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FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

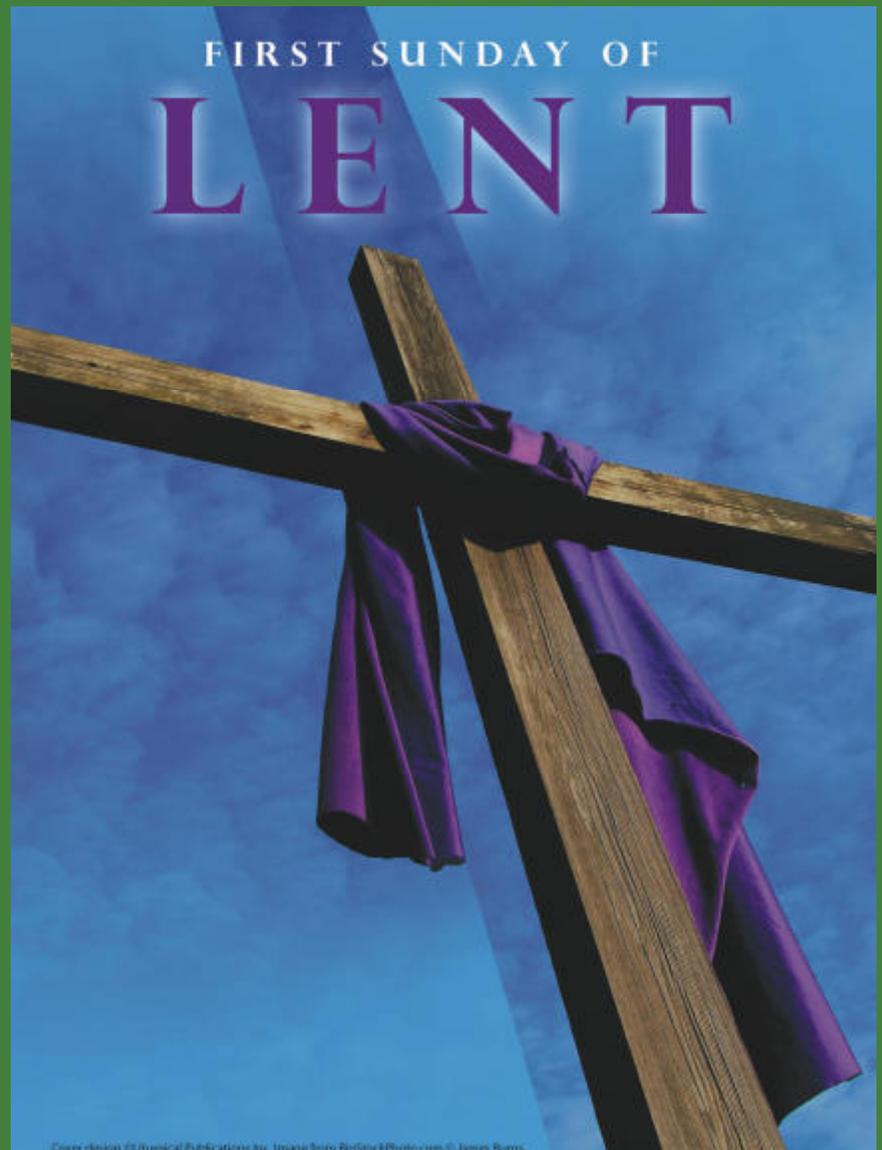
Please contact Deacon Mike McLean at mmclean@stekc.org to make arrangements.

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.



1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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.

School Corner

Kindergarten at STE...As Easy As One, Two, Three!

1) **Tour**—Go to www.stekcschool.org to take our self-guided, virtual tour. See our newly dedicated early childhood building and learn more about our program and curriculum.

2) **Zoom**—Use the Signup Genius at www.stekcschool.org to select your preferred date and time for a small group Zoom meeting with our Principal and Assistant Principal. You will learn more about our school, have your questions answered, and meet other prospective families.

3) **Apply**—Registration opens on March 1, 2021 at www.stekcschool.org for the St. Elizabeth Kindergarten Class of 2021/2022.

Become part of the 99-year tradition that is St. Elizabeth Catholic School!

Kindergarten 2021-2022



www.stekcschool.org

Virtual Tour - Apply Online

Registration Opens on March 1, 2021

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; **Joseph Conrad**, nephew of Helen Livingston; **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; **Larry Lester**, father of Chris Lester; **Joseph Ludwikoski**, son of PJ and Mary Ludwikoski; **Carol Lynn**; **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 Jayne Ross**, sister of Jim VanDyke; **Gary Schell**, inlaw of Jerry & Christine Hurlbert; **Larry Shiller**, brother-in-law of Chris Lester; **Chris Storm**; **Heather Volker**, sister-in-law of Staci Courter; **Marie Wood**, sister-in-law of Peggy VanDyke; **Beverly Yancey**, sister of Janet Garnett; **Kathleen Zuk**

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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

In the desert of the past year, what has been most fulfilling for you?

That may sound like a strange question as you ponder the past year. It may sound like a strange question in the context of Lent. But in the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, Jesus spends time in the desert and then returns, proclaiming, "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." Could it be that there are traces of fulfillment in the desert of the past year? Could it be that the radical shift in our schedules and way of life created some new encounter with the goodness of God?

I think it often works that way. What arrives as inconvenience, what presents as struggle, what brings upheaval in our lives often is an invitation to repentance, to be open to a new way of life. I find that if I can give in to it, there is conversion, and with it, fulfillment. My sense is that this dynamic has been everywhere in our lives over the past year. It hasn't been neat or clean. It hasn't been pleasant or even welcome all the time. But I think its redemptive spirit has been there.

In the desert of the past year, what has been most fulfilling for you? I invite you to ponder that question from your own experience, and submit a response by video, phone call or email to our Secretary, Beth Cressey. Of course the responses need to remain brief and constructive. And we ask you to submit them by midweek. Meanwhile, Susie Adams and Beth will compile as many responses as possible into a video that will be uploaded to YouTube. It will be there to inspire us all to see the fulfillment that lurks in the desert.

Look through your calendar over the past year. Flip through some photos on your phone. Think back to holidays, or surprises that have come your way. Revisit conversations and good memories. In the desert of the past year, what has been most fulfilling for you?

Peace,
Fr. Greg



Building Our Legacy



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

"I just watched STE's 'Where You Want to Be' video... and my heart leaped with joy! The hopes and dreams of our Parish community have come alive. It is where our kids want to be for their Catholic education. And while our Church is not quite the same during these times, one day we will celebrate together again in our beautiful Church. Sure, there is always more to do... and isn't that part of our calling... yet we also need to give thanks for right where we are. We have come a long way in a relatively short period of time. And, it is where we want to be!"

~Matt Prusa, BOL Fulfillment Team

If you haven't seen the video yet you can watch it on the STE YouTube channel. A HUGE STE Thank You to Matt Blume for once again using his gifts to help us share our story beautifully!

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:

School families, please remember you are required to have a 2021 Stewardship pledge on file with the parish as part of the registration process for the 2021/2022 school year. Pledges may be made online at www.stekc.org. Thank you!

Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent, to be humble enough to open their hearts so they may begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

~International Catholic Stewardship Council

Stewardship Shout-Outs:

- To all who continue to answer the call to help keep our food pantry stocked

Parish News & Notes

Public Mass Information

We resumed the public celebration of Mass with necessary restrictions (<https://kcsjatholic.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 Tuesday – 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/STChurch_School

Mass procedures and guidelines, including mask usage and communion distribution, plus registration links can be found on our website at 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 St. Elizabeth Food Pantry, especially during these cold weeks.

Current food pantry needs are: *no immediate needs*

Calling All Parishioners: A Prayer Opportunity

Typically during Lent we place prayer baskets with the RCIA class names at the Church doorways.



This year we respectfully ask that each of you pick a name below to pray for during Lent.

Introducing our RCIA Class of 2021:
Morgan Martin West
Hannah Rodgers
David Thurn
Anna Valdivia

We thank you for your prayers for the RCIA as we journey towards the Sacraments at Easter.

RCIA Notes

All parishioners are welcome to join us on Zoom and support our Elect and Candidates seeking a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith.

The topic this week is **The Magisterium: Teaching Authority in the Church and Precepts of the Church.** We meet by Zoom on **Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:00 – 8:30pm.** To request the Zoom link, email Dcn. Mike mmclean@stekc.org.

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



Abortion Hurts Women
 This past week marked the 201st birthday of Susan B Anthony. Most know her to be a famous anti-slavery and women's rights activist who played a crucial role in women attaining the right to vote. What most don't know about Anthony is that she was fiercely anti-abortion, as were most feminists until the 1970s. Feminists of her day believed that abortion harmed women. She believed it would burden the women's conscience in life, and her soul in death. "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of children of my own has it been for me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them." —attributed to Susan B. Anthony

Women with a history of abortion have higher rates of anxiety (34% higher), depression (37%), alcohol use/misuse (110%), marijuana use (230%), and suicidal behavior (155%) compared to those who have not had an abortion.

Parish News & Notes cont.

