



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, February 23, 2025 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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



*"But rather,
love your enemies
and do good to them,
and lend without
expecting anything
back..."*

— Luke 6:35



Mass Intentions and Schedule

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
LOLO	9:00am	Paul Goebel by Celeste and Hugh White
	10:45am	Albert Fehrenbacher by Rosemary Halter
Mon.Feb.24		NO Mass
Tue. Feb.25	Noon	Deceased friends of Keith and Patti Buercklin
Wed. Feb 26	11:00am	Becky Roth -Nightengale by Steve and Janet Jenkins
Thur.Feb.27	Noon	Communion Service (Prison Mass)
Fri. Feb.28	Noon	JoAnn Shepherd by Mary Beth and Preston Reilly
Sat. Mar. 1	4:30pm	Jasmine Howard by George and Jane Bohman
Sun. Mar. 2	7:15am	Albert Fehrenbacher by CCW
LOLO	9:00am	Paul Goebel by his family
	10:45am	Don Harper by Kathy and Ted Staller

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

March 2, 2025, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

LECTOR: Robb Sparks

USHERS: Richard Mullin Family

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Hill

ALTAR SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins

GIFT BEARERS: Richard Mullins Family

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

LECTOR: David Holscher

USHERS : Eric Mosbey Family

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

ALTAR SERVERS: Natalie & Nathaniel Arkenberg and
Lucy Mosbey

GIFT BEARERS: Brad Schutte Family

Sun., March 2, 2025, 9:00am, OLOL

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS & GIFTS: Mary and Ava Patchett

COMMUNION MINISTER: Rita Wirey

ALTAR SERVER: Abigail Davis

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

LECTOR: Missy York

USHERS: Jim and Maria Morris

COMMUNION MINISTER: Kristin East

SERVER: Brady York and Ali Meyers

PSR and PSR Fellowship Dinner

Our next **PSR class** is Wednesday, February 26. 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 also banner-making, are Wednesday, February 26th.

Stations of the Cross

Praying with the Stations of the Cross is spiritually powerful! Please consider adding this devotion, especially during Lent. Great blessings and graces can flow from it. We are scheduling a Stations for our PSR children one Wednesday evening, and will alert the kids and families to the scheduling. Stations, led by parishioners, will also be prayed about forty-five minutes before the Friday noon Mass at St. Elizabeth during Lent. It is hoped that someone, or individuals on rotation, might consider leading weekly the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes, too. Our Lord suffered and died for us. Praying the Stations is a great way to remember His supreme sacrifice.

Upcoming 2nd Collection

We have an upcoming 2nd collection on Ash Wednesday, March 5, for The Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former Communist rule. The funds also aid communities throughout the region affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this 2nd Collection on Ash Wednesday. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your consideration of this great cause.

Month of March, St. E. Money Counters

Scott and Valerie Chapman and Chris Tylka

Our Fish Fries Are in the Works!

They will be here before you know it! The 2025 Lenten Fish Fry dinners are Friday, March 21, 28 and April 4. (Please write down those dates and help pass the word!)

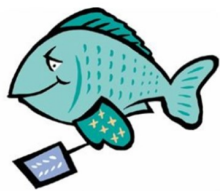
Rhonda Stone will start calling the dedicated helpers around March 1st who helped last year. If anyone else is interested in helping please let Rhonda or the office know. We have various jobs required a day or two before the dinners, and obviously on the day of the dinners, including serving attendees. It seems like it takes an “army” to work these dinners, since we feed much of Crawford County and folks from some surrounding areas. So if you are willing, we need your help! Volunteering is fun, and a great way to meet and work with fellow parishioners, and to greet and serve the greater community.

Call Rhonda Stone at (618) 553-2335 to sign-up for the position you worked last year, to change to a different position, or to sign-up for the very first time! We would love it if you are willing to work all three dinners, but such is not necessary!

We are so blessed to have this annual event, and to serve not only our parish family, but also our neighbors during the special holy season of Lent.

Stay tuned for more information on these special Lenten Fish Fries, a vital fundraiser for us!

Fish Fry



St. Katharine Drexel



St. Katharine Drexel, March 3rd

Katharine Drexel, born into a wealthy Philadelphia family in 1858, was well-educated and widely-traveled throughout Europe and The United States. On her 16th birthday, she made her grand debut into society.

