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FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS SAID:

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit.”

~ Luke 6:43 - 44

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MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday Vigil</u>	<u>Monday—Thursday</u>
5:00pm	7:00 am
	<u>Friday</u>
Sunday	12:00 pm
	<u>Saturday</u>
7:00am	8:30 am
9:00am	<u>Confessions</u>
11:00am	Saturday
	9:15am

Sunday Mass will be live streamed
through Facebook on
Sundays at 9:00 am
and posted after on the website.

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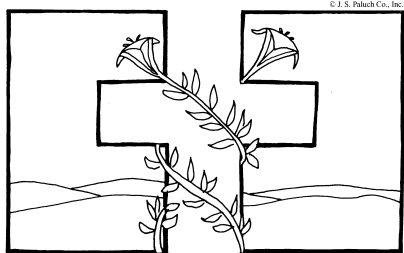
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Gospel today reminds us that from the beginning we were created as good. From the inside we have great potential to thrive. With that reality comes great responsibility. It demands that we trust in that God given potential and keep any feelings of greed, envy or jealousy out of the picture. "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." As we find ourselves probably out and about a bit more due to lifted mandates and better weather, make a daily decision to be better at showing your fundamental goodness in a way that inspires others. Make an effort to connect that drive to your faith in Jesus Christ. When asked why you feel great can you respond : " Because Christ compels me!"

As we begin Lent on Wednesday I offer a theme that sends every prayer we speak. It is simply and profoundly: "Through Christ Our Lord". How can we be bolder in saying those words because we try our best to live them. Think about something you can do better or a sacrifice that will strengthen you as we journey this Lent together in Christ.

Fr Carroll



As you know, Governor Carney lifted the indoor mask mandate. Please use common sense and feel free to protect yourself. If you or your children are not fully vaccinated you and they must wear masks in church. Get vaccinated. Get boosted. Let us continue to take care of one another!

STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

February 20		\$4,155.00
Online		\$2,185.25
Total		\$6,736.25
Fuel Collection		\$1,001.75

LENT 2022

THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD

Ash Wednesday - March 2 +this Wednesday!

7:00am Mass

8:15am Mass - *Elementary School -(Masks)*

9:30am Mass - *High School (Masks)*

12:00noon Service

3:00pm Service

5:30 Mass

Adoration until 9:00pm



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAYS

5:00pm - 9:00pm

March 2 - April 6

(Ash Wednesday it will be after 5:30 Mass until 9pm)

All are welcome anytime but we would like 1 person to sign up for each hour to assure that someone is present..

Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS

6:00pm

Potluck & Talk

in Grant Hall following

Bring a non-meat soup, cheese or tuna sandwiches, pizza, bread, fruit or vegetables to share. Can be dropped off in Grant Hall after 5:30pm.

Fr. Carroll, Deacon Ken or Deacon Walt will offer a 15-20 minute talk to help your Lenten journey.

MASS INTENTIONS 2/26–3/6

Sat	5:00 pm	Barbara & Gus Coccia
Sun	7:00 am	Fr. Francis Kenney
	9:00 am	James Young People of the Parish
	11:00 am	Frederick & Shamlian Germaine
Mon	7:00 am	Mary Venturena
Tues	7:00 am	Richard Piekarski
Wed	7:00 am	Ann Doris Murphy
	8:15 am	Josephine Lukowski
	5:30 pm	Tessie Grodzicki
Thurs	7:00 am	Christopher Fortugno
Fri	12:00 pm	Gary Ciszowski
Sat	8:30 am	Lana Frey
	5:00 pm	Kathleen & George Walsh
Sun	7:00 am	Natalie O'Connor
	9:00 am	Thomas Francis Smith
	11:00am	Ron Krajewski People of the Parish

*Mass cards are available in the Parish Office
Celebrated in the parish—\$10 Offering
Celebrated outside the parish—\$5 Offering*

**Please call or visit the parish office
to inquire about dates for 2022.**

Masses can be said for birthday's, anniversaries,
special intentions, etc.

The 2023 mass book is open.

*Commemorative Candles
for the week of February 13*

In loving memory of Barbara & Gus Coccia
Prayers for our U.S. Supreme Court

*Commemorative Candles - \$10 Offering
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SACRAMENTS



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered on Saturday morning after the 8:30am mass and not at 4:00pm.

