

December 31st, 2023

Last Sunday's Collections

Envelopes: \$2,460.00

Loose: 2,162.00

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

Mass Intentions:

The People of the Parish and Peace in 2024. *If you would like a Mass intention for your loved one, contact the parish office.*

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

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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.

FR. JIM'S JOTS

Greetings,

This Sunday we will have an evening Mass for Peace at 5pm to celebrate the vigil of the feast of Mary, Mother of God. We will have a potluck afterwards. So far, we have had many people sign up. I am looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful dishes! If you have not signed up to bring a dish yet, you can do so by clicking on link in my jot in the E-Bulletin.

January 1st marks the World Day of Peace for the Catholic Church. This tradition started with Pope Paul VI in 1967 and continues on to today. On this day, the Holy Father shares a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace.

In the second appendix of the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we find the "Formulas of Catholic Doctrine." In these, a common theme of peace can be found. The second commandment of love is "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." In the Beatitudes, we hear, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." One of the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit is Peace. We are called to forgiveness, patience, and kindness, through the spiritual works of mercy. These are just a few of the many ways that we are called to be examples of peace for the world around us.

We read in Sacred Scripture that, "The work of justice will be peace; the effect of justice, calm and security forever." (Isaiah 32:17)

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

Remember us, O God;

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

Amen.

Blessings to you and yours,

Fr. Jim, Pastor

Prayer from usccb.org



Feast of the Holy Family

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Philomena Hanna, Steve Bartels, Eva Chiles, William Lee, Talia Moser, Migdalia Romero, Jeanette Smith, Hannah Schooler, Petra Thompson, Jacob Saunders, Sr. Beulah Martin SBS., Mary Ann Allen, Jennifer Soistman, Shelton Jones, Mike Anderson, Morgan Przygocki, Burton Robinson and Michele Soules (please contact church office to add or remove names)

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

POTLUCK SIGNUP

Please visit the link in our E-Bulletin to sign up for the potluck on December 31st after the 5pm Mass.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The justice ministry committee will meet in the social hall on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6 for a holiday potluck supper and a short business meeting. Newcomers are always welcome.

RISC MEETING

Annual RISC/Richmonders Involved in Strengthening our Communities Network Meeting, Sunday, January 21, 2024 following 10:00AM Mass in the Church. Non-Network Members are welcome. There will be updates on our current initiatives: GVI/Gun Violence Intervention and Affordable Housing/Healthy homes.



CHRISTMAS LETTERS

Please remember to pick up your Christmas letters from fellow parishioners from the box by the statue of the Blessed Mother in the back of the church.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

5 Hospitality Ministers are needed for 8:30 Sunday masses. Please volunteer to serve once a month. We have only 3 people trying to cover 8 positions. Training will be provided. Please email rhatchett1@verizon.net or text Rita Hatchett at 804 229-1999.

Happy New Year

MESSAGE FROM JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Black history is every day, not just February. The justice committee of Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church recommends each parishioner find some way to honor the contributions of African-Americans throughout the year. One way to do this is to order a calendar and incorporate this into your prayer life with gratitude, honor and research. The links to purchase a social justice calendar will be in the E-Bulletin.



All Saints Catholic School in Richmond, Virginia, is seeking a part-time school nurse for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a 10-month position that reports to the principal. The ideal candidate is an RN or LPN who enjoys interacting with and has experience working with children at the elementary or middle school levels. Effective organizational, communication, professionalism, and basic technology skills are required to be successful in this position. If interested, please see the link at the bottom of the E-Bulletin.

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

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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