



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent



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Pastor

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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.

## O.C.I.A.

The Order 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

*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I  
have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but  
have found none.'"*  
— Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do  
you cling to what you have, or do you generously  
share with others? How will you respond when  
God asks you what you have done with all the gifts  
He has given you? Remember, not only are we  
called to be generous; but we are also called to  
develop and nurture our gifts; and to return them  
with increase.



## Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Mar.22	4:30pm	JoAnn Shepherd by Preston and Mary Beth Reilly
Sun. Mar.23	7:15am	Jim Stumborg by Josh and Angela Stumborg
<b>OLOL</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Billie Bowen by Keith and Rita Wirey
	10:45am	Nick Spencer by Patti and Keith Buercklin
Mon.Mar.24		NO Mass
Tue. Mar. 25	Noon	Anne Deters by Ken Deters
Wed.Mar26	11:00am	Kathleen Vaughn by Anne and Tony Schrey
Thur.Mar27	Noon	Prison Mass
Fri. Mar. 28	Noon	Phene Eagleson by Anne and Tony Schrey
Sat. Mar. 29	4:30pm	Marylin Stanley By Patti Buercklin
Sun. Mar. 30	7:15am	David Worman by Josh and Angela Stumborg
<b>OLOL</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Luke and Trish Kocher by Lori and Adam Davis
	10:45am	Theresa Ndeanaefo by parishioners

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### March 30, 2025, 4th Sunday of Lent

#### Sat., March 29, 2025, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Richard Mullins Family

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Hill

ALTAR SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins and Ali Meyers

GIFT BEARERS: Richard Mullins Family

#### Sun., March 30, 2025, 7:15am

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS : Eric Mosbey Family

COMMUNION MINISTER: Shari Eckert

ALTAR SERVERS: Lucy Mosbey and Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Brad Schutte Family

#### Sun., March 30, 2025, 9:00am, OLOL

LECTOR: Stacia Matson

USHERS & GIFTS: Carol Miller and Janel Hoke

COMMUNION MINISTER: Keith Matson

ALTAR SERVER: Abigail Davis

#### Sun., March 30, 2025, 10:45am

LECTOR: Missy York

USHERS: David and Jeannie Veach

COMMUNION MINISTER: Valerie Chapman

SERVER: Brady York and Will Schutte

GIFT BEARERS: David and Jeannie Veach

## PSR and PSR Fellowship Dinner

Our next PSR class is Wednesday, March 26.

Our next fellowship dinner will be April 2, "Breakfast for Dinner", blueberry and cholate pancakes, fruit and sausage.

PSR classes (4th—8th Grade) have a date set for Stations of the Cross, on Wednesday April 9th. Parents are invited to join them in this blessed prayer. Parents, please do—The kids notice!

## Weekly Stations of the Cross

Saints have told us: Praying with the Stations of the Cross is very spiritually powerful! Please consider adding this devotion, especially during Lent.

**St. Elizabeth** has Stations set for 11:15 on Fridays, except on Good Friday.

**Our Lady of Lourdes** has Stations set for 5:00 pm on every Friday of Lent.

## Catholic Relief Services 2nd Collection

Next week our parish takes up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## FISH FRY

Our 1st fish fry of this Lenten season is history, and we are gearing up for the next one! Please spread the word as we get ready for our 2nd fish fry this coming Friday, March 28th, once again from 4:00 to 7:00PM.

We will again have a drive-thru option on the east side of the hall (Webster Street). Or of course you can always come on in to eat, relax, and meet up with friends in the parish hall! Prices and menu will be the same as last week.

Prices: \$15.00 adult, and \$7.00 kids (10 and under)

The menu: Fried Fish, Shrimp, or Combo, coleslaw, baked potato, corn bread, Lenten baked beans, condiments and drinks (if eating in). There is also a kids' fish meal and a side option of a hot dog and chips.

Stay tuned for more information on this fish fry and the last of our Lenten Fish Fries on April 4th.





## Why Do We Abstain and Fast During Lent?

Why abstain and fast? The purpose of our fast is, not to become physically weak or lose weight, but to create a spiritual hunger only God can fill. In fasting during Lent, we express heartfelt love of God and acknowledge our sinfulness. Even though we remain unworthy, we pray that our sacrifices are acceptable to the one Who suffered and gave his life-blood for us, our savior Jesus Christ.

Fasting and abstaining are penitential practices that deny us food and drink during certain seasons and days. These acts of self-denial dispose us to free ourselves from worldly distractions, and to express our longing for Jesus—and to imitate in a highly limited way his suffering.

Traditionally abstinence has meant not eating meat. Many may recall a calendar hanging in their kitchen that included a fish symbol on each Friday of the month. This symbol is **not** to remind us to eat fish but rather to **AVOID** meat. While abstinence refers to the *kind or quality* of food we eat, fasting refers to the *quantity* of food consumed. It is against the spirit of fasting and abstinence to avoid favorite meats—while piling our plates overfull with fish and other non-meat foods!

Abstinence and fasting are required on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On those days, one full meal is allowed along with two other much smaller “sustaining” meals. Catholics bound by the law of abstinence include everyone age 14 and over; while fasting includes everyone age 18 through their 60th year, depending on medical needs. Canon Law, the Catechism, Precepts of the Church, and the U.S. Bishop’s document “Penitential Practices for Today’s Catholic,” and other reputable Catholic documents explain our fasting obligations if one wants more detailed information.