The **Anointing of the Sick** may be requested after mass if you are preparing for surgery. "Last Rites" can always be requested at home or at the hospital. It is best to do so when the person is still able to participate in the prayer.

Funerals - Funeral directors will contact the church and make arrangements for you. Visitations in church are at the pastor's discretion and parish membership. Eulogies in church are discouraged by Diocesan Policy.

Weddings - Call for scheduling and PreCana. Couples should contact the parish at least 1 year in advance.

Baptisms - Baptisms will be celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30. We will limit these celebrations to two families. Families must be registered in the parish. Discuss dates with Lisa in the parish office when you are ready. Participation in one preparation session is required. This can be done before the birth of your child.

Pray for...



We believe
in the power of prayer.

Please notify the office
of changes in yours or a
loved one's health so
that we might properly
focus our prayers.

Doris Wilds
Jack McDermott, III
Herman McDermott
Kathleen Matarese
Darlene Bargelski
Joseph Korup
Margaret Wertz
Karen Gallagher
Maryann Berry
Tab Smith
Barbara Zack
Debbie Buchler
Harry Beagelski, Jr.
Kristi Lepkowski
Jolynn Maniscalco
Anne Marie McLaughlin

VOCATION REFLECTION

Pray that by their example of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, priest, deacons, sisters and brothers will win many souls to Christ. **If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Carroll. 302-573-3113, www.cdow.org/vocations or vocations@cdow.org.**

**Check out the new Facebook page
"Vocations Diocese of Wilmington"**



WHAT IS A RELIGIOUS SISTER?

A Sister lives in a religious community that follows a constantly renewed tradition, patterned on the life and teaching of the founder of the community. The work she generally does will depend upon the ministries of that community as influenced by the needs of the Church and its people — for example: teaching, social work, administration, nursing, peace and justice ministry, etc.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Worries come naturally into most couple's lives. It may seem unrealistic not to worry. Try watching some birds today. It's winter, but somehow they are surviving. Do they look sad? Learn from the birds.

PARENTING POINTERS

Family chores: It's not just about keeping your home clean. Sharing household work (once a child is old enough to walk and talk) promotes family unity, life skills, and cooperation. Do your household chores need any updating?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (302) 652-3626

CCD classes (Grades 1-8) Sunday from 9:30-10:45

Barbara Maddams, Coordinator
Eileen Lisowski, Sacramental Prep

First Reconciliation - We will be welcoming our 2nd graders to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Saturday, March 5 at 10:00am. Please keep them in your prayers!

OUTREACH

Outreach is aware that one of the biggest problems facing some members of our community is food insecurity. If you or someone you know is having trouble feeding their family please call 652-3626 and leave us a message by selecting the Outreach option. Please leave your name, phone number and best time to reach you.

Ash Wednesday Collection - Eastern Europe

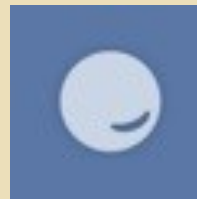
Since the collapse of communism in the early 1990s, the countries in Central and Eastern Europe have been endeavored to rebuild, but the severe consequences of the oppressive Soviet rule continue to challenge all aspects of life in the region. Each year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Collection for Central and Eastern Europe brings healing and opportunities for renewed life in Christ.

The annual collection supports youth ministry, seminaries, social services, pastoral centers, evangelization and catechesis, communications, and church construction and renovation in 28 countries.

"The generation that has passed since the fall of the Iron Curtain has not yet undone the ruin perpetuated by decades of communist oppression," said Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton of Steubenville, chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. "When we give to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, we are sharing faith and mercy with people whose parents and grandparents were imprisoned for practicing the faith or praying."

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The Director of Music, in collaboration with the Pastor, is responsible for planning and providing sacred music, directing the cantors/choir, and promoting the full, active, and conscious participation of the faithful in accordance with the Church documents on sacred music. This is a part-time position. For more information and application email a cover letter and your CV to bjwasilewski@aol.com or ncaroll@steparish.org.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Sirach 27:4-7*

In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-16

The just shall flourish like a palm tree.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15: 54-58*

**Thanks be to God who has given us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:39-45*

Each tree is known by its yield.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

Family Connection

Jesus' parables in this week's Gospel are a reminder of the importance of continued learning, prayer and reflection, and humility in our discipleship. We shine God's light in the world when we are "lit from within" with God's grace, willing to examine our own conscience and recognize our own need for transformation through Jesus. As busy parents responsible for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual growth, we may sometimes be challenged to find time and energy to care for ourselves and attend to our own spiritual growth. Yet doing so can improve our family relationships and help us guide our children in their faith. We can be reminded of the simple safety instruction we hear when flying: to put on our own "spiritual" oxygen mask before helping others.