Her father was an international banker. Being of the higher class, Katharine was not likely drawn into a life of voluntary poverty. But witnessing her mother opening their home to the poor three days each week, and her father spending quality time each evening in prayer, she was moved to consider devoting her life to the poor and needy. When she nursed her stepmother through a three-year terminal illness, Katharine saw that all the Drexel money could not buy safety from pain or death, and her life took a profound unique turn.

She had always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by reading how the American natives were treated by the invading White-Man. While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The Pope replied, “Would you become this missionary?” His answer shocked her into considering new possibilities. Once back home, she visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux leader Red Cloud, and began her own system of charitable aid to Native American missions.

Katharine could easily have married and lived a pampered existence, but decided to give the remainder of her life to the Indians and to people of color. After three-and-a-half years of training, she and her first group of nuns—The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and the Colored—opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of Catholic facilities followed. By 1942, she had a system of Black Catholic schools in thirteen states, plus forty mission centers, and twenty-three rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. She also established fifty missions for Native Americans in sixteen states.

Two historical saints met when she was advised by Mother Frances Cabrini (Feast Day November 13) about the “politics” of getting her order’s Rule approved in Rome. Later, Katharine’s crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African-Americans.

At seventy-seven, Katharine suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire. Her life of service seemed over. But then came almost twenty years of quiet intense prayer from a small room overlooking the convent sanctuary. Small notebooks and slips of paper record her various prayers, ceaseless holy aspirations, and deep meditation. She died at the age of ninety-six, and was canonized in 2000.

Saints have often said the same thing: Pray, be humble, accept the cross, love, and forgive. It is good to hear these from one who had the best materially in the world, but gave it away for a far greater, eternal, good. Also, remember Katharine is a fairly modern saint. She had pierced ears as a teenager, wore a watch, and could concern herself with the proper size and amount of pipe and brick for a new mission—Yes, a modern can-do woman. She reminds us holiness can be lived in any age.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, February 24, 2025,

Sirach 1:1-10 / Gospel, Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Sirach 2:1-11 / Gospel, Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Sirach 4:11-19 / Gospel, Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Sirach 5:1-8 / Gospel, Mark 9:41-50

Friday, February 28, 2025

Sirach 6:5-17 / Gospel, Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Sirach 17:1-15 / Gospel, Mark 10:13-16

Sunday, March 2, 2025,

(8th Sunday in Ordinary)

Reading I - Sirach 27:4-7

Reading II - 1 Corinthians: 15:54-58

Gospel - Luke 6:39-45

Ash Wednesday Masses

We will be having two Ash Wednesday Masses this year as usual at St. Elizabeth—12:00 Noon and 6:35pm. Please bring your children to PSR first at the regular time so that they can be counted in attendance.

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Lenten Penance Service: St. Elizabeth, on Thursday, March 13, starting at 5:30pm. We are planning to have three priests available for confessions.

Congratulations, Children!

Congratulations to our PSR 2nd graders for making their First Reconciliation after this weekend's 10:45 Mass! These students are Macy Clark, Matthew Foster, Arrieta Hartrich, and Loralyn Rich. Our thanks to PSR teacher Chrislette Arkenberg, DRE Kathy Staller, and to all the supportive parents and grandparents. Our parish family is very blessed!

St. Mary's Brunch

When—March 2, 2025

Time—8:00am to 12:00 noon

Where—St. Mary's Parish Center, Sainte Marie, IL

Menu—Sausage Links and Ham

Scrambled Eggs

Biscuit and Sausage Gravy

Breads and Fruit

Juice, Milk, and Coffee

Adults: \$10, Children 4-10: \$5, & Children 3 & under: free

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

Week ending 2-16-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 885.00 / Loose: \$ 2573.00

Building Fund \$ 20.00

Latin America: \$ 20.00

Pushpay Online: \$ 357.64

Total Deposit: \$ 3855.64

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending 2-16-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 600.00 / Loose: \$ 330.00

Total: \$ 930.00

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
Doug Lawson 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

The Eucharist is a never-ending sacrifice.
It is the sacrament of Love, the supreme Love,
the act of Love.

— St. Katharine Drexel