



# ST. ELIZABETH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAIN STREET AT 75TH STREET WEST - KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64114 - (816) 523-2405 - WWW.STEKC.ORG - REV. GREGORY HASKAMP, PASTOR

JANUARY 24, 2021  
THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday Masses**  
**Weekday Masses**

Limited Public Masses; see inside or  
our website for more information

**New Parishioners, Welcome!**

Please contact Heather Solis at  
hsolis@stekc.org to join the parish.  
*You must be a registered parishioner for  
sacramental preparation.*

**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:00pm – 4:00pm or  
by appointment with Fr. Greg

**Preparation for Infant Baptism**

Please contact Deacon Mike McLean at  
mmclean@stekc.org to make  
arrangements.

**Marriage**

Registered parishioners who wish to be  
married need to contact Deacon Mike  
McLean nine to twelve months prior to  
the anticipated wedding date.

**Our Mission Statement**

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church is a vibrant,  
Christ-centered community whose primary  
purpose is to celebrate the sacred liturgy  
and the Sacraments. Empowered by the  
Sacraments, we are called to personal  
holiness, to spread the word of God, and  
to actions of generosity and compassion  
toward all of God's people.

3<sup>rd</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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Ministry Spotlight:  
Respect Life Ministry

## Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry (RLM) of St. Elizabeth celebrates the God-given dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. We are dedicated to observing and promoting the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church on all life issues, including abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, infanticide, and assisted suicide. Through prayer, education, and action, our ministry hopes to strengthen a culture of life at St. Elizabeth and throughout our community.

In 1973, the Supreme Court case known as Roe v. Wade prohibited American states from preventing abortion within their boundaries. Since then, 61 million lives have been lost to abortion. On January 22, the anniversary of this lamentable decision, the Respect Life Ministry prayed a rosary at St. Elizabeth to mourn the lives lost, ask for comfort to men and women affected by abortion, and celebrate life.

We invite all parishioners who support our mission to join the Respect Life Ministry. All who are interested in learning more or hearing about future events, please email one of the following contacts: Lisa Anielak (lanielak@yahoo.com), Mary Beth McClain (mbmcclain87@gmail.com) or Collene Sulzer (collenesulzer@sbcglobal.net).



## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

**Raul Acevedo**, elder and community leader in the Romero Community of El Salvador; **Annette Ahnemann**, sister of George Koppe; **Jim Buckley**; **Olivia Cameron**, granddaughter of Ed & Mary Webb & great-granddaughter of Tom & Joanne Laughlin; **Mark Craig**; **Mike Faeth**; **Cathy Fox**; **Leo Guzman**; **Doug Henry**; **Angela & John Hirte**; **Jan Irick**; **Tina Jinkins**; **Sandy Kauffman**, mother of Matt Kauffman; **Dale Keith**, brother of Joyce Fish; **Lucy Koch**, daughter of Kevin & Beth Koch and granddaughter of Michael & Hanna Cusick; **Joseph Ludwikoiski**, son of PJ and Mary Ludwikoiski; **Carol Lynn**; **Louis Mandl**, stepfather of Nancy Miller; **Marsha Mangold**; **Kathleen Matthews**; **Pearl Mayanja**, daughter of Judith Mayanja; **John Miller**, father of Victoria Blume; **Michaella Neal**; **Butch & Donna Newell**; **Rosie Ragsdale**, daughter of Kelsey & Michael Ragsdale; **Tahlia Riley**; **Don Rizzo**, father of Anna Valdivia; **Ron Rode**, father of Kay Kremer; **Mary Jayneen Ross**, sister of Jim VanDyke; **Gary Schell**, inlaw of Jerry & Christine Hurlbert; **Chris Storm**; **Heather Volker**, sister-in-law of Staci Courier; **Marie Wood**, sister-in-law of Peggy VanDyke; **Beverly Yancey**, sister of Janet Garnett

Please notify the parish office when a friend or loved one is in need of prayers, Eucharistic Minister, or is in the hospital.

## School Corner

As we begin this new year and a new semester, we have a new opportunity for our parents to have a conversation on diversity and inclusion here at St. Elizabeth. Our teachers received training in August and after that meeting, a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion School Committee was formed. Our new Guidance Counselor, Sarah Kindscher, is the Chairperson of this group, and eight other teachers are part of this group as well. This committee has worked diligently on goals and now we seek parent input.

