

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish

A Joyful Word

Liturgical

On August 15th the *Precious Blood* began being distributed at Mass again!

We also obtained *low gluten hosts* for our parishioners who have dietary needs.

Father Danny Herman hosted a liturgical workshop for the parish

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Feast Day



Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day



Ladies' Guild: Crafting beautiful relationships while diligently tending to the altar. This wonderful and much needed ministry helps to support the church by providing and caring for altar linens such as purificators, and altar server vestments, and accessories. They also ensure the candles are changed out as needed. The Ladies' Guild is eager to incorporate fresh ideas and always welcomes new members with open arms. They are a dynamic friendly group who get together to support our parish and each other. They meet every Tuesday from 10-2 pm to craft for their large craft /bake sale in the fall. All proceeds help support the parish. Over \$3,000 was made at the sale last October with many baked goods donated by our wonderful parishioners. Last year they were able to purchase new chalices and altar items. They are thankful for all parish support.

Abundant Life: We have a *NEW* Ministry! The group's mission includes fellowship, spiritual growth, and social action. Their first memorable event was hosting a St. Elizabeth's Feast Day celebration starting with a Holy Hour for spiritual growth, a message about our Patron Saint then a rosary being said which was followed by a parish potluck dinner.

Local Community Outreach:

Backpack Buddies- Coordinated by Donna Townsend. 55 students were adopted for the Backpack Buddies program. This is an amazing ministry that provides the children with food they might not otherwise have. Any extra funds from this program go to the other city schools and then county schools.

Angel Tree- This is another wonderful community outreach coordinated by Donna Townsend. Between parishioner gifts and monetary donations of \$1,481, we were able to make Christmas a little more special for 50 children.

Mission Trip Support- The whole parish came together to support Daniel Grubb's Corporal Works of Mercy Mission trip to Mexico with FOCUS missionaries. He was able to surpass his goal monetarily and was appreciative of all the prayers. He had a wonderful time and an amazing experience seeing the hope in the eyes of the poor. He was able to visit an orphanage and a women's shelter, feed the poor, and walk where Saint Juan Diego walked. He was also able to view a nail from Jesus's cross and take a visit to Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica.

Hurricane-related – Our parish was able to take multiple truckloads of donated food, clothing, medicine, toiletries, diapers, water, cleaning supplies, household items, and furniture to those who were in need and we were also able to help monetarily to some hurricane disaster victims for their food, rent, and utilities.

Youth: The youth helped call all registered members of the parish to check on them after the hurricane and assisted at both TLC and St. Anthony's food pantry. They were also able to help some parishioners do yard cleanup. A few of them attended a day retreat at St. Dominic's to recharge and refocus. The youth also honored the deceased through Luminaries that lined the sidewalks of our parish. They raised \$2,026 from 51 families and set up 310 luminary bags.

Parish Library Ministry:

