

October 27th, 2024

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

Last Sunday's Collections

Envelopes: \$530
Loose: \$669

Mass Intentions: Bonnie Esslinger and Kate and Eitel Kingue

If you would like a Mass intention for your loved one, contact the parish office.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading
Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Second Reading
Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel
Mark 12:28b-34

For more info on daily readings please visit: bible.usccb.org

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.

Greetings!

FR. JIM'S JOTS

As many of you know we have been preparing to launch a parish wide capital campaign to raise funds to build a new Parish Center. Well, the time has come! We received final approval from the diocese to move forward with the building project so today I am announcing the start of our parish campaign called "Our Campaign for Tomorrow". Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$500,000.

With the assistance of Greater Mission, a Catholic fund-raising firm we are moving forward with the campaign. It will move through several phases beginning with a Leadership phase, moving to Gathering and Participation phases. Every household in our parish and some beyond will be asked for their support and to participate in a gathering. The campaign will be based in prayer and asking for everyone's best sacrifice. Since we are asking for a best sacrifice, through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, all gifts will be confidential as the best sacrifice for every household is different.

We will keep everyone informed about the progress in each phase and when you are invited to participate in a gathering at someone's home or here at the parish, we hope you will make every effort to attend. I cannot do this alone and have reached to a small group of parishioners to serve as a Campaign Cabinet, but even with their help, it is your help, participation and generosity that will help us reach our goal.

More information regarding the start of this phase of "Our Campaign for Tomorrow" can be found in the flyer in this bulletin. The prayer for our campaign can be found in this bulletin as well.

**Thank you and may God Bless you for your continued support.
Fr. Jim, Pastor**



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Eva Chiles, Petra Thompson, Jennifer Soistman, Lucy Mwangi, Mike Anderson, Bill and Carolyn Pearlingi, 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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

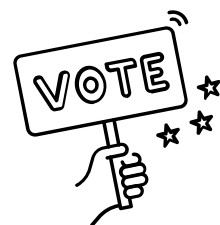
All Saints Day | Friday, November 1st - Mass in the church at 12pm. One hour of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass as it is the first Friday of the month.



Congratulations! Two new babies were born on the same day this month!

Congrats to Nerlande Nicholas and Thomas Jardim on the birth of their child. Their son Cassian Paul was born on October 10th, 2024.

Congrats to Scholastique Mukugatare and Innocent Karemera on the birth of their child. Their daughter Maria Naomi was born on October 10th, 2024.



Election information for the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and the City of Richmond is available in the parish hall. Election prayer cards, sample ballots, and general information can be reviewed. This information is nonpartisan and will be available through Nov. 3rd.

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 want 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 AND EVENTS

Marriage Blessing and Reception after 10am Mass on October 27th - Kate and Eitel Kingue, relatives of parishioner Mary Downes Amrhein, will be visiting this Sunday and Fr. Jim will be blessing their marriage. Their family will be holding a light reception after Mass in the Parish Hall and would like to invite the church to celebrate with them. All are invited.

Vivian Sullivan Birthday Celebration! - On October 31st, parishioner Vivian Sullivan will be celebrating her 90th Birthday. She would like to celebrate with the church on November 3rd after 10am Mass in the Parish Hall. All are invited!

Community Church Clean-Up Day - Please join us on Saturday, November 9th from 10am - 12pm to help us clean the church in preparation for our Homecoming Celebration the following week. Tasks usually include sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, polishing, organizing pews, etc. Please bring some cleaning supplies to use while you are here. All help is much appreciated. The more people we have attend, the more work we can do!



Tuesday October 29th RISC Community Problems Assembly - Second Baptist Church, 3300 Broad Rock Rd, Richmond 23224



PRAYER FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

*Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the many blessings you share with all of us, including our parish community made up of so many of your children from all around the world. May we always be reminded of how each person we meet, whether here at St. Elizabeth or in our community, is one of Your children, a gift to be treasured.*

Bless our efforts as we begin our campaign to build a new parish center, a place of learning, fellowship, and ministry for our entire parish, young and old. Help our parish to continue to grow in grace and wisdom and bless all our parish family with a generous heart that we may successfully complete our campaign.

May our parish be a place of discipleship that You call from every believer. May this, and all we do, proceed in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

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:

Hours: Tues-Fri, 1-4pm
Office@stelizcc.org
804-329-4599

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

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
Invites You to Our
Homecoming

Please join us to celebrate the history of our Parish.

November 17th 2024 | 8:30 am Sunday Mass
10:00 am Sunday Mass

A light reception and fellowship after both Masses in the Parish Hall.

