St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

Diocese of Knoxville—September 20, 2026

Weekly Readings

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

Monday
St. Matthew
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday
St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Proverbs 30:5-9
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Luke 9:7-9

Friday
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday
Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8
Luke 9:43b-45

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



Mass Intentions September 20, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm—(English)
† Deceased members of the Gurdak & Messina families
Saturday—7pm—(Spanish)
† Saul Juarez
Sunday—9am—
† Lowell Cisowski
Monday, 8am —
Intentions of Deacon Rich Carner
Tuesday, 8am—
Intentions of Barry Pine
Wednesday, 12noon—
† Cathy Champon
Friday, 8am -
Intentions of Carol Faniola

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday—5pm-(English)
† Rodolfo Guerrero
Saturday—7pm- (Spanish)
† José Leon Jr.
Sunday—9am-
† Arnold Simerly

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

Thank you for your generosity

In person
September 13, 2026

Regular—$3,237.00 Building Fund—$487.00
Designated Funds—$3,877.00



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

Bereavement—Donna Marie Robey Townsend, sister-in-law of Fran Robey, passed away on Sunday, September 13. Please keep the Robey family in your prayers.

Anniversary—Congratulations to Nick and Marilyn Schicker who celebrated 60 years of marriage on September 17.



Adoration—Come spend some time in the presence of our Lord. Adoration is every Thursday from 5:30-8:30pm. Sign up sheets for an hour commitment are on the bulletin board on the office level.

Thank You—Donna Townsend would like to thank everyone for their prayers. Her heart function is back to normal.

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 we welcomed, so start planning your goodies now!

St. Elizabeth of Hungary LADIES GUILD

Also: Volunteers will be needed to learn how to use the church's new Square credit card payment system, and be at the Ladies Guild sale to take credit card payments. All volunteers must take Safe Environment and Financial Volunteer training from the CMG website https://knoxville.cmgconnect.org/



Church Library—Stop by the church library on the office level and peruse the new books that are available. There will also be new books on the Free Shelf soon!

New App/Website—As stated in Father's message this week (see below) there is a new Catholic app that we can all access and enjoy—for free! It's called Formed, and it's very easy to sign up.

1. Go to https://formed.org/signup
2. Type in your e-mail address
3. When prompted for which parish, type the zip code of 37683—it will bring up St. Anthony of Padua. This is what you want.
4. Follow instructions to set a password
5. Download the "Formed Catholic" app on your phone.
6. Enjoy!

A Message from Fr. Jesús

Thanks to a generous donor, we are now subscribed to Formed.org. This is great website/App to stream on-demand Catholic movies, audio books, Bible studies, Sacraments studies, and family-friendly programs. This website/App is often called a "Catholic Netflix" and it is produced by the Augustine Institute. Because we have a subscription, it does not cost you a dime. Since this subscription is shared with St. Anthony you are asked to provide Mountain City's zip code (37683) to locate it as you sign up. Detailed instructions on how to access this wonderful website/App are in this bulletin. † On a different subject, I would like to thank both councils, PPC and PFC, for the wonderful job in leading our town hall meeting this past Saturday.



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.

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.

An Afternoon at the Movies



Join fellow parishioners as we carpool to see ***Adore Him*** at the AMC Theaters in Johnson City. Adore Him is a documentary film exploring what happens when Catholics rediscover the gift waiting for them in every tabernacle. Through stories of conversion, healing, and renewed faith, it makes the case for what the Church has always known: that time spent before the Blessed Sacrament changes everything. The plan is to go to the 4pm showing on Sunday, October 4, then have dinner together after the show. If interested, contact Pandora in the parish office.

St. Matthew

September 21

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.

Saint Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which reads, "The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle."

Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers.