

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

Diocese of Knoxville—July 12, 2026

Weekly Readings

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10-14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Monday

Isaiah 1:10-17
Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Isaiah 7:1-9
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday

St. Bonaventure
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday

Micah 2:1-5
Matthew 12:14-21

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43



Mass Intentions for July 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm—(English)

† Deceased of Gurdak
and Messina families

Saturday—7pm—(Spanish)

† Rita Soliz

Sunday—9am—

† Deceased of Bartus family

Monday, 8am—

† John Tolejko

Tuesday, 8am—

† Cathy Champon
Wednesday, 12noon—
Intentions of Sharon
Pierscionek

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm-(English)

† Mary Seitzinger

Saturday—7pm- (Spanish)

† Juan Valdez

Sunday—9am-

† Cathy Champon

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Jim Cathelyn

Matthew Combs

Joel Dean

Roger Forbes

Lynda Gamache

Bob Kilby

Chuck Muraski

Leroy & Agnes Policky

Jim Stapleton

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/](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 Fr Jesús through the Parish Office 423-543-3412.

Faith and Fellowship—3pm 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/](https://knoxville.cmgconnect.org/)

Parish Life

Holy Hour—There is Holy Hour this Tuesday, July 14, at 6pm.



New Ministry—We are seeking a volunteer to help form and oversee a Health and Wellness Ministry for our parish. Basic qualifications include knowledge, skill or experience in health care, first aid, fitness or nutrition. The ministry will oversee our parish's need for first aid equipment and supplies, arrange for volunteer first aid training and communicate health related information to parishioners. If you feel called to support our parish community's well-being, please contact the parish office to learn more.

Worshipping Together—Remember that as you vacation and attend Mass, notice the music and bring back songs that you find particularly inspirational. This Sunday, the 9am Mass preludes will return to Sunday Mass-themed music having finished the preludes featuring the Mass from Appalachia music. We will now begin adding more instruments and voices to the Mass.



Parish Job

Hiring—I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mark Mancuso, our Administrative Assistant, for all his hard work in the service of our parish for the past few years. He is retiring and so we need someone else to fill the position.

This is a part-time position and here are some highlights of what we are looking for. The Business Manager serves as a staff resource in support of the pastor, fulfilling parish administrative needs in finance, buildings & grounds and operations. The Business Manager, in conjunction with the Pastor, will coordinate all the parish operations and provide administrative support to other church staff and members of the parish as assigned by the Priest. The Business Manager must understand the parish mission and administer parish business operations accordingly. The position will function as a liaison between the parishioners, diocese, vendors and community. If you are interested on the position, please email Fr. Jesús Guerrero at frjesusguerrero@stelizabethsparish.com

!!Attention!! - Please be aware that we will not contact you by telephone, email, or text message to request money, financial information, passwords, or any other personal information.

If you receive any suspicious calls, emails, or text messages claiming to be from the parish, Deacon Rich, Deacon Mike, Father Joe or Father Jesus please do not respond or click on any links. Instead, contact the parish office immediately so we can advise you and record the incident.

2nd Collection

A second collection will be taken up the weekend of July 25/26 in support of the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. This National Collection supports a wide range of essential and unique pastoral projects that build the capacity of the rapidly growing Church in Africa, so rich with faith, hope, and immense need. The fund supports essential pastoral projects throughout this vast continent that includes outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Mindful of the priests and religious from Africa who assist us so unselfishly here in the Diocese of Knoxville, please show your appreciation with your generous support of this appeal for the Church in Africa.

St. Vincent De Paul—One of our greatest privileges is to be vessels for the demonstration of Christ's love within our community. Here, at St. Elizabeth's we are inviting you to volunteer with us in our mission to develop The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This ministry will allow St. Elizabeth to help meet some of the immediate needs of our community members. Our goal is not open a food pantry at St. Elizabeth but to help those in need with utility and medical bills. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sharon Roberts at 301-751-0269 or emailshroberts164@gmail.com.

Adult Education—Four Session Character Study of Apostles! The next session will be this Thursday, July 16, at 6pm, as we learn about Bartholomew. All are welcome!



Adoration—Come spend an hour or more in the presence of our Lord. Adoration is every Thursday from 5:30-8:30pm.

OCIA—Interested in becoming Catholic? Already a baptized Catholic but never had the opportunity to receive sacraments? Sessions will begin Thursday, August 13, at 6pm. Please contact Deacon Mike to discover how to be a part of this life-changing experience.

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. Go to www.youtube.com/@SEoHLiveStreaming. Be sure to type in the "www" as sometimes the browser doesn't recognize the address without it.



Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Knoxville is seeking a Software Implementation Coordinator as the primary guide, partner, and champion for parishes transitioning to Ministry Platform. This role will build relationships, understand unique ministry goals, and guide parish staff through operational changes. The Software Implementation Coordinator will be a trusted advisor, helping ministries leverage technology to better shepherd their congregations and streamline daily operations. The role ensures delivery of a seamless experience for staff and users. This position is a 2-3-year contract position. Please visit the Diocese of Knoxville website at <https://dioknox.org/employment> for a full job description. Submit resumes to Maura Lentz, HR Director at mlentz@dioknox.org.

A message from Fr. Jesús

I hope you a wonderful 4th of July celebration. For those who were traveling, we already welcomed Fr. Joe with a reception after each Mass. † Like I said in my last message, we are not adding or modifying our current liturgy and ministry schedules for the time being. If there is any pastoral need for more than we currently offer, we will be having a discussion with our Parish Pastoral Council to determine such needs. † I have to confess that I did not know what to do with my free time while Fr. Joe was celebrating the 5:00pm and 9:00am Masses this past weekend. I will need to learn to slow down a bit. Have a wonderful week!

Thank you for your generosity

In person July 5, 2026

Regular—\$4,675.00 Building Fund—\$120.00
Designated Funds—\$358.00