2712 2nd Ave. Richmond, VA. 23222
804-329-4599

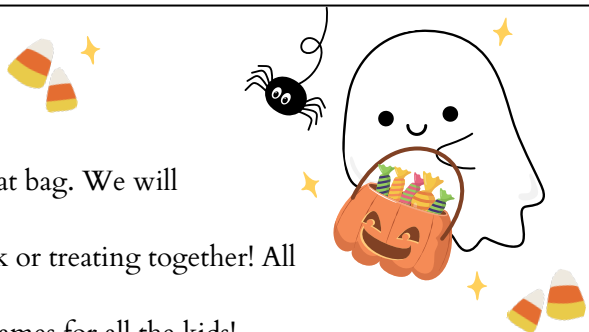
To sign up to bring a dish or to assist with set up and clean up for our Homecoming Celebration on November 17th, 2024 please scan the QR code or visit the following link: bit.ly/stehomecoming



WHAT WE NEED: HAM BISCUITS, FRUIT, SWEET BREADS, SET-UP/CLEAN-UP ASSISTANCE.

If you are unable to use the sign-up form but would like to sign up for one of the above items, please call the parish office (804-329-4599 ext. 10)

YOUTH GROUP HALLOWEEN PARTY



Schedule on Thursday, October 31st:

- 4:00 PM at St Elizabeth. Choose a costume and a treat bag. We will carpool/bus to West Avenue at VCU.
- 5:00 PM at West Avenue. Join us for an hour of trick or treating together! All ages welcome!
- 6:30 PM at St Elizabeth. Pizza dinner, and fun and games for all the kids!

To sign up your child or children to attend please email Liz (religioused@stelizcc.org) or sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers Needed: Adult Chaperones are needed at the church before and after the children go trick or treating as well as at West Ave. downtown. If you are interested in helping or coming with your child, please email Liz (religioused@stelizcc.org) to let her know.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Advent is a time of preparation for the Christmas season, but now is the time for us to prepare ourselves for Advent! The first Sunday of Advent is December 1st, 2024 (just five Sundays from today).

Reading God's Word Liturgical Year C 2025 Available Soon - The 2025 Reading God's Word Books contain all of the readings for the upcoming liturgical year. Each book is \$10 each. We can accept cash and check. If you wish to pay with your credit or debit card, please visit the Parish Office during office hours to do so. Books will be available after both Masses on November 3rd and 10th. We have a limited supply, so all book purchases are first-come, first-serve.

Advent and New Liturgical Materials - 2025 Liturgical Art Calendars and Little Blue Books for Advent will be available after both Masses on November 26th and December 1st. These materials are free.



Christmas Giving Tree - If your family is in need of assistance with Christmas gifts this year, please contact our Umoja Family Ministry at umojafamilyministry@gmail.com or fill out one of the forms located at the back of the church or in our E-Bulletin. All completed forms should be given to our Umoja Family Ministry or emailed to them. **All forms must be submitted by November 10th, 2024.** *This giving campaign is open to the entire community for any children as well as elderly and people with disabilities who may have a need. We also ask that people not request large electronics or gift cards.*

Giving Tree Donations - If you are interested in supporting our annual Giving Tree Project by purchasing gifts, a bulletin message and announcement will be made when the gift tags are ready.



COMMUNITY EVENTS/OUR NEIGHBORS

Catholic Diocese of Richmond | Office for Black Catholics Annual Retreat
November 15-16, 2024 - Will be at Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond, VA. To register by Oct. 31st, please Scan the QR code or visit the link the weekly E-Bulletin.



About the retreat: Embracing the Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit in Our Daily Lives presented by Cathy Woodson. This session will be a time to rekindle, reflect, and engage in recalling the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit through scripture and prayer. Entering into the Spirit of Self Reflection to be with Jesus in the Presence of One's Heart presented by Pam Harris. During this session, we will continue to embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the process of examining our conscience in preparation of humbling ourselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

November 3rd: The Annual Memorial Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, 1700 1st Avenue will take place Sunday November 3rd at 2pm. Fr. Jim Arsenault will officiate.



Rosary Ministry at St. Mary's Hospital - The rosary ministry at St. Mary's Hospital meets in the hospital's chapel at 3pm on weekdays but is in need of volunteers on first Tuesday of each month or the third Wednesday of each month. If interested in attending, please email Mike O'Toole: otoolemj@verizon.net or (804)-908-3721



Deacon Charles William Speaker Series for Racial Healing | Cathedral of the Sacred Heart | November 13 at 6:00pm. This event on November 13 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart continues the legacy of Deacon Williams by providing education about racism and Black Catholic history in the Diocese of Richmond. The speaker is Fr. Robert Boxie, Catholic Chaplain at Howard University in Washington, DC and the Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic Student Center. His talk will be "Real Presence, Real Communion: The Eucharist as the Source of Our Unity." Ticket prices are \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, \$20 per family and \$5 for students. Register by Nov. 10: To register please see the link in our E-Bulletin, or visit bit.ly/DCWSSBoxie. The evening will begin with a holy hour and confessions from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and dinner will follow. The presentation with Q&A will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parking is available on Cathedral Place and at the VCU Main Street deck.