Updated Daily Mass Schedule

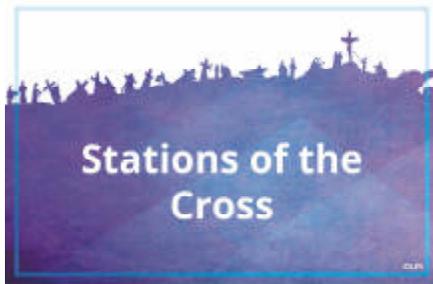
We are excited to announce that last week, we began having Daily Mass at 7:00am Tuesday – Friday mornings.

All Masses are held in the church and you do not need to register to attend. Masks and social distancing are required the entire time you are inside the church.

Stations of the Cross

Due to the continued restrictions with Covid-19, we will not be offering in-person Stations of the Cross on Friday nights during Lent. In place of our in-person service, we will be posting a video recording of the Stations on our YouTube Channel. These videos will be posted at 6pm each Friday and will feature representatives of the various ministries in our parish.

We hope you will join us for these very special videos!



Faith Formation

Lenten Faith Formation Series

The Shadow of Power: An Exploration of Faith and Power

All of us exercise power...personal, social, economic, religious, political, etc. As Christians, we're called to understand power in a particular way, to exercise it in light of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and to work to overcome abuses of power in our world.

Join us for a 4-session Zoom series during Lent—**Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, 7:00 – 9:00pm**—as we explore **The Shadow of Power** through the lens of the Gospel of Mark.

In session 1, Dr. Chuck Rhodes will lead us in a discussion of the many types of power and their root variables, with personal examples to help us understand the dynamics of power. In sessions 2, 3, and 4, Biagio Mazza will take us through key passages in the Gospel of Mark to illustrate Jesus's teachings about the use and abuse of power. There will be opportunities for dialogue and discussion throughout.

To register and receive the Zoom link for the sessions, email Dcn. Mike at mmclean@stekc.org. We hope you can join us. Invite a friend!



Dr. Chuck Rhodes



Biagio Mazza

In Loving Memory

We remember in love our parishioners and family members who have died in the light of faith:

Annabel McInerney, first lay principal of St. Elizabeth School and mother of Vincent McInerney

Please pray for the family members and friends who mourn. May they be comforted in their grief and find solace in prayer and happy memories.



Fear not, I am with you. Be not dismayed, I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you...

Isaiah 41:10

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- Preschool students must be 3 years of age by December 31, 2021, and fully potty trained.
- Prekindergarten students must be four years old by August 1, 2021.
- Go to www.stekcschool.org to take a virtual tour or to apply online, or call (816) 816-523-7301, x. 3362 to learn more.



Registration Opens on January 19, 2021

February 27/28: If you are attending Mass in person, please consider signing up to help

Lectors

4:30pm Eric Anielak
 7:30am Phillip Martin
 10:00am George Hage

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Lorene Faulconer
 7:30am Vince McInerney
 10:00am Terri Hage

Sacristan

7:30am Anne Randolph

Usher (additional volunteers needed for all Masses)

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

Check-In Table

4:30pm Vicki Saviano
 7:30am Denise Klenklen
 10:00am **Volunteer Needed**

Cleaners after Mass (additional volunteers needed)

4:30pm Vicki Saviano, Lorene Faulconer
 7:30am Molly Pease

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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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, 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 at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Schedule of Events

**February 22 – February 28
 All Events Suspended**

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| Monday | February 22 |
| Tuesday | February 23 |
| 7:00am | Mass (in-person/no signup required) |
| 7:00pm | RCIA via Zoom |
| Wednesday | February 24 |
| 7:00am | Mass—Fr. Holloway (in-person/no signup required) |
| 8:30am | Livestream School Mass on YouTube |
| 7:00pm | MOYC meeting via Zoom |
| Thursday | February 25 |
| 7:00am | Mass (in-person/no signup required) |
| Friday | February 26 |
| 7:00am | Mass (in-person/no signup required) |
| Saturday | February 27 |
| 3:00pm | Confessions |
| 4:30pm | In-person Mass—signup required |
| 4:30pm | Livestream Mass on YouTube |
| Sunday | February 28 |
| 7:30am | In-person Mass (Fr. Curran)—signup required |
| 10:00am | In-person Mass (Fr. Curran)—signup required |

Mass Observations February 22 – 28

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| Monday | The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle |
| Tuesday | St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr |
| Wednesday | |
| Thursday | |
| Friday | |
| Saturday | |
| Sunday | 2nd Sunday of Lent |

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2021

M: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tu: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
W: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Th: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
F: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Sa: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



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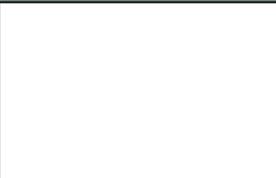
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