



THE VOICE

Holy Week and Easter at St. Elisabeth's

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24 8:00 am Spoken Eucharist Rite I
 10:00 am Choral Eucharist Rite II

Maundy Thursday

March 28 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at St. E's

Good Friday

March 29 7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. E's

Holy Saturday

March 30 7:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. Lawrence, Libertyville
With our Better Together Partner Parishes

The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day

March 31 8:00 am Spoken Eucharist Rite I
 10:00 am Choral Eucharist Rite II
Refreshments follow the 10:00 am Service.



Daylight Saving Time Starts
Sunday, March 10

The Warden's Corner

If You Build It (Or Repair It!), They Will Come

A long, long time ago, I was a student at the University of Iowa when the iconic movie *Field of Dreams* was released. Like my classmates, I was absolutely smitten by the love letter to baseball and Iowa. To be fair, I was also smitten by Kevin Costner, but that's not the point of this story.

This story is about the often-misquoted line, "If you build it, they will come." The line whispered in the corn field is actually, "If you build it, *he* will come." Semantics aside, the idea that the quote inspired and stuck in the American psyche is that if you dream up an inviting space, people will follow. Several people at St. Elisabeth's have been working very hard for several years on projects and repairs to make our church an inviting space.

Anne Tuohy has been leading the project to repair the roof leak damage, and she is delighted to report the end of the project is finally in sight! The Choir Room and Library floors are in, the fresh drywall is painted, and furnishings and supplies will be moved back into the space soon. A grand re-opening celebration is being planned sometime in the Easter season, so please keep an eye out for the announcement of that date.

Related to the roof project, Robert Fisher persevered through many emails from vendors and construction hiccups to finally get the new solar panels installed on the roof. The system has been humming along for a couple of months, and we look forward to seeing the savings on our electric bill.

Our intrepid Building & Grounds leaders Jim Bauer and Pete Wittleder have steadfastly weathered all manner of surprises and repairs to the building, as well as managed regular maintenance, inspections, and other issues that require attention. Many thanks to Jim, Pete and the Buildings & Grounds committee for all they do to keep our beautiful church building running. Recent improvements include new plasterwork and fresh paint in the Chapel. Jim has also lined up bids for much needed HVAC repairs to the church and rectory, including repairing the heat pump which delivers heat to the sanctuary. I know everyone appreciates Jim's efforts to warm things up for our worship services.

Speaking of warming things up, Jim and the Buildings & Grounds committee have identified window repair or replacement in the Guild and Dining Rooms as an urgent project the church needs to do this year. Anyone whose teeth have chattered through a meeting, Adult Forum, or Coffee Hour in these spaces this winter will appreciate the recommendation to improve the efficiency of the windows! Also on the list are repairs to the red classroom on the Second Floor, which unfortunately now has a large hole in the ceiling.

More construction updates will follow this spring, including the date for our annual Spring Clean when many hands will make light work to make the church sparkle. Many thanks to all who help keep the roof over our heads. We greatly appreciate their efforts to make St. E's a warm and inviting place for parishioners, the community and Montessori school to gather. The other famous quote from the movie, at least for those who have any connection to Iowa, is "Is this heaven? No, it's Iowa." While I completely agree and get tingly every time I hear it, I think we can do better and say "Is this heaven? No, it's St. Elisabeth's." And in case you're wondering, yes, I have visited the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa.

--Leslie Alter, *Warden*

Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry



Last year's first ever Better Together Fish Fry was such a resounding success that we're doing it again on **Friday, March 8!** Join our partner congregations at **6:00 PM** at Trinity (425 Laurel Ave in Highland Park) for Stations of the Cross, followed by a delicious **fish fry at 7:00 PM.** Adam will lead the Stations of the Cross and Walter will sing.

Please see our eNews for a link to RSVP to Trinity by Monday, March 4.

Education



Sunday School

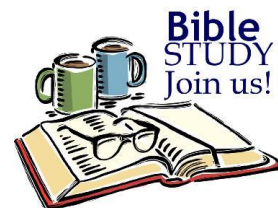
Sunday School for Children, upstairs after the 10 o'clock service. This is a weekly offering.

Forums

Sunday Forum: We will gather **weekly at Coffee Hour after the 10:00 am service** in the Guild Room. We will discuss the day's readings, sermon, liturgy, music and whatever else is on folks' minds. These conversations will be facilitated by the Rector. On select Sundays, we will continue to have guest speakers and teachers on various topics.

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

Our parish Bible Study group meets weekly in person, on **Fridays at 11:00 AM** in the Guild Room. We will be reading through entire books of the Bible – currently we are reading the Gospel of Mark. Come join us!



