

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

Diocese of Knoxville—August 16, 2026

Weekly Readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday
Ezekiel 24:15-23
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday
Ezekiel 28:1-10
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday
Ezekiel 34:1-11
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday
St. Bernard
Ezekiel 36:23-28
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday
St. Pius X
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
Matthew 23:1-12

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Mass Intentions August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm—(English)
† Walter Ray Spratt
Saturday—7pm—(Spanish)
† Leslie Fonseca
Sunday—9am—
† Cathy Champion
Monday, 8am—
† Mary Carr
Tuesday, 8am—
† Ed Millison
Wednesday, 12noon—
† Deceased members of the Bartus family

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm-(English)
† Manny Bandarra
Saturday—7pm-(Spanish)
† José Leon Jr.
Sunday—9am-
† Frank Signa

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Jim Cathelyn
Matthew Combs
Joel Dean
Roger Forbes
Lynda Gamache
Laura Gurdak
Bob Kilby
Chuck Muraski
Angela Nieland
Leroy & Agnes Policky
Jim Stapleton
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, George Bratton, and Marghi Quigley — 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 Terese Ghio at DREassistant@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

New Mass Schedule

Effective September 4, 2026

<u>Weekend</u> -	
Saturday Vigil	5 p.m.
Sábado (en español)	7 p.m.
Sunday	9 a.m.
<u>Weekday</u> -	
Monday	8 a.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m.
Wednesday	12 noon
Friday	8 a.m.

Save the Date— Get ready for fun, food, and fellowship at our September 6 parish picnic! You won't want to miss the fun and games this year! Potato sack races, egg on the spoon races, and Tug of War! Come and play! Be a part of the fun! 5pm-8pm at Kiwaní's Park in the Don Tetrick Pavillion. Please bring a dessert, salad, or your favorite side dish. Our Knights of Columbus will be cooking up hamburgers, hot dogs and French fries! Don't miss it!

Worshipping Together— This month marks the one year anniversary of my stepping into the role of music director for the 9am Mass. Thank you all so very much for your continued encouragement and feedback as we navigated some significant transitions in our worship music. The most notable was moving from the front of the church, the entire music equipment suite, to the re-organized music loft. This gave us great flexibility for supporting the three teams leading our Mass worship. This also allows for the addition of supportive instrumentation, more voices, and a better use of the existing organ. We now also have a Live Stream service for when you are homebound. An especially warm than you to those that have sent in suggestions for hymns and prelude music and to the tech team that made the transition possible. I am looking forward to the coming year as we strengthen our Worshipping Together! —John Henkelman

A message from Fr. Jesús

As I mentioned last week, we are having a Fun Fest this coming Sunday, August 23rd. This event is being organized by the Ministries in Spanish which will help them to fund their different activities and ministries. They will be selling a variety of food. Cash, checks, credit, and debit cards will be accepted. If you would like to order tamales by the dozen in advance, please email me with your order. The St. Anthony Gift shop will be here as well with images, small statues, Bibles and other devotionals for purchase. This is a "pilot" of what could become our parish festival next year. The fun will start at 10am and will continue until 4pm. Please join us, invite a friend as everyone is welcome!

Social Action

Catholic Charities— Catholic Charities is in need of the following items: Millie Moon size 3 diapers (actual brand name and in most need of), Regular size 4 diapers, and baby wipes. Please place them in the Knights of Columbus box next to the elevator.

Backpack Buddies— This program supplies needy school children with backpacks full of kid-friendly foods to eat at home on the weekends. The cost is \$93 a year per student. Funds raised benefit needy students at Harold McCormick School with additional funds going to students in the Elizabethton and Carter County school systems. To sponsor a student, please fill out a pledge form found in the parish office and place it in the collection basket. Thank you.



Parish Job Opportunity

Hiring— Business Manager, part-time position. 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

Parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
510 West C St, Elizabethton, TN.

FAMILY FUN FEST

Sunday, August 23
10 AM to 4 PM

We will have:

Tacos

Mexican Street Corn (Esquites)

Fruit Cups

Fajitas

Pupusas

Burgers

Hot Dogs

French Fries

Flautas

Enchiladas

Tortas

Fresh Waters

Carnitas

Fresh Waters

Snow Cones

Desserts

Tamales

And much more...
Come get to know our parish and join us for this family-friendly gathering!
WE ARE LOCATED VERY CLOSE TO ELIZABETHTON HIGH SCHOOL.
NOT FAR FROM WALMART AND LOWE'S IN ELIZABETHTON