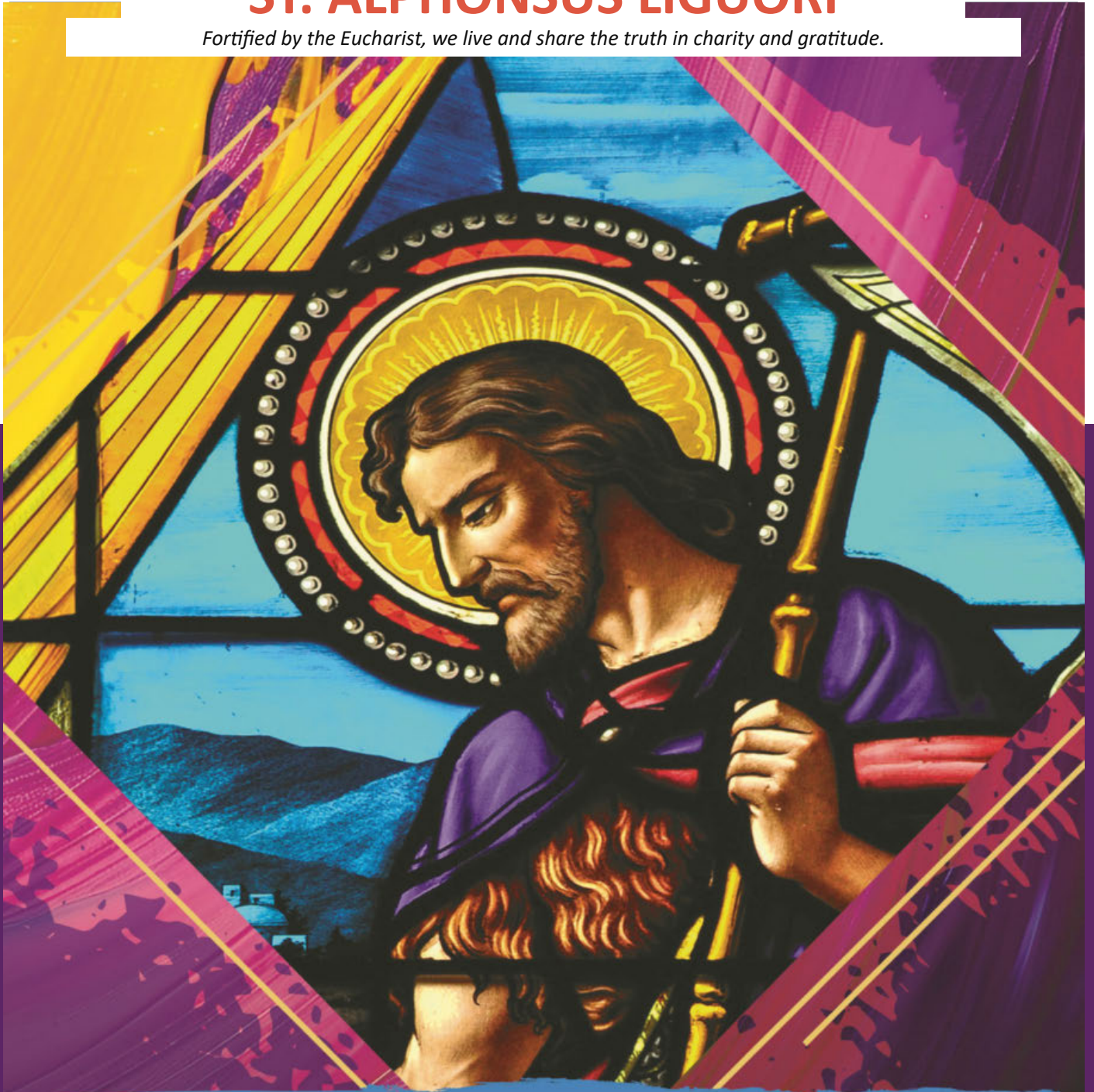


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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

- Lk 3:4

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC.8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 8, 2024

Sun.	12/8	8:00 AM (incense)	Parish	
Sun.	12/8	10:30 AM	1st. Ann of Death: Elijah Jones	Parish
Sun.	12/8	5:00 PM	+ James Ramsay Hofmeister	Buzzelli
Mon.	12/9	9:00 AM	+ Ellen Gast	Perry
Mon.	12/9	7:00 PM	+ Edward Ralph Lavagnino	Embrace Life Ministry
Tue.	12/10	9:00 AM	+ John Francis Affonso	Affonso
Wed.	12/11	6:00 PM	+ Vincent Giaime	Agrillo
Thur.	12/12	9:00 AM	+ Frank Poliska	Haydock
Fri.	12/13	9:00 AM	+ Julia Devlin	Moss
Sat.	12/14	9:00 AM	+ Catherine Fleming	Nelson
Sat.	12/14	4:30 PM	+ Paul Pequiugnot	Coe
Sun.	12/15	8:00 AM	Parish	
Sun.	12/15	10:30 AM (incense)	+ James Ramsay Hofmeister	Perry
Sun.	12/15	5:00 PM	Theresa L. Hanson	Stump