A Quiet Morning in Lent

**Come explore an array of spiritual practices
and peaceful activities that calm the mind
and nourish the soul.**

**Spiritual direction, prayer, healing, and confession
will also be offered.**

**Please register in advance by emailing
elizabeth.clemmitt@gmail.com.**

Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

556 Vernon Avenue

Glencoe, IL

Second Saturdays Family Eucharist & Potluck Supper – March 9

Bring along the entire family and invite friends to share the “Second Saturday” **simple service of Holy Communion around the dinner table**. Singles, couples, empty-nesters, families with children of all ages – **All are welcome to join fun, fellowship, and tasty food with our faith community**. And be prepared to enjoy some short, catchy, familiar hymns!



Our first “Second Saturday” was a true celebration of our St. Elisabeth’s community and our call to share God’s Love and Light as we reach out and serve others. In addition to a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist and delicious food, children and adults created valentines and decorated Mite Boxes for collecting money during Lent to **share with the Venezuelan families** we are supporting.

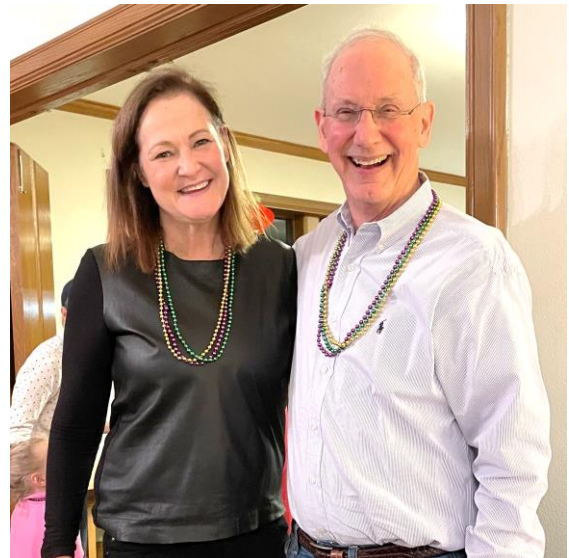
Each month we will continue to offer this opportunity for gathering informally. We invite everyone to share your responses and contribute to shaping our time together in ways that allow us to be open to new possibilities for glorifying God in worship and community.

As we gather for the Eucharist, children will spend a few minutes preparing for their roles in the celebration while adults visit and finalize supper preparations. All are encouraged to come a little early!

On March 9th, we’ll be anticipating the days leading up to the glorious Celebration of Easter. Also, expect to enjoy a preview of St. Patrick’s Day!

Susan Whipple has prepared a beautiful sign-up poster hanging in the hallway. Please add your names there or leave a message at office@steglencoe.com or call 847-835-1410 to let us know you are coming.

COME JOIN US ON THE 9th!





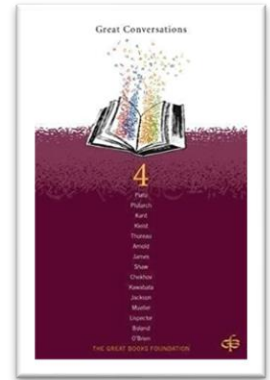
Pictures of the February 10, 2024 Family Eucharist and Potluck Supper



St. E's Book Group

What Do the Things Soldiers Carry into War Reveal About Themselves?

Tim O'Brian's short story "The Things They Carried" is a story about men going into battle during the Viet Nam War. The story and its themes of war, mortality, grieving, and fate will be the focus of St. E Book Group's discussion on Tuesday March 12 at noon in the guild room. A Viet Nam War veteran, O'Brian went on to become an acclaimed author, winning the National Book award in 1978. This title story, one of 22 in his collection of interwoven ones in *The Things They Carried*, demonstrate his skill as a storyteller, revealing the complex relationship between imaginative writing and truth-telling, something he calls "story-truth." Bring a brown bag lunch and join the discussion. The short story is the final one in *The Great Books Foundation's* anthology *Great Conversations 4*. A loaner copy is available in the office.



The Book Group will begin discussing selections in *Great Conversations 5* in April. This particular anthology is in high demand, so consider ordering it early from used book dealers or from *The Great Books* store for \$24. Please direct questions to Joyce Newcomb at joyceRnewcomb@gmail.com.

Joyce Newcomb



Easter Flowers & Music

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Please Note: Please print legibly. Easter is on March 31, 2024. To ensure you are listed in the bulletin, return this form with your donation check to the church office no later than **Sunday, March 17**. Please write "Easter Flowers & Music" in the memo line of your check. Thank you

Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM – Spoken Eucharist Rite I

9:00 AM – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM – Choral Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour, Forum & Sunday School

Mondays

8:00 PM – AA Group

Wednesdays

7:15 PM – Boy Scout Troop #28

Thursdays

7:30 AM – Spoken Eucharist Rite II

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

11:00 AM – Bible Study

Saturdays

5:00 PM – AA Group

Special Events

Saturday, March 2

9:00 AM A Quiet Morning in Lent

Friday, March 8

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross at Trinity

7:00 PM Fish Fry at Trinity

Saturday, March 9

4:30 PM Family Eucharist and Potluck Supper

Tuesday, March 12

12:00 Noon St. E's Book Group

7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Saturday, March 16

4:30 PM Confirmation Class at Trinity

Holy Week Schedule – see the front cover.

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