from our own town, the man who works in his father's shop? **Is he not the carpenter's son?**" (Matthew 13:54-55). Who is this Carpenter? Joseph the foster and earthly Father of Jesus! He who earned an honest living and provided for his family from sweat and hard labor.

This is also exciting, from a small village Jesus – the manual worker with St. Joseph, speaks the word to the people in the synagogue that indicate a special connection with God.

We hear that everyone in the synagogue at Nazareth was astonished by Jesus, as heard from Isaiah: "*Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.*" His authority is much more than a carpenter's son! For he applies the words of the prophet, "*the Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*" to himself and to his own mission. This is the mission to "*pray and work*" (*ora et labora*) as St. Benedict would encourage his Monks to always stay facing the Lord in an attitude of prayer throughout the course of their day-to-day work.

As we Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph, we pray for the men and women who toil day in and day out. We will be blessing the tools we use for work; may it be a symbol of renewed desire to appreciate the dignity of work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron. As Pope Francis mentioned, St. Joseph teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor."

When Pope Pius XII made the First Day of May dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker, he expressed hope that it would bring dignity, justice and spiritual dimension to working people, labor unions, laws etc. "*At the workbench where he plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work close to the mystery of the redemption*" (St. Pope John Paul II: Guardian of the Redeemer, no 22).

As we honor St. Joseph the Worker, may he intercede for us to value work, while participating in the work of salvation. This is an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion.

St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us!
Fr. Alfred Tumwesigye

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 and we will be happy to mail one.

Parish & School Events

Sunday, May 2

9:00 a.m. – Men at Prayer

4-6:00 p.m. – GC Rock 8th Grade Meet & Greet @ St. Elizabeth

7-8:00 p.m. – Exposition and Holy Hour with Vespers

Monday, May 3

Tuesday, May 4

7:30 p.m. – Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday, May 5

7:00 p.m. – BINGO

Thursday, May 6

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Adoration

Friday, May 7

11:00 a.m. – Early dismissal (school)

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

MOTHER'S DAY

6:30-8:00 p.m. – GC Rock at Holy Family

7-8:00 p.m. – Exposition and Holy Hour with Vespers

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 Schillinger, San Diego; Britney Stieglitz, Oujonbou, South Korea; Brandon Weidner, Mobile, AL; Dylan Niles, Lackland AFB, TX; Nolan Yehling, Whiteman AFB, MO; Justin Niles, JBER AFB, AK; Kody Presswood, Italy; Sam Windisch, Okinawa, Japan; Michael Snyder, Camp Lincoln, Springfield, IL

Prayers for our Clergy

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays in May: May 1 – Fr. David Beaugard, OMV, May 2 – Msgr. Leo Enlow, May 7 – Fr. Jeffery Grant, May 9 – Fr. Dominic Rankin, May 10 – Fr. Christopher House, May 12 – Fr. Alfred Tumwesigye, May 15 – Fr. John Carberry, May 23 – Fr. Christudas Kurisadima, SAC, May 24 – Msgr. David Peters, May 28 – Fr. Scott Snider.

Continuing our series based on Bishop Paprocki's suggestion that the return of many to church "would be a good opportunity to re-catechize on the important reasons that underlie our liturgical and sacramental practices," this week we'll explore the question, "*Why does it matter that we gather in person for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?*"

We are a physical people of a physical faith – a sacramental people of a sacramental faith. Jesus left us Sacraments as the privileged way of receiving God's grace, and wills through the Church that the Sacraments are imparted via physical elements that we experience with all our senses. Baptism includes the essential matter of water. Confirmation includes the matter of Holy Chrism (it smells wonderful!) by which we are anointed. The Mass includes the Word which we hear in its preaching, and the matter of bread and wine under which Jesus becomes present in the fullness of His Most Holy Body & Blood.

We see the colors marking the seasons. We smell the incensed smoke carrying our prayers heavenward. We hear the bells reminding us of the key moments of the Eucharistic Prayer.

We also join in community – our presence among the family of believers is a tangible sign of the reality of church. When one part is missing, the body suffers. When one person is missing, the body of the Church is incomplete.

We also come because in our physical presence we are bringing the fullness of ourselves – the highs and lows, "what we have done and what we have failed to do" of our week to the altar and offering them as part of the sacrifice of the community, joined to Christ's eternal sacrifice on the cross, re-presented every day on every altar of the world. We bring our sacrifices and join them to the One Sacrifice of Calvary when we physically enter into the reality of the liturgy.