Gather as a family and spend some time discussing ideas about what it means to be a good disciple. What do we need to learn? How are we to act? How do we treat others? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:39-45. Discuss what Jesus means when he asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Talk about how we might be tempted to focus on one another's shortcomings without noticing our own and how this might lead to conflict. Point out that part of being a good disciple is focusing on our own behavior. As a family, share ideas for responding as a disciple when you are upset with another family member's words or actions. (For example, taking a cooling off break before talking to the person or praying for help to see if our actions contributed to the conflict and we need to apologize.) Pray that you will grow together in your discipleship and then pray the Lord's Prayer.



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW...



Our parish and school has a great legacy of calling forth religious sisters and diocesan priests in our diocese.
How many priests are serving in our diocese today from St. Elizabeth?

The diocese has 61 active priests in our parishes.

11 have roots in our parish and/or school.

2 of our 12 seminarians went to school here.

Designer Bag Bingo Sponsors Needed

They need 4 more!! Can you help?

Would you like to advertise your business at an upcoming St. E event? How about you and your friends show everyone who graduated from the BEST class at St. E? Would you like a way to donate to a good cause in memory of a loved one who also loved St. E? We are looking for sponsors for our Designer Bag Bingo event to be held on March 27th. Each sponsorship is \$200.00 and all proceeds will go to support our great school. Your business, school class, loved one, or any other notation of your choosing will be advertised in the program to be given to each participant at the event. Please contact Mary Jones Gant (class of '88) at cubswilm@comcast.net if you wish to provide a sponsorship. Checks can be made payable to St. Elizabeth School and can be mailed Attention: BINGO SPONSOR to 1500 Cedar Street, Wilmington, DE 19805. We greatly appreciate your generosity!



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The event starts at 2:00PM in
St. Elizabeth Grant Hall
Cost is \$30.00 per person.
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chased online. No reservations
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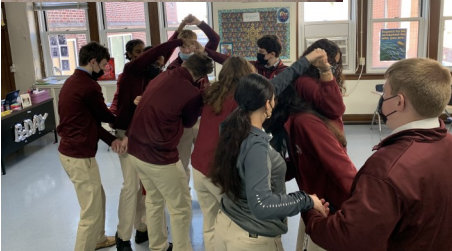
BENEDICTINE SPIRIT

VIKING PRIDE



Our high school students have been enjoying hands on learning! In Ms. Meyer's Literature class her students explored the notion of trust, for one of the characters in the novel they're studying. The character has sensory & communication sensitivities that impact his engagement with those around him, especially during a turbulent time in his life. Ms. Meyer's tried to simulate what that might feel like by doing a circle trust fall and escaping a class human knot.

Down the hall, Ms. Read's Physics class tackled a Balloon Rocket lab to discuss Newton's Third Law of Motion. The assignment was designed to explore the action and reaction of a rocket that is launched. A rocket's movement depends on Newton's Third Law of Motion, for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. When a rocket blows out gas at high speed in one direction (action force), the rocket is pushed in the opposite direction (reaction force). The gas pushes against the rocket and the rocket pushes back just as hard against the gas. As the engines blast down, the rocket goes up.



The 7th Grade Practice High School Placement Test is available to current 7th grade students. This test mirrors the 8th grade HSPT administered in the fall, which is required for admission consideration at St. Elizabeth. The Practice HSPT is an opportunity for students to become familiar with the content and material offered on the 8th grade HSPT, while also assessing their strengths and areas to improve. Testing results will be shared with participating families in the weeks following the test.

The 7th Grade Practice High School Placement Test will be held in-person on Saturday, March 5, 2022, from 8:30am to 11:30am.

Visit www.steschools.org/admissions to register by March 3rd.

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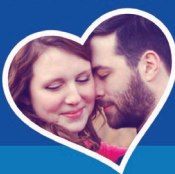
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