



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, February 16, 2025 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Office Hours:**

Monday and Friday: 8:00am to Noon

Tuesday — Thursday:  
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

*"Blessed is the one who  
trusts in the Lord, whose  
hope is in the Lord. He is  
like a tree planted  
beside the waters  
that stretches out it's  
roots to the stream..."*

*Jeremiah 17:7-8*



## Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Feb. 15	4:30pm	Charles Adams by Keith and Patti Buercklin
Sun. Feb 16	7:15am	David Worman by Josh and Angela Stumborg
<b>LOLO</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Nancy Ann Stock by her family
	10:45am	Larry Thivel by Theresa Zamorna
Mon.Feb.17		NO Mass
Tue, Feb.18	Noon	Deanery Mtg, <b>Communion Service</b>
Wed. Feb 19	11:00am	Harry Wong by Carol Wong
Thur. Feb.20	Noon	No Mass (Prison Mass)
Fri. Feb.21	Noon	Dorathy Eagleson by Anne and Tony Schrey
Sat. Feb. 22	4:30pm	Kathy Eden-Sheary by Mark and Cindy Grimm
Sun. Feb. 23	7:15am	Florence and Tom Huss by Steve and Janet Jenkins
<b>LOLO</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Paul Goebel by Celeste and Hugh White
	10:45am	Albert Fehrenbacher by Rosemary Halter

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### February 23, 2025, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sat., February 22, 2025, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Celeste White

USHERS: Steve Ezell and Keith Buercklin

COMMUNION MINISTER: Mary Ann Ryan

ALTAR SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins

GIFT BEARERS: Richard Mullins Family

#### Sun., February 23, 2025, 7:15am

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS : Dave Holscher and Jim Jaeger

COMMUNION MINISTER: Shari Eckert

ALTAR SERVERS: Naomi and Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Jim and Shari Eckert

#### Sun., February 23, 2025, 9:00am, LOLO

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS & GIFTS: Don Schmidt and Karmyn Coffman

COMMUNION MINISTER: Stacia Matson

ALTAR SERVER: Cameron Davis

#### Sun., February 23, 2025, 10:45am

LECTOR: Robb Sparks

USHERS: David and Jeanie Veach

COMMUNION MINISTER: Patti Buercklin

SERVER: Will Schutte

GIFT BEARERS: David and Jeanie Veach

## PSR and PSR Fellowship Dinner

Our next **PSR class** on Wednesday, February 19. The next **PSR fellowship dinner** is Wednesday, March 12th, 5:45-6:30 pm. The menu will be chicken and noodles, green beans, and rolls. As usual, families are welcome to bring desserts or side dishes to share.

**Parents of the 3rd graders**—Please continue working on the Gold Books to help your child be prepared for their interview.

3rd grade interviews and banner-making are on February 26th.

## OCIA

The next class for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be February 18, 6:30 to 7:30pm, at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. The remaining classes are March 4 and 18, 2025.

## St. Elizabeth Mass Intentions Needed

Mass intentions for all St. Elizabeth Masses, week-end and/or weekday are available. What a beautiful way to remember someone who has passed, or facing a life-trial, or celebrating a special occasion! Mass intentions are \$10.00 per Mass, unless the sponsor generously wants to give more.

## Robinson Food Pantry

Wondering how you can help someone out this cold, dreary winter and get yourself out of the house for a change of scenery?

On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month come and help unload the food delivery truck at the Robinson Food Pantry (602 East Pine, Robinson) at 8:00am. Help serve the people coming in for food on Wednesdays 8:00—11:30am or the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 5:00 to 6:00pm

*If they have more volunteers, they may be able to open another day occasionally.*

### **WHAT THEY NEED ...**

***They need a new home!***

***Ground level for folks with disabilities,***

***Plenty of parking,***

***and a food storage area.***



## Noise Policy in The House of God

It's always a "balancing act." We adore babies and little ones at Mass — They are "the future of the Church" — and we have no problem with their normal chatter and sweet-baby ways. Still, concerns grow if their volume becomes disruptive to others' ability to hear and follow Sacred Liturgy. (Background noises should particularly be minimal during The Eucharistic Prayer.)

Moms and Dads, if your child is really wound-up, please consider the Cry Room, if only until the child settles. Some older folks with amplified hearing struggle to hear key moments of the Mass if little ones near them get too rambunctious.

Hence, the balancing act: We want everyone in church to feel welcomed and to appreciate the Mass. Consequently, let us continue to do our best as thoughtful neighbors in the Lord, and to be considerate and patient with each other.

As for the St. Elizabeth Cry Room, we hear varying accounts of how the public-address system comes across back there. The system works, but is sensitive. We are told that readers at the ambo-lectern must project their voices well, and have their mouth fairly close to, and in a straight-line with, the microphone. The sound system is old and aging in our church (in Robinson), a place of worship that for many years had no sound system at all.

