

Elizabeth-Anne Stewart Papers ***1969-2018, undated***

Creator: Elizabeth-Anne Stewart

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Biographical History

Elizabeth-Anne Stewart was born in England and was raised in both England and on the Mediterranean island of Malta. She received a BA in English from the University of Malta in 1973, a MA in English from DePaul University in 1976, a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Claret Center Chicago in 1989, and a PhD in Theology from the University of Malta in 1999. Stewart is a board-certified life coach and currently on the faculty at Saint Xavier University Chicago and the Institute for Life Coach Training. She previously taught in the Graduate Religious Studies Program at Mundelein College from 1985 until the school affiliated with Loyola University Chicago in 1991. Stewart taught courses like “Myth, Sign, and Symbol” and “Advent in Poetry”, as well as courses on liberation theology and creation spirituality. Stewart has also taught at DePaul University, Catholic Theological Union, Roosevelt University, and Columbia College Chicago.

In the 1970s, Stewart founded The Writer’s Desk, a not-for-profit organization of Chicago-area writers dedicated to the written and spoken word. Members were involved in community activities such as choral reading performances, poetry recitals, public workshops, autograph parties, and school presentations. Members also created anthologies showcasing their prose and poetry. Located in the Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood, The Writer’s Desk rented office spaces in their building to writers, artists, instructors, and other community members. Members of The Writer’s Desk also contributed to the *Midway Review*, a publication by the Southwest

Area Cultural Arts Center, and participated in community events such as the Beverly Art Center Art Fair.

In 2005, Stewart launched a weekly online Bible service called *Sunday BibleTalk* that featured contemporary and video reflections on the Catholic Mass readings. The service was launched in response to letters from readers who missed seeing Stewart's writings in *Living Faith* (formerly *Living Words*), a quarterly Catholic publication she contributed to from 1986 to 2005.

In addition to *Living Faith*, Stewart's writing has been featured in several other literary publications such as *Modern Liturgy* and *Emmanuel*. She is also the author of several books, including *Jesus the Holy Fool* (1999), which was revised from her dissertation, "Jesus the Holy Fool: An Archetypal Study of the Gospel of Jesus." Her most recent book is *Unlocking Epiphany Moments: A Primer for Life Coaches & Other Inner Guides* (2025). Subjects covered in her writing include spirituality and healing, image guidance, scriptural reflections, Biblical narratives, and Christology. Stewart's married name, Elizabeth-Anne Vanek, is listed in some of her writings.

In addition to her work as an author, educator, and spiritual coach, Stewart has worked as a photographer, motivational speaker, and workshop and retreat facilitator.

Scope and Content

The Elizabeth-Anne Stewart papers consist of 2.92 linear feet of materials spanning the years 1969 to 2018. The items are arranged alphabetically by folder title. Books published by Stewart are grouped together with "Book" listed before the book title, followed by alphabetical arrangement of the books by title. The collection primarily reflects Stewart's professional work and includes a variety of published work Stewart has written or contributed to. It contains advertisements for various services Stewart provided over the years, including photography, coaching, workshop facilitation, and wedding officiation. The collection contains copies of books and articles written by Stewart; her dissertation; and newsletters, journals, and magazines she contributed to.

Also included in the collection are news clippings of articles written by or about Stewart and printouts of *Sunday BibleTalk* issues. Photographs include a portrait of Stewart, a printed image of Mother Teresa, and a collage of photographs from Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights actions. The collection also contains church event programs, articles, songbooks, and scripture reflections written by Stewart for the St. James Parish newsletter. A binder of photographs, advertisements, anthologies, notes, and other materials highlighting the activities of The Writer's Desk is also included.

Subjects:

Catholicism
Catholic Theological Union
Christology
Illinois—Chicago
Illinois--Chicago--Morgan Park
Malta
Personal coaching

