

**ST. ELIZABETH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Diocese of Knoxville*

**Mass intentions  
for Sept. 24, 2023**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**  
† Betty Jo Barker  
*By: Barker family*

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† Arnold Simerly  
*By: Carolyn Hathaway*

**Monday, 8 a.m. —**  
† Marilyn Valverde  
*By: Kamprath/Quigley families*

**Tuesday, 8 a.m. —**

**Wednesday, noon —**  
Communion service

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, 5 p.m. —**  
† deceased of Stapleton family  
*By: Stapleton family*

**Sunday, 9 a.m. —**  
† deceased of Bartus family  
*By: George & Thea Bratton*

**In-person Offertory**

**Sept. 10, 2023**  
Regular, \$ 2,710  
Backpack Buddies, \$506  
Development, \$195

**Sept. 17, 2023**  
Regular, \$1,990  
Backpack Buddies, \$279  
St. Mary's Clinic, \$105

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**I LONG TO DEPART**

Have you ever wondered why God keeps you alive? Some elderly and infirm long for death. They may even think that the Lord is cruel “not to take me.” Paul faces this quandary, though for a different reason. He has already “been caught up to heaven” — seen a vision of paradise. He longs to make it permanent. Paul realizes that God needs him on earth. He is a witness for Jesus. Some people might not listen to God but could hear Paul. He accepts his fate, waiting for the Lord to make the choice of the time of his death. If you are discouraged about life, remember that God still needs you here. He has a vital job that only you can accomplish. Be patient!

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**Weekly readings**

**25th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm 145:2-3,  
8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

**Monday**  
Ezra 1:1-6  
Luke 8:16-18

**Tuesday**  
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
Luke 8:19-21

**Wednesday**  
*St. Vincent de Paul*  
Ezra 9:5-9  
Luke 9:1-6

**Thursday**  
Haggai 1:1-8  
Luke 9:7-9

**Friday**  
*St. Michael, St. Gabriel,  
St. Raphael*  
Deuteronomy 7:9-10,  
13-14  
John 1:47-51

**Saturday**  
*St. Jerome*  
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Luke 9:43b-45

**26th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalm 25:4-9  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Lay ministers for Sept. 30/Oct. 1**

**Altar servers**  
Sat. —  
Sun. — Joshua Gouge, Issac Bienaime  
**Commentators**  
Sat. — Steve Hummel  
Sun. — Tom Manning  
**Readers**  
Sat. — Steve Hummel  
Sun. — Irene Whitehead, Vikki Sitter  
**Ushers**  
Sat. — J.J. Regan, George Bratton  
Sun. — Jimmy Townsend, Richard Barker  
**Gift Bearers**  
Sat. — Ushers  
Sun. — Patrick Schneider family

**Saintly Wisdom**

“Every thought has its weight and measure in God’s sight. For it is possible to think about the same thing either passionately or objectively.”  
— *St. Mark the Ascetic* —

**Parish Life**

**Wednesday Mass Cancelled** — A communion service is scheduled for this Wednesday instead of Mass. The cancellation is related to Fr. Jesús’ eye surgery last week. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

**Baked Goods Needed** — The annual Ladies’ Guild Craft and Bake Sale will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, and after that weekend’s Masses, and the guild is asking for baked donations from parishioners.

Baked goods may be brought to the basement from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. The sale is the primary fundraiser for the Ladies’ Guild, which purchases liturgical items as needed.

**Bereavement** — Herman Stout, Katie Taylor’s grandfather, died recently. Please keep the family in your prayers.



**Weekday Mass Schedule** — Weekday Mass is offered at 8 a.m. on Mondays and at 8 am. on Tuesdays, as well as noon on Wednesdays.

**Communion Visits** — If you or a loved one is hospitalized, in a nursing home or at home because of an illness, you may ask that communion be brought to you by calling John Tolejko (543-4089) or Barbara White (895-5150).



**Online Giving for St. Elizabeth** — To donate online to St. Elizabeth Church, please register at:

<http://stelizabethsparish.weshareonline.org/>

Your envelope number will be linked with your online giving information.

**Parish Online Presence** — St. Elizabeth has a parish website that can be accessed at stelizabethsparish.org and an additional online presence through the MyParish App and Facebook. Thank you to parishioner Cathy Champon for keeping them up to date.

**Social Action**

**Aluminum Can Bin** — The Knights of Columbus remind parishioners to deposit aluminum cans in the bin behind the rectory garage. Money raised from the can collection benefits the seminarian the Knights are sponsoring.

**Special Intentions**

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees** — Sunday is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. “Our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: *to welcome, to protect, to promote, and to integrate*,” Pope Francis said in 2018.

**Prayers Requested** — Please pray for the sick of the parish: Manny Bandarra, Thea Bratton, Louis Clark, Joel Dean, Lynda Gamache, José Gonzales, Chuck Muraski, Jimmy Townsend, Margaret Vines, Ed and Linda Yarwood.