Inclusion is already such a large part of our mission as a Catholic school—**inclusion of all learners and people**; we hope as many parents as possible will make it a priority to attend the Zoom meeting at **7:00pm on January 27**. This invitation is a call to participate in helping to solidify our position as a welcoming and inclusive Catholic school community. This takes all of us. We have the most amazing people (you, your children, and our teachers), and that's what makes our community so unique. This opportunity is for all of us and challenges us to be the best we can be.

## Stewardship

The first disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel left their work and their daily routines to follow him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to him. The good steward finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully. All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safety of the little world we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord's call and be challenged by his Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to be better stewards of God's mercy, compassion and hospitality he planted within us.

~International Catholic Stewardship Council

### Stewardship Shout-Outs:

- To all who continue to serve others in our community during our current health crisis.

## Pray for our Military

**We remember in our prayers the loved ones of our parish family who serve in the military:**

**Major James Harris**, son-in-law of John and Kieran Cullinan; **John Kelly**, son of Joe Kelly; **Luis Moen**, son of Gary and Bridget Moen; **Pfc. Michael Muraski**, nephew of Phillip Muraski; **Ross Ryan Nigro**, grandson of Gloria Nigro; **Jeremy Rice**, son of Mike and Catherine Rice

Please notify the parish office when a loved one is serving in and returning home from the military.

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Late last fall, a group of parishioners approached me with the energy to resurrect the Respect Life Committee. We had a wonderful group before who led the effort for several years, but most, if not all of them, have moved. And so, with great energy and ideas, this new group has reestablished a ministry dedicated to the first principle of Catholic Social Teaching, the Life and Dignity of the Human Person.

They gathered to pray the rosary last night on the National Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Life, an observance established several years ago by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Nascent life is life at its most vulnerable, and so we claim our commitment and calling to protect and reverence that life. We cherish life from its beginnings so as to cherish life throughout the entire journey. Made in God's image and likeness, we believe every human being is sacred, holy and worthy of profound respect, beginning in the womb and enduring to the end. We hope that our respect for life at its beginning will inform an ongoing respect for each person at every moment until natural death.

We all have to acknowledge that this first principle of our social teaching is not easy. It is an all-inclusive and all-encompassing call to love one another. It can be difficult to see the goodness in our neighbor some days, and that can lead us to disregard or question their dignity. We live in a world where civilians live in war zones or crime-ridden neighborhoods, and death by violence is a daily possibility. We live with the reality of abortion, though it takes life at its most vulnerable and traumatizes many adults who choose it. We hear the plight of migrants and immigrants who flee danger and inhumane conditions to begin a new life, who might die on the journey, be turned away when they arrive or be mistreated in their new home. We know the temptation to seek vengeance via the death penalty on those who have committed violent crimes. And the frailty of the elderly and dying prompts some to wonder if any value or dignity remains in their journey. Threats to life and temptations to disrespect that gift abound.

Probably none of us can say that our respect for life is consistent, strong and enduring from beginning to end. I can't claim that. We are all challenged by this principle to be more caring, courageous, holy and humane. And the fact is that so many of these issues are loaded with nuance and complexity, and contribute to some of the most divisive political arguments. But the Life and Dignity of the Human Person and the other six principles of Catholic Social Teaching promote the common good of the human family. In other words, it's in our best interest to embrace and practice these principles as fully and richly as possible. It will always be a journey. But hopefully we see progress in ourselves and our world as we continue to make room for the Reign of God, where every human person is sacred and can thrive in God's image and likeness.

Peace,  
Fr. Greg

## Building Our Legacy



**Pledged: \$5.68 Million**  
**Total Collected: \$4,910,980**



## Dollars and Sense

*In an effort to increase awareness and understanding of our parish's finances, each week in this column we will provide updates and information regarding a variety of topics:*

### Tax Considerations for 2021 Gifts - New in the 2020 Year-End Spending Package

- The \$300 (\$600 for a couple) above-the-line tax deduction for cash charitable gifts was extended to 2021. Anyone can deduct that amount for a cash gift regardless of whether they itemize.
- The AGI percent limitation for deductions of cash charitable gifts lifted by the CARES Act was extended to 2021. You can deduct cash charitable gifts totaling up to 100% of AGI.
- At the same time, the penalty for overstating charitable deductions was raised to 50% of the deduction amount.