Spirituality

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<i>Elizabeth-Anne Stewart Papers 1969-2018, undated</i>	
1	1	Advertisements, Order Forms, and Publishing Materials	1984-2018, undated
1	2	<i>Assembly: Notre Dame Center for Pastoral Liturgy</i> Newsletter [1 issue]	1983
1	3	Book: <i>A Pocketful of Sundays: Selections from Sunday BibleTalk</i>	2009
1	4	Book: <i>As Tentative as Flight</i>	1989
1	5	Book: <i>Dragut's Galley</i>	2004
1	6	Book: <i>Extraordinary Time</i>	1988
1	7	Book: <i>Frost and Fire</i> [2 copies]	1986
1	8	Book: <i>I Am with You Always: A Living Faith Prayer Companion</i>	1991
1	9	Book: <i>ID-Dragun: Tad Dragonara</i> [Maltese translation/adaptation of <i>The Day the Fireworks Died</i>]	2017
1	10	Book: <i>Image Guidance: A Tool for Spiritual Direction</i>	1992
1	11	Book: <i>Image Guidance: A Tool for Spiritual Direction</i> [17 th Anniversary Edition]	2009
1	12	Book: <i>Jesus the Holy Fool</i>	1999
2	1	Book: <i>Leaning into Light</i> [2 copies]	circa 1994
2	2	Book: <i>Mind-Shifting Imagery: Image Guidance for Life Coaches</i>	2018
2	3	Book: <i>Pilgrims at Heart: Scriptural Reflections, Prayers and Poems</i>	1993
2	4	Book: <i>Preaching and Teaching Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home</i>	2015
2	5	Book: <i>The Day the Fireworks Died</i>	2005
2	6	Book: <i>The Psalter</i>	1995
2	7	Book: <i>Woman Dreamer: A Collection of Poems</i> [second printing]	1995
2	8	<i>Convent of the Sacred Heart: St. Julian's School Magazine</i> [1 issue]	1969
2	9	<i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> Journal [1 issue]	1986
2	10	<i>Emmanuel</i> Magazine [8 issues]	1989-1991
3	1	<i>Emmanuel</i> Magazine [9 issues]	1992-1996
3	2	"Jesus the Holy Fool: A Christology for the New Millenium" Presentation at the Parliament of World Religions	1995-2000
3	3	"Jesus the Holy Fool: An Archetypal Study of the Gospel of Jesus" [dissertation], July	1999

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3	4	“Jesus the Holy Fool: An Archetypal Study of the Gospel of Jesus” [bound dissertation], July	1999
4	1	<i>Liturgy 80 Magazine</i> [1 issue]	1983
4	2	<i>Living Words: Brief Daily Devotions for Catholics Issues</i> [6 booklets] [1 of 2]	1987-1988
4	3	<i>Living Words: Brief Daily Devotions for Catholics Issues</i> [6 booklets] [2 of 2]	1987-1988
4	4	<i>Living Words: Brief Daily Devotions for Catholics Issues</i> [7 booklets]	1989-1991
4	5	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [6 booklets]	1991
4	6	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [7 booklets]	1992-1993
4	7	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [6 booklets]	1994-1996
5	1	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [9 booklets]	1998-1999
5	2	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [9 booklets]	2000
5	3	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [7 booklets]	2001
5	4	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [7 booklets]	2002
5	5	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [7 booklets]	2003-2004
5	6	<i>Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions Issues</i> [4 booklets]	2005
5	7	<i>Modern Liturgy Magazine</i> [1 issue]	1984-1985
6	1	News Clippings	1987-1990
6	2	Photographs	undated
6	3	Religion Teacher’s Journal: Annual Prayer Issue [1 issue]	1985
6	4	<i>Sunday BibleTalk</i> Printouts	2005
6	5	<i>Sunday BibleTalk</i> Printouts	2006
6	6	<i>Sunday BibleTalk</i> Printouts	2007
6	7	<i>Sunday BibleTalk</i> Printouts	2008
7	1	<i>Sunday BibleTalk</i> Printouts	2009
7	2	<i>Sunday BibleTalk</i> Printouts	2010
7	3	<i>Sunday BibleTalk</i> Printouts	2011-2012
7	4	<i>Sunday BibleTalk</i> Printouts	2013-2014
7	5	St. James Catholic Church Centennial of the Bells Programs	1995
7	6	St. James Parish Article: “Thanksgiving: More Than Food, Football”	undated
7	7	St. James Parish Sunday Scripture Reflections and Newsletters	undated
7	8	St. James Parish Sunday Scripture Reflections and Newsletters	1984-1985
7	9	St. James Parish Sunday Scripture Reflections and Newsletters	1986-1987
8	1	St. James Parish Sunday Scripture Reflections and Newsletters	1988-1989
8	2	St. James Parish Sunday Scripture Reflections and Newsletters	1990-1991
8	3	The Great Lakes Pastoral Ministry Gathering in Worship Songbook	1992
8	4	The Writer’s Desk Binder [1 of 2]	1979-1986, undated
8	5	The Writer’s Desk Binder [2 of 2]	1979-1986, undated

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8	6	<i>Threshold: The Literary Magazine of DePaul University</i> [2 issues]	1985, 1988
8	7	<i>Today's Parish Magazine</i> [1 issue]	1985
8	8	"Two Voices: A Resinging of the Song of Songs" Booklets and Performance Materials	1994, undated
8	9	"We Chose an Alternative Way to Prepare Our Son for Eucharist" Article	1985