

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

Diocese of Knoxville—May 17, 2026

## Weekly Readings

**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
 Acts 1:1-11  
 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9  
 Ephesians 1:17-23  
 Matthew 28:16-20

**Monday**  
 Acts 19:1-8  
 John 16:29-33

**Tuesday**  
 Acts 20:17-27  
 John 17:1-11a

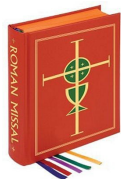
**Wednesday**  
 Acts 20:28-38  
 John 17:11b-19

**Thursday**  
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
 John 17:20-26

**Friday**  
 Acts 25:13b-21  
 John 21:15-19

**Saturday**  
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
 John 21:20-25

**Pentecost Sunday**  
 Acts:2:1-11  
 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13,  
 John 20:19-23



## Mass Intentions for May 17, 2026

**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Saturday—5pm—(English)**

The people of the parish  
**Saturday—7pm—(Spanish)**

† Genaro Granados

**Sunday—9am—**

† Gurdak & Messina families

**Monday, 8am—**

Communion Service

**Tuesday, 8am—**

Communion Service

**Wednesday, 12noon—**

Communion Service

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Saturday—5pm—(English)**

† Trent Policky

**Saturday—7pm—(Spanish)**

The people of the parish

**Sunday—9am—**

† Dorothy Simerly

## Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Mary Carr  
 Jim Cathelyn  
 Cathy Champon  
 Matthew Combs  
 Joel Dean  
 Roger Forbes  
 Lynda Gamache  
 Bob Kilby  
 Chuck Muraski  
 Leroy & Agnes Policky  
 Donna Townsend  
 Margaret Vines

## Parish Business

**Administrative Assistant**—Mark Mancuso,  
 businessoffice@stelizabethsparish.com

**Parish Secretary/Bulletin**— Pandora Gage  
 secretary@stelizabethsparish.com. Bulletin announcements must be submitted by 5pm each Tuesday.

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** - Chair: Garrett Artz, Vice-Chair: Kathleen Grubb, Secretary: Steve Hummel, Members: Elsa Sneed, Esmeralda Lopez, and George Bratton— ppc@stelizabethsparish.com

**Website/MyParish App**— stelizabethsparish.org.

**Online Giving**—Register at <https://stelizabethsparish.weshareonline.org/>

## Education and Sacraments

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** - Inquiry into the Catholic faith— Contact Dcn. Mike Gray at 716-697-8246

**Sacraments**—For baptism, marriage and anointing of the sick, contact the office as soon as possible at 423-543-3412.

**Adult Bible Study—Bible Study** meets with Deacon Rich after Sunday Mass. Contact Dcn. Rich Carner at 423-930-6408.

**Emmaus Bible Study Group** meets after Sunday Mass, Contact Rachel Nagy at 423-270-4387

**Religious Education (RE)** - Meets Wednesdays from 6-7pm, Sept.-May, grades K-12. Contact Judy Holt at DRE@stelizabethsparish.com

## Ministries and Organizations

**Abundant Life Women's Ministry**—1:30pm on the second Monday of the month for fellowship, spiritual growth and social action.

ALwomensministry@stelizabethsparish.com

**Aluminum Cans**—Collected in the bin behind the garage. Proceeds support the seminarians.

**Bereavement**— Contact Parish Office 423-543-3412

**Catholic Charities**—Family support services, confidential counseling and Appalachian Exchange. 423-328-7657 (302 Wesley St., Ste. 2, Johnson City) Pregnancy counseling, 877-990-4673

**Communion for Homebound and Nursing Homes**—Contact Parish Office 423-543-3412.

**Evangelization Team**—2:30pm on the first Saturday of the month. Contact Thomas Mitalski at tom.mitalski@gmail.com

**Hospital Visits**—A family member must personally request a visit from Fr. Jesús due to the Privacy Act.

**Ladies Guild**—10am-2pm Tuesdays in the Parish Hall for crafts. Contact Maureen Strickling at 423-542-8323

**Prayer Committee**— Contact Mary and Dan Putnam at 727-687-0045 or email putnam3737@gmail.com.

**Music**—Chris Neal 423-268-1520 (Saturday 5pm); John Henkelman 321-501-0345 or music@stelizabethsparish.com (Sunday 9am).