**The IRS adjusted the 2021 standard deduction threshold to \$12,550 for an individual, \$25,100 for a couple. To exceed the threshold, you can:**

- Pick a target year to itemize and bundle your charitable gifts to exceed the threshold.
- Create a donor advised fund with a large charitable contribution that exceeds the threshold.

**The 2021 limitation on cash deductions for charitable contributions** is 100% of adjusted gross income. If you can afford to forego the income, help grow your parish, school, ministries or the diocese. Tax treatment of gifts of non-cash gifts is different.

**The estate and gift tax exclusion** is \$11.7 million per person for 2021. If you have a high net worth and have provided for your heirs, your assets can help sustain your parish, school, ministries or the diocese.

Please consult with your own attorney and other professional advisors regarding your personal tax and financial situation.



## Parish News & Notes

### Public Mass Information

We resumed the public celebration of Mass with necessary restrictions (<https://kcsjccatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/liturgical-guidelines/>).

Here are some important things to note:

- We continue to limit the number of people who may attend weekend Mass to practice social distancing. Pre-registration and check-in is required.
- As instructed by the diocese, the faithful are obliged to wear a mask the entire time you are inside the church. **Masks will be required for EVERYONE entering the building.**
- All four Diocesan bishops in Missouri have dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. **This applies to EVERYONE.**
- **Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church, in accordance with diocesan, national, state, and local health directives.** All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church.
- **Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass.**
- **We will continue to livestream Mass for as long as needed so that those not attending in person may maintain a spiritual connection with St. Elizabeth.**
- For everyone's health and safety, resumption of public Mass must be slow, deliberate, and limited.
- We are celebrating 7am Daily Mass on Tuesday and Friday mornings. All Masses are held in the church and **you do not need to register to attend. Masks are required the entire time you are inside the church.**
- **Our Livestream Mass will now always be at 4:30pm on Saturday.** All livestreamed and recorded Masses are accessible through our YouTube channel at [https://bit.ly/STEChurch\\_School](https://bit.ly/STEChurch_School)

Mass procedures and guidelines, including mask usage and communion distribution, plus registration links can be found on our website at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org).

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing patience, grace and flexibility as we continue to adapt and adjust to the fluid nature of gathering for Mass in the midst of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Fr. Greg and the staff are working hard to keep this experience healthy and holy for all who choose to attend.

## Parish News & Notes cont.

### Social Services Notes

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry, and your generous donations helping our neighbors in need from the Waldo Heights apartment fire. Our pantry has been able to distribute food and accommodate these families plus our regular clients and your support has helped us through this increased need for food. As a result, we are running low on a few items below. Thank you for your generosity! Donations can be dropped off before weekend Mass in the church or in the bin located outside the parish office door Monday through Friday, 9am to 1pm.

**Current food pantry needs are:** *rice packets, canned tomatoes, canned chicken, syrup, muffin mix, cake/brownie mix, jello, cereal*

### Confirmation 2021 Announcement

After much prayer and discernment, it has been decided that the 2021 Confirmation class will be delayed until 2022. What this means is that in 2022, St. Elizabeth Sophomores and Juniors will prepare for and receive Confirmation together as one group.



This was not an easy decision to make, however we believe our candidates deserve the full experience Confirmation preparation offers, and without being able to meet in person that is just not possible. The St. Elizabeth Confirmation program is very interactive and implementing it virtually is not an option. We have made this decision with the full support of Father Greg and Bishop Johnston, and we hope you understand our reasoning behind it.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Gabert at [eringabert1977@gmail.com](mailto:eringabert1977@gmail.com) or Judi Moritz at [jmoritz3@att.net](mailto:jmoritz3@att.net)

Thank you!

### Mothers of Young Children Ministry

Are you a mother with kids under 5? If so, we would LOVE to meet you! We meet every 2 weeks, and our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 27 at 7pm via Zoom.** This ministry will help connect moms of the parish who are in a similar life stage of raising young children, through shared friendship and faith.



For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Monica Lagos ([mismert@gmail.com](mailto:mismert@gmail.com) 816-510-3280) or Ashley Heyburn ([ashleyheyburn@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyheyburn@gmail.com) 917-723-0098) See our events on the St. Elizabeth Facebook page for additional upcoming dates!



