



# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

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**Ordinary Time**  
**February 6, 2022 &**  
**February 13, 2022**

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## Mass Intentions

### 5th Week of Ordinary Time

February 6 – February 12, 2022

● Saturday 4:00 pm	February 5th John F. & Marie Bednar Anna Lake
● Sunday 8:00 am 10:00am 12:00nn	February 6th Martin Rudnicki Chester Novicki Mary Sudnik
● Monday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 7th Mary Orak Catherine Talbot
● Tuesday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 8th Msgr. Joseph Granato S.I. for David A. Parrilla
● Wednesday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 9th People of the Parish Rose Ribaudo - Health
● Thursday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 10th Filomena Musso Margaret Wojtala
● Friday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 11th Sr. Charlotte Koch, FSP Phyllis Ribaudo
● Saturday 12:05 pm	February 12th Frank Krenek, Sr.

### 6th Week of Ordinary Time

February 13 – February 19, 2022

● Saturday 4:00 pm	February 12th The Gorski Family
● Sunday 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00nn	February 13th Norma Llamas Peter R. Runfola Sr. Rosanna Pezzella Thomas H. Crowhurst
● Monday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 14th The Golian & Valvano Families Betty & Elger Qualy
● Tuesday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 15th Ann Kolnoski Rose Ribaudo - Health
● Wednesday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 16th People of the Parish Tom O'Brien
● Thursday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 17th John Orak Julius Palys John K. Orak
● Friday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	February 18th Edward J. Zboyan Rose Ribaudo - Health
● Saturday 12:05 pm	February 19th Kevin Sheehan

## Memorials

### Week of February 6, 2022

**Altar Candles**

*Mildred & Harold Kelly*

**Sanctuary Lamp**

*Chester Novicki*

### Week of February 13, 2022

**Sanctuary Lamp**

*Eugene, Ann & William Wietryzkowski*

**Altar Bread**

*Valentin Family*

**Altar Wine**

*Worden Family*



# Financial News



## Offertory Collections

January 16th Deposit/Donations	\$ 4,662.51
January 23rd Deposit/Donations	\$ 3,143.60
<b>Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget</b>	<b>\$ 4,150.00</b>

## Restricted Donations from Weekly Envelopes

Offset Heating Expense	\$ 1,916.00
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## Online, E-Giving Donations through “We Share”

Our online giving platform: <https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/>

## Online Donations in WeShare, October 1 through December 31, 2021

WEEKLY	\$ 3,945.00
ASSESSMENT	\$ 415.00
FUEL & HEAT	\$ 560.00
CHRISTMAS	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,020.00</b>



## Christmas 2021 Collection

Our Parish Finance Council has budgeted **\$20,000.00** for this year’s Christmas Collection.

**Collected to date: \$19,574.25**

We thank those of you who gave so generously to our parish this Christmas season.

Your gift helps us stay on budget and allows us to continue our Catholic presence here in Linden. If you were away for the month of January, you can still make a Christmas gift to the parish.



# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2022</sup>

**2022 Cardinal Tobin's Goal for St. Elizabeth: \$ 30,000**

The 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is underway. It will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our Archdiocesan ministries and programs need your support.

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal?

## ***Notes On the Annual Appeal***

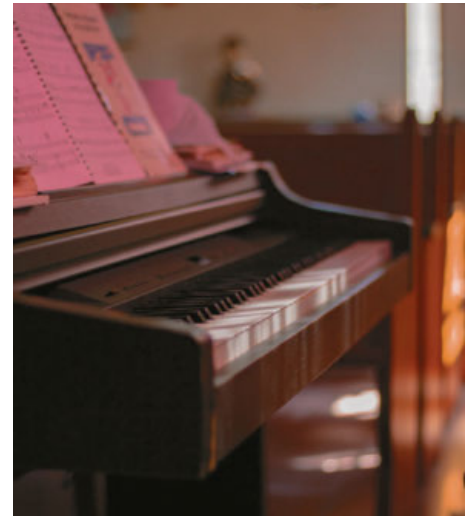
- 100% of money collected over our goal comes back to the parish for our 70th Anniversary Restoration Projects.
- Every parish who reaches their goal will receive a 2% reduction of the next year's assessment (tax of our collection income)
- If a parish does not reach their goal, the difference will be included as a payment to the Archdiocese in the next year's budget.

## Parish Pipe Organ Renovation Has Begun

Our 70-year-old Pipe Organ is currently undergoing a major refurbishing by the Peragallo Organ Co. The pipes and all its parts are being removed from the loft and a temporary electronic organ has already been installed in the interim. We expect the organ to be returned in all its glory during the Easter season in May.

If you would like to make a gift to offset the \$200,000.00 expense please contact Fr. Ed.

Families might want to use this opportunity to memorialize a deceased loved one. This magnificent pipe organ will be a key part of weddings and funerals for the next 70 years.



## Senior's St. Valentine Mass & Luncheon

*February 9th, 2022*

We had such a wonderful gathering for Christmas with our Seniors in December, we are inviting all Seniors 65+ to join us for a St. Valentine's Mass & Luncheon on **Wednesday, February 9th.**

Mass will begin at 12:05pm and the luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall.

Please RSVP to the Rectory Office.

Our Christmas Gathering was so festive and celebrated by many. Please join us.





## Gospel Meditations

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
February 6, 2022

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
February 13, 2022

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

(All Masses open to the public.)

Saturdays	4:00 PM	Anticipatory Mass for Sunday
Sundays	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass* Sunday Mass

\*Also live streamed for those at home on our Facebook and Youtube:  
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## Parish Contact Information

### Rectory Address

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