According to the virtue of Justice, by which we give to each what is their due, we owe to God due worship and praise. The sacrifice of our presence at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass isn't supposed to be something out of which we "get" something. The sacrifice of our presence and our worship are simply what we owe to God, who created us, loves us, and holds us in being. He sent His only Son to die for our sins – the *least* we can do is be present to join into that sacrifice and to give God worship and praise in justice.

If you have a practical question about why we do a certain sacramental action or something of that sort, email me at mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org or call the Parish Office. I have a few more to tackle in the coming weeks, but would be happy to take on your questions and suggestions as well.

Happy Easter! Yours in Christ the Servant,
Deacon Candidate Michael Halbrook

GOD LOVES YOU

LOVE GOD. LOVE HIS CHURCH. LOVE HIS PEOPLE.

Encounter faith formation at St. Elizabeth Church.

Emmaus Nights

Come and learn! Open to all.

Sign up: stelizabethgc.org/events or call the Parish Office.
May 11, 7:00 p.m.: Is God with YOU Always? An Interactive Session (Tammi Mooshegian) – *NOTE: This session will NOT be streamed live.*

The Search

Coming soon: The Search, a parish-wide program for everyone, from long term parishioners to those who are not currently part of a church. Pray now for people to form and join small groups for *The Search*.

GC Rock Youth Group

Sun., May 2: 8th Grade Meet & Greet at St. Elizabeth, 4-6 p.m.

Sun., May 9: Hand out Mother's Day flowers after all Masses

Sun. May 16 & 23: Gathering @ St. Elizabeth, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sun., May 30: No gathering

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.

See the 8th grade meet & greet info elsewhere in the bulletin.

Young Disciples (4th-8th Graders)

Young Disciples (ALL 4th-8th graders, St. Elizabeth AND other schools) join us for our *school year wrap-up and YDS kick-off picnic*, Sunday, May 23 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Picnic food and fun yard games for all. Awards for those who completed their service hours and/or served as altar servers this year. Hosted at Norma's Along the Way Bed & Breakfast, 152 Central Ave. **RSVP at stelizabethgc.org/events.**

FORMED & Kiosk Corner

This week's FORMED Pick of the Week:

The Way of St. James – This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.

Thanks to our Men's Club, all parishioners have FREE access to FORMED on computers, streaming TVs, and other devices. Visit signup.formed.org, enter our zip code (62040) or parish name, and enter your name and email.

A Call to Confirmation

Please help us find parishioners older than 3rd grade who haven't yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. More info: stelizabethgc.org/news/call-to-confirmation

Totus Tuus - Totally Yours

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Totus Tuus in Granite City, July 11-17. Summer faith, fun, and friendship, like a Vacation Bible School. Students entering Grades 1-6 during the day; Students entering Grades 7-12 in the evening.

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.

Pride of our School

REGISTRATION AND ASSISTANCE – Registration is open for Pre-K through 8th grade for the upcoming school year. Contact the school at ljoyce@stelizabethgc.org for more details.

All families who wish to apply for tuition assistance must do so by June 15. Notices for awarded amounts will be given out by July 1.

HELP WANTED – Interested in being our daytime custodian? Monday-Friday (Approximately 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Benefits, Insurance and a Great Atmosphere. Please send your resume or request an application. Mwilliams@stelizabethgc.org Call 618-877-3300, ext. 2000.

Parish News

PARISH PICNIC 2021 – It is with much sadness that we must share that the decision has been made to cancel the Parish Picnic for 2021. The current restrictions make it impossible to hold an event of this magnitude. The Picnic Committee is exploring other options. Stay tuned!

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL APPEAL – Father McGivney Catholic High School upholds a proud tradition of providing a quality Catholic education to area students. It is our belief that every student who desires a Catholic high school education should be able to receive it at McGivney regardless of their economic situation. As a result, almost 50% of our students receive need-based financial assistance in order to attend McGivney. Without a strong Annual Fund, interested students would not be able to benefit from the strong Catholic experience McGivney offers. Help us to be able to provide this Catholic high school education to those who want to make the commitment, but cannot financially make it work. Our McGivney Family is truly blessed to have your support and your prayers. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** – Please fill out and return the pledge envelope that was in the church lobby last week or visit <https://mccgivneygriffins.com/annual-appeal> to make a contribution toward the appeal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! – St. Elizabeth parish has an additional BINGO! This BINGO is the third Sunday evening of every month. We have a need for volunteers for this great opportunity. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Lickenbrock at 618-580-3164.

150 CLUB – We would like to welcome all the new members to the 150 Club! The winner of the Early Bird drawing was #128 Ed and Vickie Jacobs and April's winner was #148 Steven and Marilyn Hahn. Congratulations!

ATTENTION GOLFERS – Dust off your clubs, get your team together and mark your calendars for Sunday, August 29 for the Ladies Sodality Golf Tournament. Watch the bulletin for updates. Questions? Contact Kathy Byrd at 618-931-2719.

