



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, December 1, 2024 First Sunday in Advent



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Monday and Friday: 8:00am to Noon

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~ 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.)

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

"The Lord is coming, always
coming. When you have ears to
hear and eyes to see, you will
recognize Him at any moment
of your life. Life is Advent; life is
recognizing the coming of the
Lord."

— Henri Nouwen



Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Nov. 30	4:30pm	NO Mass (NO Confession)
Sun. Dec. 1	7:15am 9:00am 10:45am	For all Parishioners Ronald Dhom by Ethel Dhom Harry Bohman by George and Jane Bohman
Mon. Dec 2		No Mass
Tues. Dec. 3	Noon	Anthony O'Dell by George and Jane Bohman
Wed. Dec. 4	11:00am	Edith Stein George and Jane Bohman
Thur. Dec.5		No Mass (Prison Mass)
Fri. Dec. 6	9am	Marylin Stanley by Jack Stanley
Sat. Dec. 7	4:30pm	Christopher Hartrich by Eileen Hartrich
Sun. Dec. 8	7:15am 9:00am 10:45am	Dave Worman by Angela and Josh Stumborg Helen and Roger Fabris by Kay Pescatore Frances Medina by Rito and Maria Medina

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 7-8, First Sunday of Advent

Sat., December 7, 2024, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Ryan

USHERS AND GIFTS: Richard Mullins Family

COMMUNION MINISTER: Bob Koester

ALTAR SERVERS: Clara Mullins

Sun., December 8, 2024, 7:15am

LECTOR: David Holscher

USHERS : Travis and Leslie Rich

COMMUNION MINISTER: Jona Uptmor

ALTAR SERVERS: Natelie and Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Brad Schutte Family

Sun., December 8, 2024, 9:00am, OLOL

LECTOR: Bob Coffman

USHERS & GIFTS: Carol Miller and Janel Hoke

COMMUNION MINISTER: Rita Wirey

ALTAR SERVER: Karmyn Coffman

Sun., December 8, 2024, 10:45am

LECTOR: Missy York

USHERS: David and Jeannie Veach

COMMUNION MINISTER: Valerie Chapman

ALTAR SERVER: Will Schutte

GIFT BEARERS: David and Jeannie Veach

Advent Confessions Opportunity

In addition to regular confession times before the Sat vigil, and by appointment, Fr. David, alone, will be available in the church for this sacrament on **Tuesdays, Dec. 3rd and 10th from 5 – 6:15pm.** (We have separate Advent confession arrangements for the PSR children, Dec 4th and 11th.) We plan on a parish Lenten Reconciliation Service this spring with a trio of priests.

PSR Fellowship Dinner, December 4th

Our next PSR Fellowship dinner on December 4 at **5:45-6:30pm.** PSR students and their family members are invited! The menu this time is chili dogs. Families are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

An interesting dynamic—a quirk of the calendar—means The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th this year because the 8th is The Second Sunday of Advent, and observed as such. An OLOL vigil on the 8th would mean four Masses for Father David that day, five for the weekend. (That many Masses is not allowed under Canon Law.)

Consequently, **Mass in Oblong marking the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—A Holy Day of Obligation—will be at 11:30 AM on Monday, the 9th. Later that day at 6 PM is the Feast Day Mass in Robinson, the only Mass at St. Elizabeth that day.** (Because these Monday liturgies occur on what is Fr. David's typical day-off, he will take his day on Wednesday, December 11th, so no Mass or Adoration that Wednesday.)

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron of not only our diocese, but also of our nation. We need her heavenly maternal care, and we wish to honor her as she so richly deserves.

Missing a Holy Day of Obligation without good reason is a significant sin for which an account must be made before God—our Heavenly Father who gave us our beloved Blessed Mother Immaculately Conceived without the stain of sin.

Online Giving

For those parishioners who choose to donate their weekly offerings online, we have switched to an easy new diocese-wide program for our offices. We will consequently soon discontinue the old online app (Give Central) that some of you use. Stay tuned for more details!

St. Elizabeth Annual Advent Project

A **BIG THANK-YOU** to all who took Advent ornaments for this year's Advent Project.

