

Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, January 26, 2025 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Monday and Friday: 8:00am to Noon

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8:00am to noon ~ 1:00pm to 4:00pm

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Elizabeth

Saturday at 4:30pm and
Sunday at 7:15am & 10:45am

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday Mass at 9:00am

Daily Mass: (St. Elizabeth)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: Noon

Wednesday 11:00 am

Thursday & Friday: 12 Noon

(Except when noted:
Thursday Prison Mass)



(Exposition of The Most Blessed
Sacrament is on Wednesdays from
11:30 am to 1 pm at St. Elizabeth.)

Please consult parish webpage for up-
to-date scheduling changes, which
supersede bulletin scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill
or having surgery, please contact
the parish office.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish office.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults is an ongoing formation
process for adults who are
interested in becoming a Catholic
and would like to receive the
Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and /or First Eucharist. Call the
Parish Office for additional information.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you are considering marriage,
please contact the Parish Office no
later than 6 months prior to the proposed
wedding date, and the
diocesan and parish guidelines
will be explained.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth
3:15pm to 4:00pm
or by appointment

*"Go, eat rich foods
and drink sweet drinks,
and allot portions to
those who had nothing
prepared, for today is
holy to our Lord."*

- Nehemiah 8:10



Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Jan. 25	4:30pm	Frances (Franny) and Dennis Weber
Sun. Jan. 26 LOLO	7:15am	Linda Sikorski
	9:00am	Deceased Family Members of Anne and Frank Schalasky
	10:45am	Francis Medina by Rito and Maria Medina
Mon. 27		NO Mass
Tues. Jan. 28	Noon	Julie Maloy by George and Jane Bohman
Wed. Jan. 29	11:00am	Becky Roth-Nightengale by Eileen Hartrich
Thur. Jan. 30	Noon	Prison Mass,
Fri. Jan. 31	Noon	Linda Sikorski
Sat. Feb. 1	4:30pm	Debbie Nichols by CCW
Sun. Feb. 2 LOLO	7:15am	David Worman by Josh and Angela Stumborg
	9:00am	Deceased members of Darrell and Marjorie Wilson by Ethel Dhom
	10:45am	Kathleen Myers by CCW

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

February 2, 2025. Presentation of the Lord

Sat., February 1, 2025, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Celeste White

USHERS: Ken and Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MINISTER: Susan Goodwine

ALTAR SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins

GIFT BEARERS: Steve and Geri ezell

Sun., February 2, 2025, 7:15am

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Travis Rich Family

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

ALTAR SERVERS: Naomi and Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Eric Mosbey Family

Sun., February 2, 2025, 9:00am, LOLO

LECTOR: Cameron Davis

USHERS & GIFTS: Carol Miller and Janel Hoke

COMMUNION MINISTER: Jessica Anderson

ALTAR SERVER: Abigail Davis

Sun., February 2, 2025, 10:45am

LECTOR: Keith Buercklin

USHERS: Chris and Aimee Weber

COMMUNION MINISTER: Missy York

SERVER: Brady York

GIFT BEARERS: Stewart Schutte Family

PSR and PSR Fellowship Dinner

Our next **PSR class** on Wednesday, January 29th. The next **PSR fellowship dinner** is Wednesday, February 5th, 5:45-6:30 pm. The menu will be a hearty chili soup, peanut butter sandwiches, and carrots/celery. Families are welcome to consider bringing a side dish and/or a dessert to share!
Parents of the 2nd and 3rd graders—Please continue working on the gold and silver books to help your child be prepared for their interview. Parents, you soon will be contacted about interview times.

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is thought to be one of the greatest teachers of the Catholic Church during the Medieval Ages. He holds the title of Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. At the age of 5, he was taken to a Benedictine Monastery in Italy with the hope that he would adopt their way of life and become an abbot. While studying in Naples, he became interested in Aristotle's philosophy. He then abandoned his mother's wishes and joined the Dominicans. His mother then ordered his brother to kidnap him, and kept Thomas at home for over a year!

Once he was free, he went to Paris and Cologne where he studied with St. Albert the Great, lived in the court of Pope Urban IV, and spent hours debating the Franciscans about the teachings of Aristotle.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church are his writings which show the unity and harmony of continued faith and natural human knowledge. Thomas saw the whole natural order as coming from God, and reasoning as a divine gift to be highly cherished. His greatest known, and unfortunately uncompleted, work is the *Summa Theologiae* which deals with the broadest sense of Catholic Theology.

When asked why he couldn't finish the work, Thomas humbly replied that "all he studied and knew seemed like nothing as to that which he had witnessed and that had been revealed to him." He died March 7, 1274.



Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 27, 2025,

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28 / Gospel Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

(St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor)

Hebrews 10:1-10 / Gospel, Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Hebrews 10:11-18 / Gospel, Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Hebrews 10:19-25 / Gospel, Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 31, 2025

(St. John Bosco)

Hebrews 10:32-39 / Gospel, Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 / Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, February 2, 2025,

(Presentation of the Lord)

Reading I - Malachi 3: 1-4

Reading II - Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

Ice Machine!

St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes now have a large capacity ice producing/storing machine located in the supply room in St. Elizabeth's parish hall. It will be convenient for parish functions such as the summer picnic, funeral dinners, fish fry Fridays, small gatherings, and monthly PSR dinners. The machine was purchased from proceeds of our Lenten Fish Fries. This is a tribute to all who worked and supported our parish events, working together to support Crawford County Catholics.

Being Mindful of Our Pew Neighbors

We have mentioned often before the need for discretion when it comes to colognes and perfumes at Mass. (There has been an improvement in this regard in recent weeks. Thank you.) Unless someone has an allergy involving these irritants, it is hard to imagine how difficult and problematic the irritants can be.

Kind folks stay aware of the health needs of others. This doesn't just include scents, but also illness, in that we mustn't expose others to things like the flu or bad coughs. (Remember: People can still be contagious for a while even after they first start to feel better.) The bottom line is to be thoughtful about the needs of others, including to treat our pew-neighbors the way we would like to be treated ourselves. Thank you.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

Week ending 1-19-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 2080.00/ Loose: \$ 426.00

Building Fund: \$ 25.00

First Offering: \$ 10.00

Catholic Times: \$ 265.00

Pushpay Online: \$ 280.44

Total Deposit: \$ 3086.44

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending 1-19-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 970.00 / Weekly Loose: \$ 385.00

Building Fund: \$ 10.00

Catholic Times: \$ 105.00

Total: \$ 1470.00

Prayer List

Jessica Andruch	Fr. Steve Arisman
Anne Batzloff	Howard Beagles
Tony Bierman	Joe Bierman
Paul Berger	Megan Burton
Ryan Calvert	Annie Calvert
Sara Casburn	Scott Chapman
Nancy Conrad	Angela Day
Linda Dillingham	Kristen Eagleson
Eileen Fabris	Edward K. Hartrich
Tim Hinterscher	(Genie) Huss-White
Marcia Lawhead	Huong Que Le
Jeff Monrone	Gregg Mossman
Carol Marshall	Larry Mette
Michell's Dad	Henry Miles
Jocelyn Ramsey	Ellen Rees
Chuck Reinoehl	Margo Riker
Jennifer Sadler	Fr. Suresh & his family
Karen Sanders	Fr. Carl Schrage
Judy Schiller	Amy Slover
Raymond Smith	Rodney Smith
Chelsey Steeno	Linda Stewart
Jeremy Warren	Nina Watts
Nicholas Williams	Chary Wilson
Kathy Wojkovich	Ralph Worman

All in the Armed Forces, and all our First Responders.

Quote of the Week

"Here is a rule for everyday life: Do not do anything which you cannot offer to God."

— St. John Vianney

Remember When?

The photo last week in the bulletin titled “Our Lady of Lourdes altar pre-1988” was apparently taken at **St. Elizabeth** Pre-1988. The change is so sweeping that the location identity was difficult to discern.

We are pleased folks enjoy these nostalgic photos of our church properties and events through the decades. If you have a great old photo for the bulletin, we would consider including it. Thank you.



Second Collection on February 2nd

Next weekend on February 1st & 2nd, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly religious formation, and other programs to share out Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts makes a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Prayer for Solidarity

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, talent, and treasure to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junipero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



From Father David

How can my dad be 96? I remember when he ran like the wind and my little legs as a child couldn't keep up with him. Of course he never left me behind, and was always there for my brothers and sisters, as was our mom.

In those days he was a fireman—or “firefighter” as they are more often called now—and worked “twenty-four hours on, and forty-eight hours off.” Such was great for us kids on his days off, but the “twenty-four hours on” was not so great for our mom raising six kids at the time!

She managed stoically, but worried about our dad in such a dangerous job. She even had a static-prone scanner over which some emergency services reports came across. She often listened prayerfully into the night to those reports that all was going okay. Those years seem like yesterday in some ways now.

My dad witnessed horrendous things in the course of his career with fire's destructive scarring ways. I was a very young child, probably not even yet in kindergarten, when disaster struck: A young firefighter perished under a caved-in brick wall, leaving a family at home, including a pregnant wife. Even as a little kid I noted the magnitude of this event, and learned how fragile and precious life is.

Isn't it something how some memories remain so strong? Our dad recalls those years quite vividly, including some eccentric characters at fire scenes along the way. One house to which an alarm was made was called by him “the flea house” because it was absolutely floor-to-ceiling infested with fleas. At another house an embarrassed individual got a big toe stuck in a bathtub's faucet!

We—our dad's family and friends—are blessed that at 96 he still has such a strong memory (combined with such a joyful sweet nature).

Friends, let us pray for all who work in service roles in our community—including those in Law Enforcement—and ask our Lord to protect and guide them. Let us, also, honor all our elderly for what they have done to serve us and our church; may we strive to always treat them with gratitude, respect, and dignity in the Lord.