

Sunday, August 20th 2023

Collections: August 13th
Envelopes: \$1,833.00
Loose: \$326.00

Thank you for contributing to the well-being of our parish!

Mass Intentions:
Laura Tucciarone
The People of the Parish
If you would like a Mass intention for your loved one, contact the parish office.

E-giving:
Stelizcc.churchgiving.com/
On Sunday, and every other day too!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE:
Just point your camera at the code and click the link that pops up. It's that easy!



Rosary:
The Rosary will be prayed every evening at 7pm over Zoom and led by Janet Stern.

Order of Worship programs for Sunday Mass are now available! They can be used for any Sunday Mass and are in English and Swahili. You can find the books in the basket in the back of Church.

FR. JIM'S JOTS

Greetings,

In my absence, Msgr. Walter Barrett is celebrating Sunday Mass this weekend and Deacon Chris will be leading Communion Service at the usual daily Mass times, 12 noon on Wed., Aug. 23, and Fri., Aug. 25. I will be returning at the end of this upcoming week.

As we approach the end of August and beginning of September, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the "Season of Creation." Since 2015 Pope Francis has been encouraging the Church to celebrate a 'season of Creation', in sync with other Christian denominations around the world. Although not a liturgical season, as such, like Advent and Lent, it is a month during which we are invited to focus in particular on how we relate to the whole of Creation. The 'season of Creation' starts 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology for many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

Let the children lead us! As we prepare for a month of prayer and reflection with the 'season of Creation' after 10 am Mass, next Sunday, together with children and youths of our community, we will decorate a logo that will remind us of our call as Christians to honor and consider our place in God's Creation. Pope Francis has added *care of creation* to the traditional lists of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. This Season of Creation we are invited to 'Let Justice and Peace Flow Like a River'. That means giving serious consideration to the soul-searching question Pope Francis poses to us in his 2015 encyclical letter, Laudato Si': **"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"**

Summer Blessings,
Fr. Jim



Matthew 15:21-28

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION:

Sister Mary Mwangi will be available in the Parish Office on Wednesdays from 11am-2:30pm. You can get in contact with her by email (mmwangi@stelizcc.org) or at the office phone (804-329-4599)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Miguel Crespo, Philomena Hanna, Steve Bartels, Eva Chiles, William Lee, Talia Moser, Migdalia Romero, Jeanette Smith, Hannah Schooler, Petra Thompson, Jacob Saunders, Sr. Beulah Martin SBS., Albert Costanzo, Addisa Jokerias, Mary Ann Allen, Jennifer Soistman, and Michele Soules (please contact church office to add or remove names)

Hospitality Minister vacancies need to be filled. Virtus training is required. Personal training will be provided. You can contact Rita Hatchett by texting 804 229-1999 or email rhatchett1@verizon.net.

SACRAMENTS

If your child needs baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation please contact the Parish Office. For more info on First Communion or Confirmation, contact Liz Wiznerowicz: religioused@stelizcc.org.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Do you attend Mass but wanting to become more involved? Do you want a deeper relationship with God? If you have been baptized, or if you were baptized in another tradition, God may be calling you to a deeper relationship through the Catholic Faith. For information, contact Christopher Metzger: metzger.christopher@gmail.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Click on the link in the digital bulletin for August's Lesson on the Holy Spirit's Gift of Wisdom.



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

On Sunday August 27th after the 10am Mass, Sr. Limeteze, our representative from our new Haiti Ministry Partner, Beyond Borders, will be visiting St. Elizabeth's for a "meet and greet" and to talk about what Beyond Borders does and her recent trip to Haiti. Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday August 27th.

SEPTEMBER CENTENNIAL EVENT - Still Praising, 45 Years of Lifting our Voices Through Song. Sunday, September 24th at 4pm in the church, please join us in celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the St. Elizabeth Gospel Choir.

I Will Live Until I Die: A Musical on the Life of Sr. Thea Bowman.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center in Charlottesville, VA will be presenting a musical featuring ValLimar Jansen, along with a large Gospel choir, performing sixteen of the Spirituals Sr. Thea Bowman sang to people around the world, during her lifetime. Today, audiences across the United States are often moved to clap and sing along, with this rousing and familiar music. Showings will be on Sat. Sept 16th at 7:30pm and Sun. Sept 17th at 2pm.

Admission is \$20.00 General - \$15.00 Senior & Youth - Free for children 12 and younger. For more information or to buy tickets please visit tinyurl.com/theabowman. If you are planning on attending the Sunday showing, send an email to Liz (religioused@stelizcc.org) and join the St. Elizabeth Youth Faith Formation on their September field trip!

Prayer, Study, & Action for Addressing Climate Change

Saint Elizabeth is offering an Eco-Justice Series Program from JustFaith Ministries of Louisville, KY, "Sacred Air: Climate and Energy," to explore the impact of the climate crisis and equip people of faith to respond. There will be eight 2-hour sessions on Zoom, all to be held throughout the fall, dates & times to be determined by group consensus.. Sessions will include: Prayer & Reflection, Discussion of Assigned Readings, Videos/Group Activities, Spiritual Practices, and Integration of Faith. Limit 12 participants.

Cathy Woodson and Anne Gibbons will serve as co-facilitators. If interested, contact Cathy at cwood329@gmail.com or 804-683-1227 or Anne at gibbons@lynchburg.edu or 434-229-4307 by Sept. 10.



All Saints Catholic School in Richmond, Virginia, is seeking substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year, with a current VA state Teaching License. If interested, please email Scott Meadows smeadows@allsaintsric.org for more information.

GENTLE REMINDERS:

Face coverings are optional and silence your cell phones before entering the church.

Parents: As a reminder, you are required to escort any child, 12 years and under, downstairs to the restrooms and remain with them until their return

PARISH LINKS:

All Saints Catholic School

Allsaintsric.com

3418 Noble Avenue Richmond, VA 23222

804-329-7524

This school is part of our parish, as we contribute every year for children to pursue their education

PARISH OFFICE:

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Parish Website:

www.stelizcc.org

Parish Blog:

Stelizabethcc.blogspot.com

Check Us Out on Facebook:

Like us on: facebook.com/stelizabethcatholicchurch

Jazz Festival Website:

<https://stejazzfestival.com/>

St. Elizabeth is a busy parish.

Don't miss out. Every week, you can receive an email with the announcements you hear at church and read in the bulletin. Get the latest news delivered to your inbox. To sign up, go online to bit.ly/STECC_Bulletin