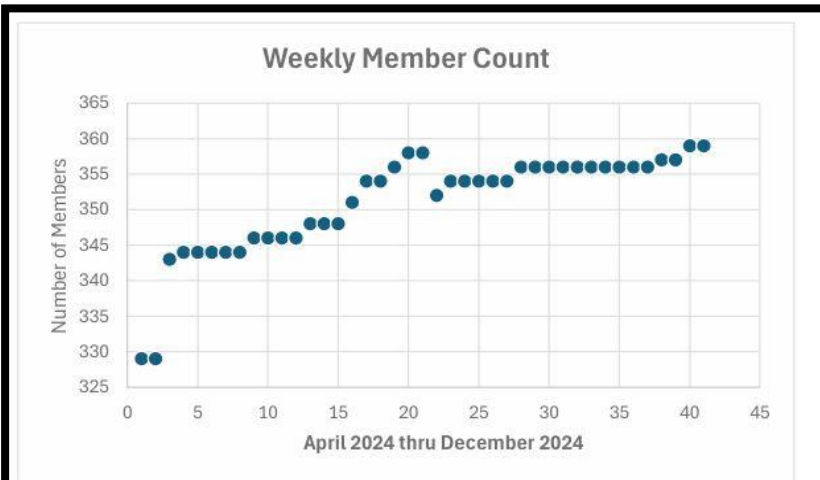
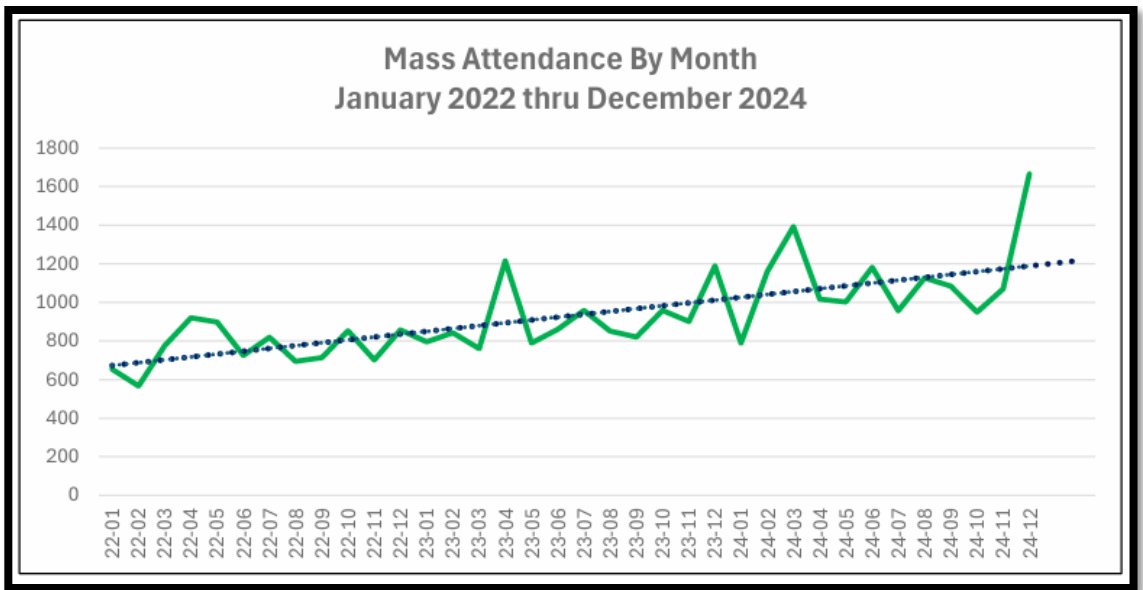
A big *Thank you to Wanda Manning* for performing a thorough assessment of the library collection. Wanda maintains the collection weekly which has allowed many books to find new homes and add new content to the library.


Education Ministry PSR (Parish School of Religion) currently has 9 enrolled students, and 7 enrolled in youth.

Administrative



Structure and organization

During the second half of the year, our parish was blessed to be able to purchase a new rectory. We also cleaned the old rectory enough to use it as a storage facility. Thanks to Laura Ciccone, who has overseen relocating to new storage house, the process has started and is expected to be completed shortly.



 **9.1% Member Growth Rate**



Year	Attendance	Change (%)
YTD December 2022	9,080	
YTD December 2023	10,942	20.5% 
YTD December 2024	13,400	22.5% 

RECTORY PURCHASE

With the combined efforts of our incredible parish, diocese, administrative staff, PPC, and PFC, the Parish was able to purchase the new rectory. Thank you for all your support and guidance with the purchase.

CMG (Catholic Mutual Group)

We have 65 CMG registered parishioners and 60 have achieved their volunteer certification. **WAY TO GO!**

Accounting and Record-Keeping- continued

The parish secretary job transitioned from Coleen to Pandora Gage to be the new parish secretary. After many years of expertise from Coleen, Pandora had some big shoes to fill and lots of hats to wear. But Pandora is proving herself to be a wonderful secretary and is a fast learner.

Accounting and Record-Keeping

We wanted also to report money counters have donated over 100 hours of their time counting and preparing the weekly parish contributions, completing their task with zero errors!

Thank You money counters!