SP: Special Intentions | + Deceased

CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | Saturday @ 9:30 am & 3:15 pm | By Appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm

Reg. Friday Hours: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am - 10:30 am, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

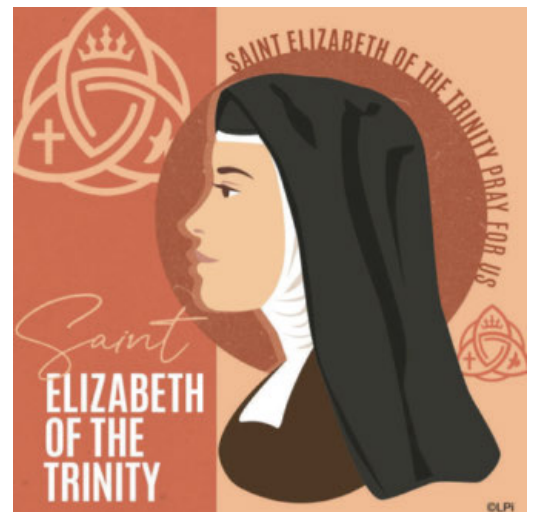
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1880-1906

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, born Elizabeth Catez in Avor, France, was the eldest of two daughters. After her father's death in 1887, the family moved to Dijon, near a Carmelite monastery. Though stubborn and hot-tempered as a child, Elizabeth excelled in school and was an accomplished pianist.

Fascinated by the nuns at the nearby convent and inspired by Thérèse of Lisieux (also a Carmelite), Elizabeth began her religious journey. At just 14 years old she made a personal vow of virginity and set her mind on becoming a Carmelite. Elizabeth's mother opposed her desire to enter the convent and asked that she wait until she was 21. The saint worked with troubled youth and children, catechizing them while she waited.

Elizabeth entered the order in Dijon in 1901, finding peace in contemplative prayer and a deep connection with the Trinity. Her writings, including "O My God, Trinity Whom I Adore," have been widely published. After only five years with the Carmelites, she died from Addison's disease in 1906. Before her death, she expressed her belief that her joy in heaven would increase if her friends sought her help. Canonized in 2016, her legacy is her strong belief in the indwelling Trinity and her call to embrace God's love.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, pray for us!

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Remember in Your Prayers

THE SICK

Ron Knowles, John Hatton, Terry Spartz, Thomas Gawlik, Jeanne Hammernik, Mark Baltz, Kristin Famolaro, John Thieme, Cori Geving, Al Burkacki, Judy Neff, Carol Zuccaro, Kyle Stephens, Van Kirby, Beth May, Janeen & Sidney, Lone Lynn, John Schwier, and all the ill of our parish and community.

OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioner **Ward Degler**, husband of Jeanne Degler, **Sebastian Schemmel**, grandson of parishioners Ellen and Tom Schemmel, and **Ann Gallozzi**, grandmother of parishioner Brett (Melissa) Seach, great-grandmother of Drake and Maxwell Seach.

OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS & THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

MILITARY

Chaplain Akeriwe, US Army; **Major Willis Brown**, USAF; **IT2 Luke Derocher**, US Navy; **LTC Jason Doffin**, US Army; **MAJ Nicholas Gibson**, USMC; **LT David Hamlin**, US Navy; **Chaplain Janko**, Indiana Air National Guard; **Captain Brent Lasher**, USAF; **Major Matthew Read**, USAF; **PO1 Blake Reel**, US Navy; **WO3 Zachary J. Stillions**, US Army; **Sam Ferguson**, US Navy; **Captain Paul Gahwiler**, US Army; **Josh Moody**, US National Guard...and the families of all soldiers who are deployed.

Names of the sick remain in the bulletin for 8 weeks. At that time, you may call the office to resubmit a request.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Advent Challenge

Begins Sunday, December 1, 2024

Week 2: Peace

Advent prepares our hearts for the coming of the Christ child and the second coming of our Lord Jesus. Take time to slow down and grow closer to Jesus by visiting him in the Adoration Chapel.

