

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

Diocese of Knoxville—August 30, 2026

Weekly Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday

1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday

St. Gregory the Great
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Luke 5:1-11

Friday

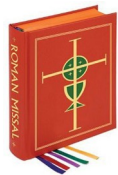
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Luke 6:1-5

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



Mass Intentions August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm—(English)

The people of the parish

Saturday—7pm—(Spanish)

† Aguitina Rodriguez

Sunday—9am—

† Trent Policky

Monday, 8am —

† Lowell Cisowski

Tuesday, 8am—

† George Loper

Wednesday, 12noon—

† Johnny Bivens

Friday, 8am -

† June Flower Cotter

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm-(English)

† Deceased members of
the Metz family

Saturday—7pm- (Spanish)

The people of the parish

Sunday—9am- (Incense)

† Deceased members of
the Bartus family

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

Patti Vermillion

Margaret Vines

Parish Business

Administrative Assistant—Mark Mancuso,
businessoffice@stelizabethsparish.com

Parish Secretary/Bulletin— Pandora Gage
secretary@stelizabethsparish.com. Bulletin announcements must be sub-
mitted 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 youthminis-
try@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 back-
ground 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://](https://knoxville.cmgconnect.org/)
knoxville.cmgconnect.org/

Parish Life



Friday Mass—This Friday, September 4, at 8am, marks the
beginning of Mass being added to daily Mass schedule.
Come worship!

Knights of Columbus—The Knights of Columbus will be meeting
this Tuesday, September 1, at 6pm in the parish hall. All men are
welcome!

Faith and Fellowship—The Faith and Fellowship Ministry will be
meeting next Saturday, September 5, at 3:30pm, in the parish hall.
All are welcome. For more information, please contact Thomas
Mitalski at 910-381-6955.

Incense Next Sunday—Incense will be used at the 9am Mass next
Sunday, September 6.



Food and Fellowship—There will be food and
fellowship after all Masses next weekend, Sep-
tember 5/6, in the parish hall. Please bring a
homemade or store-bought item to share, and
spend a few minutes chat ting with your fel-
low parishioners.

Parish Picnic— Our parish picnic is next Sunday,
September 6!! Get ready for fun, food, and fellow-
ship! You won't want to miss the fun and games
this year! Potato sack races, egg on the spoon rac-
es, 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!



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

Town Hall Meeting—Saturday, September 19, at 10am in the par-
ish hall. The Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council
will present current and future plans and strategies for our growing
parish. We will look at our parish needs and positions. Overview of
2026 fiscal year and plans for fiscal 2027.

A message from Fr. Jesús

The Fun Fest was a great success! I have positive comments
from different families and individuals and some suggestions
in how to improve it for next year. I think it was a great oppor-
tunity to interact with other families who normally attend the
other masses and even from other parishes. There were people
from St. Mary's, St. Michael's, Notre Dame, St. Anne's and St.
Anthony's supporting us. Thanks to all of you who participat-
ed in one way or another. † We have another opportunity to
keep building bridges between our families through the Parish
Picnic. Please come and have a great time with us. † Beginning
this week, we are having daily Mass on Fridays at 8:00am.
Thanks to Fr. Joe we are able to provide more for our parish-
ioners. Have a wonderful week!

*“Just as we can follow a stream back to its source, so the
beauty of music invites us to encounter the One who is
Beauty itself.”*

~ Pope Leo XIV

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 Confes-
sion 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 frjoeaust-
in@stelizabethsparish.com.

Religious Education



Registration—Registration is now open for Reli-
gious 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.

RE Teacher Meeting—There will be a meeting for all Religious
Education teachers on Wednesday, September 2, at 6pm in the
upstairs conference room. Please RSVP to the DRE at
DRE@stelizabethsparish.com or text to 423-767-6394.

Social Action

Catholic Charities—Catholic Charities is in need of the follow-
ing 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 addi-
tional 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 collec-
tion basket. Thank you.



CATHOLIC SEPTEMBER: The Seven Sorrows of Mary
BER MONTHS



September invites us to contemplate the Sev-
en Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary—the deep
suffering she endured in union with her Son, Jesus.
From Simeon's prophecy to Mary standing beneath
the Cross, her sorrows reveal a Mother whose love
remained faithful even in the midst of immense pain.

Reflection: When we experience suffering, may we learn from Mary to
remain faithful, trusting that God can bring grace even from our deep-
est wounds.

2nd Collection

A second collection will be taken up the weekend of Septem-
ber 12/13 in support of the Diocese's St. Mary's Legacy Mobile
Medical Clinic that visits 10 medically undeserved rural areas
of East TN monthly providing healthcare and telehealth to the
poor and uninsured.. This "doctor on wheels" is run by a small
staff and the help of over 100 volunteer physicians, nurses, and
community members who donate their time and talent to this
great ministry. To learn more, visit www.SMLCares.com.
Please be generous in supporting this great medical ministry.
Thank you.