

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

Diocese of Knoxville—August 23, 2026

## Weekly Readings

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23  
Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

### Monday

St. Bartholomew  
Revelation 21:9b-14  
John 1:45-51

### Tuesday

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a,  
14-17  
Matthew 23:23-26

### Wednesday

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,  
16-18  
Matthew 23:27-32

### Thursday

St. Monica  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
Matthew 24:42-51

### Friday

St. Augustine  
1 Corinthians 1:17-25  
Matthew 25:1-13

### Saturday

Passion of  
St. John the Baptist  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Mark 6:17-29

### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

## Mass Intentions August 23, 2026

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday—5pm—(English)

† Manny Bandarra

#### Saturday—7pm—(Spanish)

† José Leon Jr.

#### Sunday—9am—

† Frank Signa

#### Monday, 8am—

Intentions of  
Stephanie Braeuner

#### Tuesday, 8am—

† Petra Calvert

#### Wednesday, 12noon—

† Peggy Martinus

### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday—5pm-(English)

The people of the parish

#### Saturday—7pm- (Spanish)

† Aguitina Rodriguez

#### Sunday—9am-

† Trent Policky

## 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/>

## Parish Life

## New Mass Schedule

Effective September 4, 2026

### Weekend -

Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.

Sábado (en español) 7 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m.

### Weekday -

Monday 8 a.m.

Tuesday 8 a.m.

Wednesday 12 noon

Friday 8 a.m.



**Office Closure**— The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

**Need of a Spiritual Director?** - Having a Catholic spiritual director helps you recognize God's presence in your daily life, deepen your prayer life, and discern major life choices with accountability and wisdom. Spiritual Direction is not Confession nor Counseling. If you are looking for a Spiritual Director, Fr. Joe Austin is making himself available for it. If interested, please contact him by email at frjoeaustin@stelizabethsparish.com.



PARISH PICNIC

**Parish Picnic**— 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 Kiwani'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!

## Religious Education

Registration is now open for Religious Education classes beginning on September 9th. Please pick up and fill out a registration form at the church exit or in the parish office this week. **NOTE:** This is important for the parish to order the needed materials for the classes. For more information, contact Terese Ghio at 858-722-9388 or DREassistant@stelizabethsparish.com.



## A message from Fr. Jesús

As it was announced earlier, we are adding a new daily Mass. This Mass will be on Fridays at 8:00am beginning on September 4th. We are still exploring the possibility of adding one more Mass, devotionals and adult faith formation opportunities. We have a PPC meeting this week, we will be discussing our pastoral and formation needs as well. † As a reminder, Fr. Joe is making himself available for Spiritual Direction, for more information please email him or ask him after Mass. † Our parish picnic is around the corner, please plan on attending and bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. I will join a couple of families to prepare something delicious. I hope you have a wonderful week!

## 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.



## Job Opportunity

**Director of Music Position—St. Anne's Church - Bristol VA** - St. Anne Catholic Church in Bristol, Virginia, seeks a Director of Music to lead the sacred music of a parish and school community in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. Serving on the senior staff and working in close collaboration with the pastor, the director plans and carries out a comprehensive music program rooted in the Church's tradition of sacred music: directing the parish choir at Sunday Mass, forming cantors and instrumentalists, leading the student choir at the weekly school Mass, preparing music for weddings and funerals, and helping to shape the great liturgies of the year from Christmas through the Sacred Paschal Triduum. The position is full-time (35 hours per week) with diocesan salary and benefits, and it suits a musician who loves the liturgy, works generously with volunteers of every age, and wants a life's craft placed at the service of the worship of God. Full description: [https://docs.google.com/d/1b0xn\\_JzhP17qU0JoYOmjS1pE5Tdru\\_xAarLeMKp\\_b0Q/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/d/1b0xn_JzhP17qU0JoYOmjS1pE5Tdru_xAarLeMKp_b0Q/edit?usp=sharing)  
Job Posting: <https://secure4.entertimeonline.com/ta/6149263.careers?ShowJob=1006953282>



**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
- Tamals

**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