Letter to the Community of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church regarding our Social Ministry:

10/14/24

To the Fellowship at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church,

My name is Libbie Baggan. I was struggling this time last year. I lost my job in July 2023 and was without any income for 3 months. I was starving and didn't know how I'd be able to come up with the remaining \$687 I owed my landlord for rent October 2023. I reached out to St. Elizabeth's for help.

Ms. Morton met with me at the library one afternoon in late September 2023. I shared with her a portion of my story and the difficult situation I found myself in. She hugged me as I wept and let me know that St. Elizabeth's would donate the amount, I still owed my landlord, and she gave me a \$25 gift card to Walmart too so I could buy myself groceries! That night was the first night in months I did not go to bed hungry, and the weight of my fear of impending eviction was lifted from me.

I am doing much better these days. I wanted to give back the help that was so freely given to me when I had nowhere else to turn, plus a small donation. God showed his love to me through your ministry. I know I am going to remember it for the rest of my life.

In gratitude,
Libbie Baggan

Enclosed with her letter, Libbie included a generous donation to our Parish's Social Ministry. We would like to thank Libbie for her generosity and support of our community as well as our Social Ministry Team for the support they provide to our community.

Our Campaign for Tomorrow



**St. Elizabeth-Richmond
Campaign Goal: \$500,000**

Together, We Make A Difference

As Catholics, we have a responsibility to meet the needs of our parish and to act collectively for the benefit of us all. The generations before us have given us a great heritage and now it is our time to add to that heritage. *Our Campaign for Tomorrow* is being conducted to provide funds to construct a new Parish Center that our parish truly needs.

The \$500,000 goal is designed to provide the resources we need along with others to make this project a reality. Connected to the church and handicapped accessible, the new Parish Center will provide meeting space for ministry groups, classrooms for our growing religious education program, and offices for our staff.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing more information with you during Mass, in the bulletin, at receptions, and in information packets for each family.

As our parish moves forward, each of us is asked to do three things:

- **Listen and Learn.** Come to understand the needs of our parish in a very detailed way. See the impact of what the funds raised will do.
- **Reflect and Pray.** Consider all that will be accomplished and the importance of the Church in your life. As a family, seek God's guidance as to how you can best help. Ask questions and ensure your understanding during this period.
- **Decide and Act.** When you feel you have had your questions answered and can determine how best you can assist, please make your pledge and celebrate with our entire parish family.

In the coming weeks, we will build on this information and look forward to an active dialogue with you. Thank you for your prayers, consideration, and interest in our parish.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the parish conducting this campaign?

With the addition of new families, many of them with children, we have simply outgrown our current facilities. Our offices are inadequate, and we have no dedicated meeting space for our ministry groups. This facility is long overdue.

The Parish Center will cost much more than \$500,000. How can it be built?

That is true. We need a total of \$1.5 to \$2 million to complete the project. What is also true is that we are a small parish, and it is unlikely we can raise all these funds. We have already received significant commitments from friends of the parish, we have parish savings, and we intend on selling the current parish office building. All of this, with your generous support, will provide what we need to complete the new building.

Is the Diocese of Richmond supporting our efforts?

Yes, 100% of the funds that we raise in this campaign will remain in the parish and will not be subject to any diocesan assessments. Bishop Knestout has been very supportive and has recently given final approval for the project.

How will I be asked to participate?

Every household in the parish will be invited to attend either a home gathering or a gathering here at the Church between December 2024 and February 2025. If you cannot attend a gathering, we will then conduct Witness Weekends in late January/early February and a Participation Weekend in late February so that all will have ample time to pray and reflect on your gift.

Who is being asked to participate?

Every registered family in the parish as well as all who join us regularly will be asked to prayerfully consider a gift to the campaign. We are a small parish, so it is extremely important that we receive a high rate of participation for our campaign to be able to reach our goal. There are many local community members who will also be asked to help us with a gift.

Is my gift confidential?

Yes, the gift packet you receive will be personal to you and your family and will not be shared with any other member of the parish community. There will be no parishioner-to-parishioner solicitation; your gift is entirely between you and the Lord.

How much should I give?

Each household will be asked for a gift in a gift range, not a specific amount. You will be asked to give this your prayerful consideration and make a **Decision of Faith** based on the spiritual principles that we should give out of **Gratitude** for the gifts God has given us, out of **Joy** rather than obligation, and finally out of **Love**, as Christ showed His Selfless Love for all of us.

How will I be reminded about my payments?

There is going to be a way to make your gift online via WE SHARE which will eliminate the need for reminders. That link will be provided to you but we ask that you not use it until you have received your packet and have had time to pray about your best sacrifice. The parish will send regular pledge payment reminders based on the frequency you request (Monthly, Quarterly, etc.) for those who choose not to use WE SHARE. In addition, for those who use offertory envelopes, payment envelopes will be placed in the offertory envelope packets.

How long is the pledge period and when will I receive my first pledge reminder?

Pledges can be made over a 3 to 5-year period, and parishioners may choose the month in which to start payment and choose whether to receive monthly, quarterly, or annual reminders. Pledge reminders will begin to be mailed in March 2025 to those who need them.