

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

Diocese of Knoxville—September 13, 2026

Weekly Readings

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30—28:7
Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday

Exaltation of the
Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9
John 3:13-17

Tuesday

Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Corinthians 12:12-14,
27-31a
John 19:25-27

Wednesday

St. Cornelius
& St. Cyprian
1 Corinthians 12:31—
13:13
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 7:36-50

Friday

1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Corinthians 15:35-37,
42-49
Luke 8:4-15

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

Mass Intentions September 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm—(English)

† Manny Bandarra
Saturday—7pm—(Spanish)
† Adriana Brito
Sunday—9am—

The people of the parish

Monday, 8am —

† Juan Rolando Mijares

Tuesday, 8am—

† John Tolejko

Wednesday, 12noon—

Intentions of Deacon

Mike Gray

Friday, 8am -

Intentions of

Nick & Marilyn Schicker

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm-(English)

† Deceased members of the
Gurdak & Messina families

Saturday—7pm- (Spanish)

† Saul Juarez

Sunday—9am-

† Lowell Cisowski

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

Lisa Palmieri

Leroy & Agnes Policky

Jim Stapleton

Patti Vermillion

Margaret Vines

Parish Business

Business Manager—Kara McGee, 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/>

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

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



Cecilia
Maria Grubb
September 5, 2026

Thank You—Sharon Roberts, Parish Life facilitator, and Pandora Gage, Parish Secretary, would like to thank everyone who helped at the picnic - the wonderful Knights who transported the tents and supplies to and from the church AND prepared the hamburgers, hot dogs and fries; all who brought the amazing dishes and desserts, and all of you who stayed to help clean up! God provided a beautiful day and you provided the rest!

Town Hall Meeting—Saturday, September 19, at 10am in the parish 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.

Fall Clean-Up with the Knights—The Knights of Columbus will be doing some sprucing up of our church grounds on Saturday, September 26, at 10am. All parishioners are welcome to come and help.



Save the Date—The annual Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale is around the corner! Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 10 & 11. Donated baked goods for the sale will be welcomed, so start planning your goodies now!

Worshipping Together—All 3 of our Masses are still in need of a backup livestream person to turn the system on before Mass and shut it down after Mass. Please reach out to Joaquin Raventos at 423-727-5609 to arrange for a short training.

Just a Friendly Reminder—Regarding aluminum cans collected by the Knights to support our seminarians: **Accepted: ONLY** aluminum beverage cans and aluminum pet food cans, bagged separately, at this site.

PLEASE! DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING ELSE. NO STEEL CANS, NO PLASTIC, NO SCRAP METAL, NO GARBAGE. Thank you for your support.

A message from Fr. Jesús

Our annual picnic was a success! I would like to thank everyone who was involved in putting it together. Lots of families came together to have good time and enjoy delicious food. Our Lord gave us a perfect weather for it. Thanks! † We have hired a new Office Manager, her name is Kara McGee. She will be replacing Mark Mancuso who is retiring. Kara started working with us last Tuesday, September 8th, and Mark has been training her as to make the transition smooth. I would like to welcome Kara to our office staff and would like to express my gratitude to Mark who has assisted and supported us in an important way to build our current structure. † Lastly, we have a townhall meeting this Saturday, September 19th, at 10am. Both councils will share important information. Please plan on attending.

The ministry in the spotlight this bulletin is **Faith and Fellowship**. The Faith and Fellowship ministry seeks to help the parish grow both spiritually and as a community through retreats, missions, witness nights, faith movie nights, trips, and other opportunities for fellowship and faith formation. They support the parish in building a culture of evangelism by helping parishioners deepen their faith, share it with others, and invite others into the life of the Church through daily witness and intentional outreach.

Ministry Spotlight



They invite energetic, faithful Catholic Christians to share their gifts, ideas, talents, and time with their team. Together you can serve as the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in our parish and community. If you feel called to participate, please join them on the first Saturday of each month at 3:30pm in the parish hall, or contact Thomas Mitalski at 910-381-6955 or Carolyn Hathaway at 423-483-2999.

Cathedral Concert Series

Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 711 S. Northshore Dr., Knoxville—Friday, September 25, 8pm—The Cathedral Concert Series is honored to host Scruffy City Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Ace Edwards, presenting an evening of beautiful and dramatic orchestral music thematically titled Nordisk Skjønhet (Nordic Beauty).

The concert will feature performances by Concerto Competition winners Eliana Kováčová, violin, and Jackson Sharp, cello, performing beloved concertos by Camille Saint-Saëns. The orchestra will also present Niels W. Gade's Hamlet Overture and Johan Svendsen's Symphony No. 2, showcasing the rich musical beauty and romantic spirit of Scandinavia.

Admission is free: seating is limited. (Doors open one hour before concert. Please respect the sacred space: no food/drink/gum.) For tickets go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cathedral-concert-scruffy-city-orchestra-tickets-1999040511984>



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14) commemorates three major events relating to Jesus' Cross. The first event is the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine. Tradition holds that St. Helena found three crosses, but could not determine which of the three crosses was the True Cross. A dying woman touched one of the crosses and was healed and thus this cross was determined to be the Cross of our Lord. The second event celebrated today is the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335, built on the site of both Jesus' crucifixion and His empty tomb. The third event celebrated today is when the True Cross was returned to Jerusalem in 629 after it was stolen by the Persians in 614.

Source: CatholicApostolateCenterFeastDays.org

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