# 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

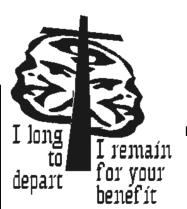
**Thanks** for your support and generosity

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



#### 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

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patient!

### Weekly readings

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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

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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

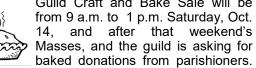
### **Saintly Wisdom**

"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



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  $\checkmark$ 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.