The two things participants now need to do please:

- Purchase the items stated on the ornament tags from anywhere of your choosing. Once the item is bought, please do **NOT** throw away the ornamental tag!

- Return the **UNWRAPPED** items **WITH THE ITEM TAGS** to the back of the church at Masses, or to the Parish Center during open hours in the week. All the items and tags **MUST be returned on, or prior to, December 15th please.**

Monetary donations will be accepted for costs associated with wrapping and delivering. Mark a sealed envelope accordingly. Any questions: please call Patti Buercklin at 554-4621 or call the office at 544-7526 and leave a message for her. Thank you again and may God bless you!

Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer Group has started off well. Our sessions in September and October provided fellowship over good meals, and of course time for discussion and brief time before The Blessed Sacrament. Soon we enter into the busy holiday season. We will take a brief break, and resume the Men's Prayer Group in the new year. Our thanks to those men who participated thus far, and especially to a parishioner who provided a wonderful array of deli subs with chips and drinks at our October gathering.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses:

Our Lady of Lourdes—4:30pm
St. Elizabeth—8:00pm



Christmas Day Mass:

St. Elizabeth—8:00am

Christmas Party

Our combined-parishes Christmas Party will be **December 8th, at 5:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.** Ham & turkey, noodles, dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Parishioners are kindly asked to please bring a side dish or dessert to share. And all you "young ones" out there might want to start being careful with how you act...There just might be a special visitor!



2nd Collection December 7th—8th

Aging Religious need your help. Donations provide for the care, medicine and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give generously to the **Retirement Fund for Religious.** Thank you for your kind consideration.

From Bishop Paprocki

December, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the coming week our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This campaign is crucial, benefitting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.

As I reflect on their ministry, I am grateful for the impact these religious women and men have had on our faith journeys. Their devoted service has impacted our diocese, inspiring and guiding us as we grow in faith.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Raising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your contributions to the Retirement Fund For Religious play a vital role in proving necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.

Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.

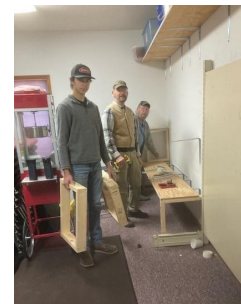
Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

New Shelving

Sturdy new pantry and storage shelving was recently installed at St. E's Parish Center. Those involved with the installation were Rhonda Stone and Doug Camden, Don Bierbaum, Mike Uptmor, Kaye and Dave Holscher, and Greyson, Miles, and Rhett Holscher. Our great thanks to them all!



Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, December 2, 2024,

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Gospel, Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Is 11:1-10 / Gospel, Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Isaiah 25:6-10 / Gospel, Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Isaiah 26:1-6/ Gospel, Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6, 2024

Isaiah 29:17-24 / Gospel, Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Gospel, Matthew 9:35—10:1,5,6-8

Sunday, December 8, 2024,

(Second Sunday of Advent)

Reading I - Baruch 5:1-9

Reading II - Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

Baptism of Jade Alivia Dix, 11-23-24



Family and friends gathered to celebrate the baptism of Jade Alivia Dix on Saturday, November 23rd. We formally welcome Jade into our parish family. May we continue to joyously pray for her journey of faith!

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

(Week ending Sunday, November 24, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 1850.00 / Loose: \$ 473.25

Give Central weekly: \$ 190.00 / Building fund: \$20.00

Sister Church India: \$ 350.00

DCJH: \$ 712.00 / Christmas Flowers: \$ 645.00

Total Deposit: \$ 4240.25

Our Lady of Lourdes

(Week ending Sunday, November 24, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 670.00 / Loose: \$ 150.00

DCJH: \$ 211.00 /Christmas Flowers: \$ 175.00

Total Deposit: \$ 1206.00

Prayer List

Chuck Adams	Jessica Andruch
Fr. Steve Arisman	Anne Batzloff
Howard Beagles	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	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.

Blessing of Rosaries



We recently held The Blessing of Rosaries for the PSR students taught by Kathy Staller and Val Hermann. We congratulate Naomi Arkenberg and Gavin Tuel for creating such beautiful handmade rosaries, and for their love of this powerful devotional.