Part of noise-concerns, too, is often addressed in this bulletin: Cell phones. Let's try this: Let's simply turn all cell phones completely off during Holy Mass, and this includes the annoying dings and pings of message and notification prompts. So that's our policy: "Cell phones completely off during Holy Mass."

(If you are awaiting word of pending major family news, say involving vital health/surgical outcomes, you may place your phone on "silent vibrate," the only exception to the "cell phones off" policy.)

Let's try this "noise policy," Sisters and Brothers, as we strive to make the House of God more worthy of The Eternal One we honor!

## From Father David

Friends, this column was supposed to run last weekend. While The Super Bowl reference is outdated now, the column's theme still rings true: **We must always keep God first. He deserves it!**

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I love how people in Crawford County love sports! The power of athletics and the lifelong lessons sports teach are amazing! Coming from Springfield and the home of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School (winner of many State football championships), I have long witnessed the power of community fever over sports. Still, Crawford County is right up there! (We saw this last year when the RHS Lady Maroon Hoopsters took 3rd Place at State, in the OHS Sectional win in Girls' Volleyball, in the achievements of our Hall of Fame honorees, and in many other examples.)

Now we are in the hype and excitement of Super Bowl Sunday! Will the Kansas City Chiefs get their historic three-peat? Will Philadelphia, who so walloped the Washington Commanders, get their moment in the sun? Time will tell. But one thing is for sure: The game will be watched by millions, and lots of hearty party food and beverages will be consumed during its viewing!

Many of us can remember when NFL football broadcasts were in black-and-white and grainy, with one primary camera on the 50-yard line! Now the "production values" and graphics are so bold and splashy there is no real comparison to "the old days." The hype and hoopla—including whatever Taylor Swift is doing at the stadium!—makes for *so-called* "big news."

In the end, friends, it's all a lot of fun, but really only a game. People will soon move-on to the next "big thing."

If only praising and worshiping God took-on comparable importance to folks in our modern culture! Talk about "production values" and bold and splashy graphics! Take a look at a laughing baby with her hand wrapped around your little finger! Take a look at a multi-colored glorious sunset! Take a look at a soft snowfall whirling about in a February starlit sky! Our God is infinitely more wondrous than the most exciting *here-today-gone-today* football game! (What is more, He is the one who gives those star athletics their gridiron talent, and their very lives!)

I guess to make a play on the classic scriptural Caesar-line: Give to the Philadelphia Eagles what is the Philadelphia Eagles,' and give to God what is God's!

Enjoy the power of sports! (But keep an eye on the biggest game of all: The battle to secure a place in Heaven with our glorious God.)

## Daily Scripture Readings

### Monday, February 17, 2025.

Genesis 4:1-45,25 / Gospel, Mark 8:11-13

### Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / Gospel, Mark 8:14-21

### Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 / Gospel, Mark 8:22-26

### Thursday, February 20, 2025

Genesis 9:1-13 / Gospel, Mark 8:27-33

### Friday, February 21, 2025

#### **(St. Peter Damian)**

Timothy 4:1-5 / Gospel, John 15:1-8

### Saturday, February 22, 2025

#### **(The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle)**

1 Peter 5:1-4 / Gospel, Matthew 16:13-19

### Sunday, February 23, 2025.

#### **(7th Sunday in Ordinary)**

Reading I - 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23

Reading II - 1 Corinthians: 15:45-49

Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

## Questions About The Catholic Faith

**Answering Google's Questions About The Catholic Faith** – Father Chris House answers Google's questions on Catholicism: Do Catholic priests still perform exorcisms? Why are Catholics "obsessed" with Mary? Who do Catholics believe can go to heaven? Why does a priest wear a collar? Why does the Catholic Church baptize infants? Do Catholics believe in cremation? Why do Catholics believe in Purgatory? Do Catholics believe in the rapture? Why do Catholics not eat meat on Fridays of Lent? Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest? Why are Catholics against birth control? How do Catholics describe the Protestant Reformation? Why does the Catholic Church have a Pope? Why are Catholics called Catholic? Why do Catholics call priests "Father?" Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth

#### Week ending 2-9-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 885.00 / Loose: \$ 1080.00

Building Fund \$ 25.00

Catholic Times: \$ 15.00

Pushpay Online: \$ 1031.16

Total Deposit: \$ 3036.16

### Our Lady of Lourdes

#### Week ending 2-2-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 420.00 / Loose: \$ 238.00

Building fund: \$ 1.00

Church in Latin America: \$ 5.00

Mass Intentions: \$20.00

Total: \$ 684.00

## 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	Bob Catt
Scott Chapman	Nancy Conrad
Angela Day	Linda Dillingham
Kristen Eagleson	Eileen Fabris
Joe Ferris	Edward K. Hartrich
Tim Hinterscher	(Genie) Huss-White
Gregor Johnson	Marcia Lawhead
Huong Que Le	Jeff Monroney
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
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

"What does Love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. This is what Love looks like."

— St. Augustine —