## Parish News & Notes cont.

### RCIA Notes

All parishioners are welcome to join us on Zoom and support our Catechumens and Candidates seeking a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith. The topic this week is **Prayer: Our Relationship with God; Understanding Mary and the Saints.**

We meet by Zoom on **Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:00 – 8:30pm.**  
To request the Zoom link, email [mmclean@stekc.org](mailto:mmclean@stekc.org).

### St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Frys Announcement

Due to the ongoing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Diocesan and city mandates, the St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus have decided to cancel all Lenten Fish Frys for 2021.



We look forward to seeing and serving everyone in 2022!

### Life Corner

#### Presented by The Respect Life Ministry (RLM) of St. Elizabeth

On January 29, thousands will gather virtually for the 48th annual March for Life. The theme for this year's event is "Together Strong: Life Unites."



The gift of life is our greatest unifier; a gift and right that so many in the womb are tragically denied." Many from Kansas City, including some from our parish, will be participating. Keep them in your prayers.

Other local events to celebrate life (Visit [respectlifeckcsj.org](http://respectlifeckcsj.org) for more information):

Missouri Right to Life KC Prayer Vigil, Friday January 29, 1:00 – 2:00pm, Ilus W. Davis Park, downtown Kansas City

2021 Kansas City Youth Rally for Life, Friday, January 29, 9:30am – noon, St. Therese North Parish

### Mass Volunteers Needed

Adding Masses depends on the availability and willingness of Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, clean-up people, and check-in people. Our signup has been updated through the end of February, please help.

**Please see our website to see the volunteer needs we have and to sign up.**



## Faith Formation

### Zoom Session on St. Mary Magdalene

#### Monday, January 25 at 7pm

St. Elizabeth's Adult Faith Formation team is honored to have Fr. Brian Frain, SJ, of Rockhurst University lead us in a presentation on St. Mary Magdalene, the "Apostle to the Apostles," on Monday, Jan. 25, 7:00 - 8:30pm. To receive the Zoom link, email [mmclean@stekc.org](mailto:mmclean@stekc.org).



St. Mary Magdalene is mentioned many times in the Gospels and is presented as a model of Christian discipleship. Let's dive into the scriptures and find out what we can learn about her and what she teaches us about Christ.



## Welcome New Parishioners

A big St. Elizabeth welcome to the following newly registered parishioners. We are so glad you are here!

**Elizabeth Hagan  
Alan Ratermann**

## St. Elizabeth Catholic School Preschool & Prekindergarten 2021-2022

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- Prekindergarten students must be four years old by August 1, 2021.
- Go to [www.steckschool.org](http://www.steckschool.org) to take a virtual tour or to apply online, or call (816) 816-523-7701, x. 3162 to learn more.



**Registration Opens on January 19, 2021**

**January 30/31****Lectors**

4:30pm	Mary Cary
7:30am	Patrick Reavey
10:00am	Matt Hilderbrand

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

4:30pm	Cathleen Lillis
7:30am	Bernie VanArsdale
10:00am	George Koppe

**Sacristan**

7:30am	Kerm Fendler
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**Usher (additional volunteers needed for all Masses)**

4:30pm	Paul & Leslie Kies, Vicki Saviano
7:30am	Doug Kinney, Noah Sturr
10:00am	George Koppe, John Roseburrough

**Check-In Table**

4:30pm	Mary Cary
7:30am	Denise Klenklen
10:00am	Nancy Miller

**Cleaners after Mass (additional volunteers needed)**

4:30pm	Mary Cary, Vicki Saviano
7:30am	Molly Pease



**The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:**

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report *suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**Schedule of Events****January 25 – January 31  
All Events Suspended**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 25</b> 7:00pm AFF Zoom Presentation on St. Mary Magdalene
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 26</b> 7:00am 7:00pm NO Mass RCIA via Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 27</b> 8:30am 7:00pm Livestream School Mass on YouTube MOYC via Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 28</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 29</b> 7:00am Mass (in-person/no signup required)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 30</b> 3:00pm 4:30pm Confessions In-person Mass—signup required
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 31</b> 7:30am 10:00am In-person Mass—signup required In-person Mass—signup required

**Mass Observations January 25 – 31**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>BVM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week</b>

**Readings for the Week of January 25, 2021**

<b>M:</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
<b>Tu:</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
<b>W:</b>	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
<b>Th:</b>	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
<b>F:</b>	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
<b>Sa:</b>	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

# Church/School Directory

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