**Youth Group**—Contact Stephen Wang at 423-302-0748 or youthministry@stelizabethsparish.com

**Knights of Columbus**— 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact Grand Knight Thomas Mitalski at 910-381-6955

## Prayer

**Rosary**—35 minutes before Mass.

**Adoration**—Every Thursday in the church 5:30pm-8:30pm.

## Newcomers Welcome to St. Elizabeth

Registration forms are in the vestibule or Parish Office, Please place your completed form in the collection basket or bring by the Parish Office.

## Safe Environment Training

All adult volunteers in the parish are required to pass a criminal background check and to participate in the diocesan-required safe environment program (Catholic Mutual Group). To access CMGConnect for the training and to set up the background check, please go to <https://knoxville.cmgconnect.org/>

## Parish Life



**Congratulations**—Eight children from our parish received their First Holy Communion last weekend. Congratulations to Allison Landaverde Cruz, Uriel Landaverde Cruz, Joshua Méndez León, Osmar Yahir Leon Méndez, Anthony Granados Murillo, Felix Granados Murillo, Lillian Itzel Garcia Ruiz, and Olivia Rose Taylor.



**Worshipping Together**—The music ministry is still looking to identify the couple whose daughter is a harp player, and offered a table top harp for use in our worship. John Henkelman cannot identify the contact on his contact list.

If anyone has an instrument that is not being used, please drop a message to [music@stelizabethsparish.com](mailto:music@stelizabethsparish.com) so that we can find a way to include it in our worship sound.

**Eucharist to the Homebound**—St. Elizabeth has a ministry to take the Holy Eucharist to the sick or homebound. Only parishioners that are a part of this ministry may do this. If you know someone who needs the Eucharist brought to them, please contact the parish office.

**Office Closure**—The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

**Mass LIVESTREAMED**—If you are unable to attend Mass in person because you are sick or homebound, you can now connect to it online as it's happening! Simply go to <https://www.youtube.com/@SEoHLiveStreaming>



## Religious Education

St. Elizabeth's Religious Education Program is looking for catechists and assistants for the 2026-2027 school year. Please prayerfully consider this very important ministry in our parish. We need volunteers for all grade levels as we would like to have two adults in each room. You may not feel qualified, but remember this: God doesn't always call the qualified, but He qualifies the called. Please contact the parish office or send an email to [DRE@stelizabethsparish.com](mailto:DRE@stelizabethsparish.com).



## Social Action

**Thank You**—The Knights of Columbus, along with Catholic Charities of East Tennessee wish to thank the parishioners of St. Elizabeth of Hungary for their kindness and generosity in their recent Baby Bottle Campaign. Monetary donations totaling \$2,943.08 were presented to Catholic Charities last week.



**Welcome!** - To our new feature that will be added to the bulletin as space allows.

This weekend our spotlight is on the **Ladies Guild**. The ladies meet every Tuesday between 10am and 2pm. They make a variety of crafted items and hold a sale every October. The money is used to purchase items needed for the altar. Members aren't required to be present every Tuesday. Much work is done on projects at home. If you are unable to join on Tuesdays, but like to craft and would like to contribute to the sale, they appreciate any homemade contributions. There is also a bake sale that takes place at the same time and baked goods from the parishioners are welcomed.

## Ministry Spotlight

There are a variety of crafts that are done: sewing, crocheting, knitting, and painting to name a few. One of the members has graciously offered to conduct a monthly sewing class for anyone who wants to refresh their skills or wants to learn to sew. You're invited to bring a sack lunch and join us any Tuesday at 12 noon for fellowship, to get to know the ladies, and check out what they are doing. For more information, contact [Maureen Strickling](mailto:MaureenStrickling@423-542-8323) at 423-542-8323.



## Beautification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be beautified this year. You can be there! It will take place September 22-25, in St. Louis, MO, through Canterbury Pilgrimages. Be a part of this special time in Church history with host Chris Stefanick. For more information, including pricing and reservations, go to <https://www.canterburypilgrimages.com/sheen>.



## A message from Fr. Jesús

Happy Ascension Sunday! At St. Elizabeth we continue making good and responsible use of our resources to maintain our grounds and facilities as well as to provide liturgical and spiritual services to our community. † I have submitted a petition to our councils to discuss and approve something that is needed at our parish: a safety/security system. We are in need to replace the old cameras around our grounds (currently only one works) and we need new cameras installed inside the building as well. The security system we are exploring has more features and later on we will be sharing those with the community. † On a sad note, Mark Mancuso, our Administrative Assistant, will be retiring in the next few months. We will be posting a job opening with its description soon.

## Thank you for your generosity

**In person**  
**May 10, 2026**

Regular—\$1,873.00 Building Fund—\$665.00  
 Designated Funds—\$145.00