## Annunciation of the Lord, March 25

The central focus of the Annunciation is the Incarnation: God is to become one of us! From all eternity, God decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity would take-on human flesh, and that Mary (through her own free will) would have the off-the-charts amazing role of being His Mother! It is a God-given role, His grace working from beginning to end. Through Mary’s free-will cooperation, God chooses to act.

Everything else is owed to The Blessed Trinity.

Mother Mary exemplifies the truth that amazing things can happen when one fully cooperates with God’s grace!



## From Father David

Sisters and brothers, in an emergency every second counts. Please be aware of our defibrillator and “Prepared Hero” fire blanket kept folded-up in a pouch in the vesting room if ever needed (at St. Elizabeth). Anyone is welcome in an emergency to enter the vesting room to retrieve either object. (We have a similar fire blanket at Our Lady of Lourdes, while members have discussed acquiring a defibrillator—sometimes called an AED—for the sacristy there soon.)

With the defibrillator, one applies sticky pads with sensors (electrodes) to the chest. Information about the person’s heart rhythm is then sent to a computer in the AED device. The computer analyzes the heart rhythm to determine whether an electric shock is needed; if indeed needed, the electrodes deliver one or more shocks. (AEDs, if working correctly, are very user-friendly, and certainly can save lives.)

As for the fire blanket, it is of high quality and comes with a high rating. The blanket “smothers” small fires, with the aim of keeping the fire from spreading, and can be reused depending on condition after use.

Our churches continue to use candles for votive devotions and atop the altar. Other churches have gotten away from real burning candles at saint shrines, and use battery-operated candles instead.

In Robinson, we continue to use real candles for now at the St. Elizabeth votive shrine, and have no plans to change this practice. Still, we ask everyone to please be mindful of the candles’ burning, especially since the St. E. shrine is in the back-end of the Cry Room.

Parents and grandparents, please caution your children and grandchildren about burning flames, and teach them respected emergency responses like “Drop and roll.” Around church candles, always monitor the kids carefully, especially when they are still quite young. (This sense of caution also includes, at St. Elizabeth, keeping the protective gate closed atop the basement interior steep steps.)

**Of course, among our first responses to an emergency is to call 9-1-1.** —The sooner the better. Again, seconds count!

Friends, we are a family in the Lord, and must look out for each other’s safety and well-being. Thank you!





## Daily Scripture Readings

### Monday, March 24, 2025,

2 Kings 5:1-15 / Gospel, Luke 4:24-30

### Tuesday, March 25 2025

#### (Annunciation of the Lord)

Reading I - Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10

Reading II - Hebrews 10:4-10

Gospel, Luke 1:26-38

### Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Deut. 4:1, 5-9 / Gospel, Matthew 5:17-19

### Thursday, March 27, 2025

Jeremiah 7:23-28 / Gospel, Luke 11:14-23

### Friday, March 28, 2025

Hosea 14:2-10 / Gospel, Mark 12:38-34

### Saturday, March 29, 2025

Hosea 6:1-6 / Gospel, Luke 18:9-14

### Sunday, March 30, 2025,

#### (4th Sunday of Lent)

Reading I - Joshua 5:9-12

Reading II - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel - Luke 15:1-3,11-32

## St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

St. Thomas Catholic church in Newton IL, is holding their annual Gigantic Garage Sale on April 10th, 11th and 12th.

The sale will be held at St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton.

They are looking for good and gently used items **with the exception of:** Undergarments, girls/ladies' swimwear, motor oils, lawn & garden chemicals, paint, spray paint, lawn & garden tools, outdated electronics, printers, monitors, keyboards or reference book sets.

Drop off dates are April 7th and 8th, 8:00am to 6:00pm.

Call the Parish office 618-544-7526 for more info or look here for further information in the coming weeks.

## Our Condolences

Our prayers and sympathy are sent out to our dear Fr. Aloy Ndeanaefo on the passing of his mother, Theresa Ndeanaefo, on March 15th. Fr. Aloy may be reached at:  
St. Mary's Church,  
528 N. Main Street  
Paris, Illinois, 61944



## 2nd Collection Catholic Relief Services

Again, friends, this important *Second Collection* happens next weekend. CRS does amazing work, and is administered by The Church. The need in our war-torn world is profound. If you feel blessed in your life, please share your blessings with others! God will surely reward you!



**CATHOLIC RELIEF  
SERVICES**

## Weekly Offerings

### **St. Elizabeth**

#### **Week ending 3-9-25**

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 3095.00 / Loose: \$ 259.00

Catholic Charities: \$ 943.00 / Rice Bowl: \$ 12.00

Church in Central/Eastern Europe: \$ 20.00

PushPay Online: \$ 536.49

Total Deposit: \$ 4865.49

### **Our Lady of Lourdes**

#### **Week ending 3-9-25**

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 785.00/ Loose: \$ 162.00

Easter Flower: \$ 20.00 / Rice Bowl: \$ 7.00

Catholic Charities: \$333.00 / Ash Wednesday: \$ 45.00

Total: \$ 1352.00

## 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	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	Luis F. Rodriguez
Jennifer Sadler	Fr. Suresh & his family
Karen Sanders	Fr. Carl Schrage
Judy Schiller	Nick Spencer
Elijah Shick	Amy Slover
Chelsey Steeno	Linda Stewart
Jeremy Warren	Nina Watts
Chary Wilson	Kathy Wojkovich
	Ralph Worman

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

## Marian Quote

Mary is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the Mystery of God's mercy.

— St. John Paul II