Name your Prayer Intention for this Challenge.



Seek Peace by spending at least 8 minutes in Adoration reflecting on Matthew 11:28-30.



Christmas & New Year's MASS TIMES

December 24th at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
December 25th at 12:00 AM and 10:30 AM
December 31st at 5:30 PM
January 1st at 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM



On November 16, seventy nine second graders, along with their parents, participated in the First Reconciliation retreat. The day began with Mass, followed by engaging activities that helped the children deepen their understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The retreat concluded with the children receiving the sacrament and lighting a candle, symbolizing their role as Christ's light in the world.

STEWARDSHIP & ENGAGEMENT



HEART OF A PARISH



COLLECTIONS REPORT	NOV. 24	DEC. 1
Weekly Collections	\$26,558.96	\$27,881.92
Budget per Week - 2024	\$31,579.63	\$31,579.63
Weekly Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$5,020.67)	(\$3,697.71)
Pew Count	1,803	N/A
2nd Collection	\$3,506.08	NONE

Stewardship Reflection -

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two "comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming through repentance.

Let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ this Advent. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him. www.CatholicSteward.com

THE 99 EXPERIENCE



Day of Renewal
Saturday
Jan. 11, 2025
9:45 am - 5:30 pm
Parish Hall

At this powerful day long event, we will reflect on:

- The brokenness we experience in our lives
- How to acknowledge and desire God's great love
- How to live life in community led by the Holy Spirit



← REGISTER

On Christmas Day, we will hold a special second collection to support the restoration of our church's bell tower. Your generosity on this joyous occasion will help preserve this beloved landmark for future generations. Thank you for your continued support and blessings this Christmas season!




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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

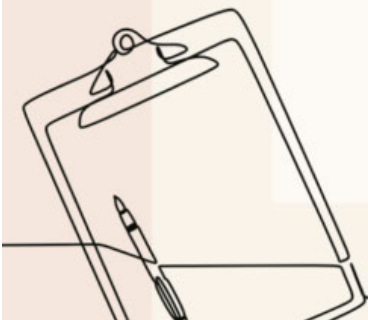
All Parish Stakeholder Session with Schmidt Associates

Tuesday, December 10,
6p-7:30p
in Weitzel Hall

If you haven't attended a stakeholder session with Schmidt Associates, the firm developing the St. Alphonsus Liguori Master Plan, join us to share your insights. The meeting will include a brief questionnaire and an interactive discussion on how you use our facilities, our campus's strengths, and areas for improvement.

Your input is invaluable to shaping the future of our parish, and we hope you can participate. No RSVP required.

Please direct any questions to Jen Carroll, Project Manager at Schmidt Associates, at jcarroll@schmidt-arch.com.



JOURNEY TO THE MANGER
DECEMBER 14 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

To RSVP, please scan the QR code above.

SAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Dec. 8: Baking Cookies for a Cause
Dec. 8: Deadline for Giving Tree
Dec. 9: DOVE Meeting @ 7p
Dec. 9: Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation @ 9a & 7p
Dec. 14: Soulcore @ 7:30a
Dec. 14: Journey to the Manger @ 5:30p
Dec. 15: Coffee and Donuts after AM mass
Dec. 19: Widows' Lunch @ 12p
Dec. 19: St. Monica Ministry @ 6:30p
Dec. 24: Parish office closes and reopens on Jan. 2.
Dec. 24: Christmas Vigil Masses @ 4p and 7p
Dec. 25: Christmas Day Masses @ midnight and 10:30a
Jan 1: Holy Day of Obligation Mass @ 9a and 12p
Jan. 11: 99 Experience @ 9a
Jan. 12: SAL Book Club
Jan. 15: Dive Into Scripture : What We Believe @ 6:30p
Jan. 20: Girls' Retreat
Jan. 22/23: Rummage Sale Drop off
Jan. 24/25: Rummage Sale
Jan. 26: Sundays with the Saints @ 9:30a

ST. ALPHONSUS FAITH BUILD

DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2024

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

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JAN. 25 | 2-8PM
JAN. 26 | 8AM-6PM

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SHOPPING DAYS
JAN. 27 | 8AM-6PM
JAN. 28 | 8AM-NOON

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November Baptisms

Please join us in warmly welcoming
these newly baptized bambinos!

Julian David Hamlin,
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Elle Margaret Collins,
Daughter of Gordon & Reagan Collins

Philip Peter Joseph Bigot,
son of Augustus & Gabrielle Bigot

Charlie Joseph Schluge,
Son of John & Alicia Schluge

Julia Alessandra Logue,
daughter of Ryan & Katy Logue

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