

March 31st, 2024

Last Sunday's Collections

Envelopes: \$1,025
Loose: \$929
E-Giving: \$2,914
Thank you for contributing to the well-being of our parish!

Mass Intentions:

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading
Acts 4:32-35
Responsorial Psalm
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Second Reading
1 John 5:1-6
Gospel
Jn 20:19-31

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!

Christ is risen!
On this day we proclaim that he, the Lord of our life, is "the resurrection and the life" of the world.

Let us make haste to surmount our conflicts and divisions, and to open our hearts to those in greatest need. Let us rejoice at the concrete signs of hope that reach us from so many countries, beginning with those that offer assistance and welcome to all fleeing from war and poverty.

At the same time, along this journey we also encounter many stumbling blocks, which make it more difficult and demanding to hasten towards the Risen Lord. To him, then, let us make our prayer: Lord, help us to run to meet you! Help us to open our hearts!

Comfort refugees, deportees, political prisoners and migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, as well as the victims of hunger, poverty and the dire effects of the drug trade, human trafficking and all other forms of slavery. Lord, inspire the leaders of nations to ensure full respect for human rights; that the common good of the citizenry may be pursued always and solely; and that security and the conditions needed for dialogue and peaceful coexistence may be guaranteed.

May we rediscover the enjoyment of the journey, quicken the heartbeat of hope and experience a foretaste of the beauty of heaven! Today, let us summon the energy to advance in goodness towards Goodness itself, which never disappoints. We believe in you, Lord Jesus. We believe that, with you, hope is reborn and the journey continues. May you, the Lord of life, encourage us on our journey and repeat to us, as you did to the disciples on the evening of Easter: "Peace be with you!"

Easter Blessings to you and yours,
Fr. Jim, Pastor

Easter reflection adapted from Pope Francis' Easter 2023 Urbi et Orbi Message.

EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTIONS

In the year of parish Eucharistic revival, this Easter Sunday let us reflect on paragraph 35 from The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, a USCCB document:

'The personal and moral transformation that is sustained by the Eucharist reaches out to every sphere of human life. The love of Christ can permeate all of our relationships: with our families, our friends, and our neighbors. It can also reshape the life of our society as a whole. Our relationship with Christ is not restricted to the private sphere but extends particularly and "preferentially" to the poor and the most vulnerable. We all need to be consistent in bringing the love of Christ not only to our personal lives, but also to every dimension of our public lives.'



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Eva Chiles, Hannah Schooler, Petra Thompson, Sr. Beulah Martin SBS., Mary Ann Allen, Jennifer Soistman, Mike Anderson, Marie Masse, Michelle Beck and Burton Robinson. Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise noted. Please contact Office Manager, Eva (evabalkarli@stelizcc.org), 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



ST. ELIZABETH MINISTRIES

Are you interested in becoming more active in the church either during or outside of Sunday Mass? If you would like to join one of our ministries, please visit www.stelizcc.org/parish-ministries-2022/ to learn more and to find out how to contact our ministry leaders.

Community Life - Help with the kitchen and serving food during church events such as coffee and doughnuts, retreats, fellowships after services, and more. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, please contact our Office Manager, Eva, evabalkarli@stelizcc.org.

Religious Education - Assist with children's faith formation as a catechist or adult helper on Sundays after Mass or on Saturday afternoons. We must have adult volunteers to be able to hold faith formation per Diocese Safe Environment Regulations. Currently we have only a handful of volunteers each weekend, and they need more hands on-deck. If you are interested in helping on one or both days, please contact religioused@stelizcc.org.

Hospitality - 5 volunteers needed for Hospitality Ministry for 8:30 mass. Looking for 2 people to serve 1 Sunday a month. You can serve as a couple or individual. Virtus training is required. You can check out the Hospitality training video on *WATCH* Videos of Parish Ministries. Personal training will be provided. You can contact Rita Hatchett by texting 804 229-1999 or email rhatchett1@verizon.net

For our Church events and formation to happen, we must have volunteers to keep things running. Please consider helping in these or any of our ministries, to assist in the life of our Church.



Update: 2024 Jazz Festival

We will be returning to our usual date for the Jazz Festival as there was a schedule conflict with another Richmond festival on the same day. This event was announced shortly after we made the change to the Jazz Fest date. **The 2024 Jazz Festival will be on August 3rd, 2024.** For questions, please contact the office.

You're Invited!

On May 12th, after the 10am Mass, save the date for the celebration of Sr. Mary Mwangi's 30th Anniversary of her profession of religious vows to the Sisterhood. More details will be shared soon!



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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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