



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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 criti-
cally 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 in-
formation.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you are considering marriage,
please contact the Parish Office no
later than 6 months prior to the pro-
posed 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

*"For behold, when the
voice of your greeting
came to my ears, the
babe in my womb
leaped for joy."*

(Luke 1:44)



Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Dec. 21	4:30pm 7:15am	Randy Hatten by Edie Hice David Worman
Sun. Dec. 22 OLOL	9:00am 10:45am	by Angela and Joshua Stumborg Living and Deceased Hall family Members by Keith and Stacia Matson For all parishioners
Mon. Dec 23 Tues. Dec. 24 OLOL St. Elizabeth	4:30 pm 8:00pm	No Mass Christmas Eve Val Pescatore by Kay Pescatore Mary Ann and Howard Beagles by Father David
Wed. Dec. 25 St. Elizabeth	8:00am	Christmas Day Edith Stein (71st birthday) By George and Jane Bohman
Thur. Dec.26 Fri. Dec. 27	Noon Noon	No Mass (Father Away) No Mass (Father Away)
Sat. Dec. 28	4:30pm	(No Confessions before Saturday vigil) Kathy Eden-Sheary by Mark and Cindy Grimm
Sun. Dec. 29 OLOL	7:15am 9:00am 10:45am	Linda Sikorski Francis and Stephen Begley by Francis and Anne Schalasky Albert Fehrenbacher by Sharon Skaggs

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 28-29, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sat., December 28, 2024, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Mary Ann Ryan
 USHERS AND GIFTS: Mark and Cindy Grimm
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Celeste White
 ALTAR SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins and Clara Mullins

Sun., December 29, 2024, 7:15am

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor
 USHERS : Travis and Leslie Rich
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Jona Uptmor
 ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel and Naomi Arkenberg
 GIFT BEARERS: Chad Arkenberg

Sun., December 29, 2024, 9:00am, OLOL

LECTOR: Cameron Davis
 USHERS & GIFTS: Don Schmidt and Karmyn Coffman
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Stacia Matson
 ALTAR SERVER: Emma Davis

Sun., December 29, 2024, 10:45am

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin
 USHERS: Ken Deters and Karen Carter
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Valerie Chapman
 ALTAR SERVER: Gavin Tuel and Dawson Tuel
 GIFT BEARERS: Ken Deters and Karen Carter

Christmas Mass Ministry Schedules

OLOL, Tuesday December 24, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman
 USHERS : Jerry and Sarah Ping
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Keith Matson
 ALTAR SERVER: Karmyn Coffman
 Gift Bearers: Jerry and Sarah Ping

St. Elizabeth, Tuesday, December 24, 8:00pm

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin
 USHERS : Jim and Maria Morris
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Valerie Chapman
 ALTAR SERVER: Nathaniel, Natelie and Naomi Arkenberg
 GIFT BEARERS: Jim and Maria Morris

St. Elizabeth, Wednesday, December 25, 8:00am

LECTOR: Missy York
 USHERS : Dave Holscher and Jim Jaeger
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Shari Eckert
 ALTAR SERVER: Brady York
 GIFT BEARERS: Dave Holscher and Jim Jaeger

"NEW" Online Giving

Our NEW online giving program through the new office software is up-and-running! For any of our parishioners who choose to donate their weekly collections online, From here on forward you can go to the parish website at www.crawfordcountycatholics.net and use the links there for "Give - St. Elizabeth, Robinson" or "Give - Our Lady of Lourdes, Ob-long." Once you have established your new account, the process will be a very easy and a quick way to do all your weekly, monthly, or special collections in a snap! (**Give Central is Now Closed**, so remember please to check with your previous way of recurring donations, and stop them.)

St. Elizabeth Annual Advent Project

I personally thank everyone who had a part in this year's Advent Project for our Nursing Home Giving Tree. Your response was incredible! Whether you took one tag or multiple tags, if you drove someone to the store to buy the gift or bought it online, or if you took time out of your already busy day to go and buy the gift ... you all are such a blessing to the nursing home clients we will be making a bit happier this Christmas Morning! And a special **thank-you** to my "wrapping elves." Great work, Ladies! "May God Bless us, Everyone!"
 Patti Buercklin

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, December 23, 2024,

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Gospel Luke 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

(Nativity of the Lord: Vigil)

Reading I- Isaiah 62:1-5 / Reading II- Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Gospel, Matthew 1:1-25

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

(Christmas Day)

Reading I- Isaiah 52:7-10 / Reading II- Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel, John 1:1-18

Thursday, December 26, 2024

(St. Stephen, the First Martyr)

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Gospel, Matthew 10:17-22

Friday, December 27, 2024

(St. John, Apostle and Evangelist)

1 John 1:1-4 / Gospel, John 20:1-8

Saturday, December 28, 2024

(Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

1 John 1:5-2:2 / Gospel, Matthew 2:13-18

Sunday, December 29, 2024,

(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

Reading I - 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Reading II - 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel - Luke 2:41-52

Being Mindful of Our Pew Neighbors

We have mentioned 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.

Soon Christmas will be upon us, with the pews more crowded. Especially in "close" conditions, folks must be 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.

OCIA Classes

Our next classes for continuing "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" (OCIA) will be meeting January 7th and 14th.

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See you next Year on January 8th!

Merry Christmas!