THANK YOU BULLETIN SPONSORS – This week we would like to thank **State Farm Insurance – Charlotte Charbonnier, Agent**. Call 618-797-2204 for all of your insurance needs. Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.

GC ROCK 8TH GRADE MEET & GREET

To ALL 8th Graders and High School Youth!

GC (God's Children) Rock Youth Invites YOU to our Meet 'n Greet Gathering! Sunday, May 2, 4-6 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church grounds (between the Church and the Parish Life Center). Come and enjoy some faith, fun, fellowship, and food with us and meet your fellow Rocks! Pizza, drinks, and s'mores will be provided! Bring your own chair/wear a mask and tennis shoes. **To the Parents of ALL Graduating 8th Grade and ALL High School Age Youth:** GC Rock paperwork will be available and needs to be filled out before participation. We are excited to meet you! Join our Facebook Group: GC Rock Youth Group. Any questions, please call Rita, 972-4022, Woody, 876-7551, or Dawn, 709-3565.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL – Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$313 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

DIVE DEEP PODCAST – This is not what these new priests envisioned: They have been priests for less than a year but have only known priestly life during a pandemic. How are our new priests coping? What has been the biggest challenge and biggest reward? Dive Deep sits down with Fathers Dominic Vahling (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield) and Michael Meinhart (St. Boniface in Edwardsville).



Respect Life

RESOURCES FOR MOTHERS IN NEED

Please help us share our list of resources for moms in need with anyone who might need it. Please also let us know if you are aware of resources we should add: stelizabethgc.org/moms
Saint Gerard Majella, Patron of Expectant Mothers, pray for us.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL SUPPORT

The pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call Project Rachel for a confidential, non-judgmental referral to help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.



Divine Mercy Minutes

from the Diary of St. Faustina



“When I was left alone with the Blessed Virgin, She instructed me concerning the interior life. She said, ‘The soul’s true greatness is in loving God and in humbling oneself in His presence, completely forgetting oneself and believing oneself to be nothing, because the Lord is great, but He is well pleased only with the humble. He always opposes the proud’”
 (Diary, 1711)

Our Financial Stewardship

April 25, 2021

	Over/ <u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	(Short)
Week 43 Regular Income (Includes Easter Offering)	\$ 5,547.00		
81 Envelopes (Average Gift \$68.48)			
Loose	237.17		
On-Line Giving	<u>1,000.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$ 6,784.17	\$ 7,709.00	\$ 929.83
YTD Totals	\$ 318,257.36	\$331,487.00	(\$13,229.64)

Weekly and YTD Goals were calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and is what is required to break even.

OTHER GIFTS

Tuition Assistance	110.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	30.00
Special Projects	60.00
Mission & Ministry	5.00
Easter Offering	85.00
Votive Offering	24.00
Calvary Cemetery	1.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	1.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	63.00
Seminarians	108.00
Retired Priests	1.00
Catholic Home Missions	313.00
Rice Bowl	28.86
Other Parish Offerings	1.00

Scrip Progress

Week Ending 04/25/2021

	Walmart	National	Total Sales
	\$2,850.00	\$3,235.00	\$6,085.00
Year to Date:			
	Walmart	National	Total Sales to Date
	\$25,425.00	\$30,570.00	\$55,995.00
APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE			\$2,555.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES			(\$ 196.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE			\$2,359.00

Parish Tithing Goal

Parish goal for tithing to our Springfield Diocese
 2020-21:

Goal	\$46,166.00
Pledged	(\$17,290.00)
Paid	<u>16,820.00</u>
Balance Due	<u>\$29,346.00</u>

67 of 553 Families Pledged
 Average Pledge – \$258.06

Upcoming Special Collections

May 16:	Parish Tithing Goal Campaign
May 16:	Catholic Communications Campaign
May 31:	Calvary Catholic Cemetery

REQUEST VISIT

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PLACE _____

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2021-2022 First Friday Memorials for St. Elizabeth Church

Deceased Members of the Mens Club

Huff Family

Winters Family

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy

Jim Deder

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Charles Dickey

Jim McDonnell

Binney Family

Laura Antoff

Czwoznog and Ostrenga Families

Dortch and Jones Families

Connie Hayes Family

Votoupal-Bursik Family

Bussen- Friedel Families

Lisa Dellamano

Richard A. Willaredt

Betty Hill and Families

Pawlak and Sertich Families

Michael and Leona Banach

Joseph and Victoria Krystopa

Ida Gragg

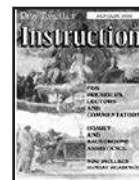
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