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

(Week ending Sunday, December 15, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 4967.00/ Christmas Flowers: \$ 110.00

Building Fund: \$ 25.00 / Loose: \$ 359.25

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$ 255.00

Immaculate Conception: \$ 461.00

Give Central: \$ 340.00 / PushPay \$ 285.00

Total Deposit: \$ 6802.25

Our Lady of Lourdes

(Week ending Sunday, December 15, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 585.00/ Loose: \$ 232.00

Immaculate Conception: \$ 20.00

Building Fund: \$ 10.00 / Total Deposit: \$ 847.00

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
Kathleen Myers	Michell's Dad
Debbie Nichols	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
Chary Wilson	Kathy Wojkovich
	Ralph Worman

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

Quiz Question of Last Week

He is the Patron Saint of altar boys:

a) **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

Such is also the name of a previous Priest we had ...
FATHER ALOY! "God is Good—all the Time! And All the Time—God is Good!"

Prayer of the Week

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

Yes, the very name of our Lord can be a powerful prayer!

Coat Switch?

Has your coat been feeling and/or looking sort of different since the parish Christmas Party? We have a St. Elizabeth parishioner who wore a coat home that looked like his coat, but once home discovered it wasn't his! He is missing a black light-weight jacket in good shape, possibly much like the one you mistakenly wore home! Please contact the parish office if you accidentally acquired his jacket. Yours is waiting here to go home with you!

Thank you!

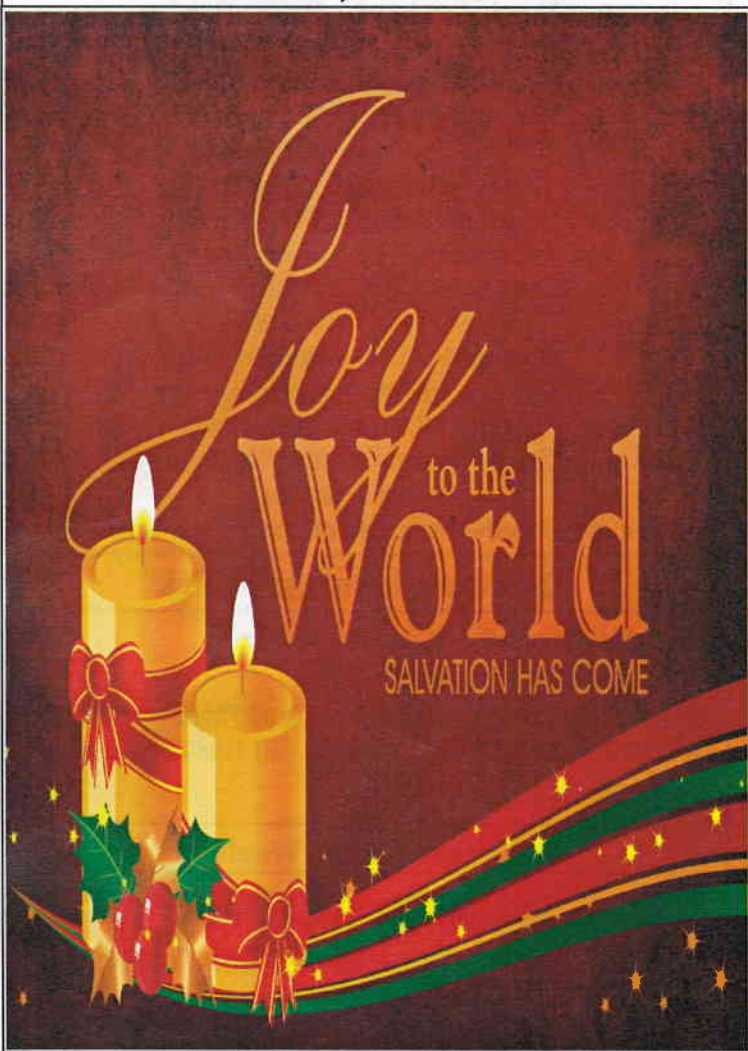
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LOST & FOUND

Thank You for the Prayers!

Joe and Mary Jane Bierman wish to thank everyone at the two parishes for their thoughts and prayers this past year in regards to Joe's serious health issues. They write: "Your prayers have blessed us in so many ways. We wish you a Merry Christmas, and may the year 2025 be filled with joy."

Christmas, December 25



From Father David

What is the best gift to give someone? We could debate that one 'til the cows come home. But I think most of us can agree one of the best gifts is the gift of one's time. It's a form of "presence," or "being there."

Now don't get me wrong. Things like beautiful greeting cards and enclosures can be quite meaningful and touching; and letters, often even more so. Yet the gift of self—truly being present to another—involves that component so many of us seem to have less and less of in today's busy world: Time. To give of one's limited time, especially in an in-person visit, or a quality unrushed phone call, is powerful, and even possibly "sacrificial." (Such a gift can be a real sacrifice, when maybe the giver really prefers a nap, or time to relax in solitude!)

How much time do we give the Lord? Do we rush with some brief prayer, perhaps so habitually that we hardly even consider the words' meaning? Or do we enter into a quality exchange, truly contemplating our presence with the Lord, and His presence with us?

We cannot grow in faith without entering into deeper relationship with God. This all takes what today is commonly called "intentionality." --We block out our tendency toward multi-tasking and focus on Jesus, and Him alone.

Many people have a special "quiet place," a comfortable environment or room where they feel safe to engage in this kind of heart-to-heart prayer. Church, before or after Mass, is such an environment. We have also talked about the inimitable power of Eucharistic Adoration; perhaps no prayerful intimacy is more powerful than that, with the exception of actually **receiving** the Eucharist! **In the end, it is all about being present, and the precious gifts of self and time!**

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses:

Our Lady of Lourdes—4:30pm

St. Elizabeth—8:00pm

Christmas Day Mass:

St. Elizabeth—8:00am