



**Serving St. Elizabeth Church &
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Sunday, December 3rd, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent**



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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:

8:00 -12:00 am ~ 1:00 - 4:00pm.

Friday: 8:00 am ~ 12:00 pm.

Daily Mass: (St. Elizabeth)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 12 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.)



WEEKEND MASSES

St. Elizabeth

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 7:15 am & 10:45 am

Our Lady of Lourdes

First Friday Liturgy at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am

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.

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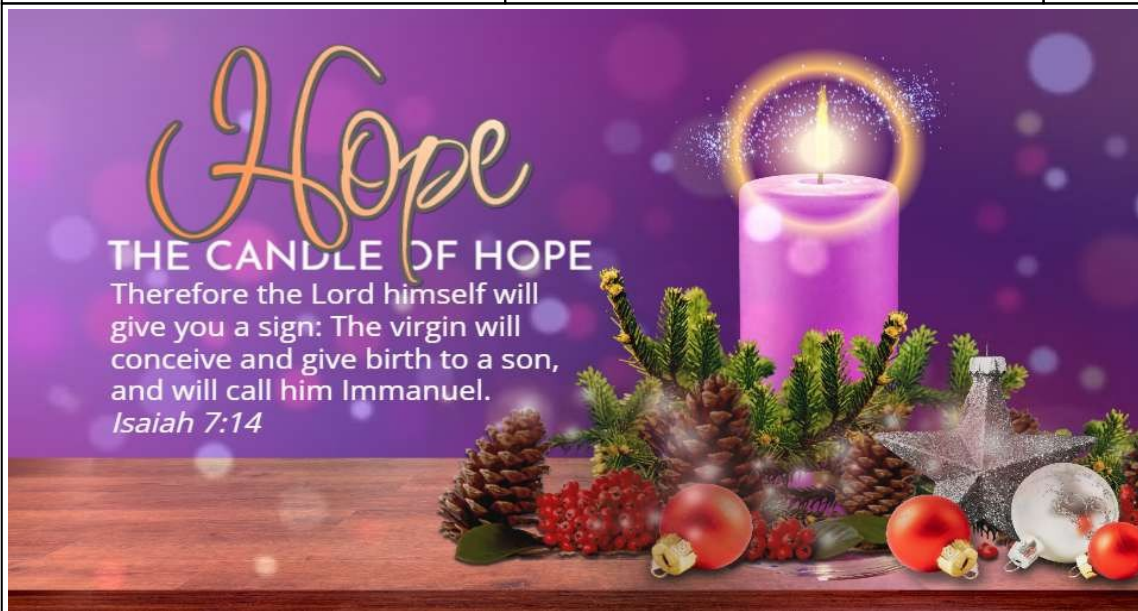
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact the Parish Office no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date, to receive diocesan and parish guidelines.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth
3:15 to 4:00 pm.



***First
Sunday
Of
Advent***



Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 2	4:30 pm	Anthony O'Dell by George & Jane Bohman
Sun. Dec. 3	7:15 am	Megan Burton By Kaye & Dave Holscher
	9:00 am	Val Pescatory by Kay Pescatory
	10:45 am	Francis Medina By Rito & Maria Medina
Mon. Dec. 4		No Mass
Tues. Dec. 5	Noon	Special Intention by Eileen Hartrich
Wed. Dec. 6	11:00 am	Marylin Stanley by Jack Stanley
Thur. Dec. 7	Noon	No Mass
	5:30pm	Vigil-Immaculate Conception Chris Hartrich by Eileen Hartrich
Fri. Dec. 8	Noon	No Mass
	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception Linda Sikorski
Sat. Dec. 9	4:30 pm	(Bishop Paprocki) Wagner Sisters by Carol Wong
Sun. Dec. 10	7:15 am	NO MASS
	8:00 am	(Bishop Paprocki) Helen & Roger Fabris By Kay Pescatore
	10:45 am	(Bishop Paprocki; Confirmation/1st Communion Mass) Geri Ezell by Father David



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Sat. Dec. 9, 2023, 4:30 pm, St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Rob Sparks

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

SERVERS: Nathaniel, Natalie & Naomi Arkenberg,
Brady York & Kaleb Brady

GIFT BEARERS: Mark Grimm Family

Sun. Dec. 10, 2023, 7:15 am, St. Elizabeth, NO MASS

Sun. Dec. 10, 2023, 8:00 am, Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Chris Keller

USHERS & GIFTS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

Sun. Dec. 10, 2023, 10:45 am, St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: George & Jane Bohman

SERVERS: Nathaniel, Natalie & Naomi Arkenberg,
Brady York & Kaleb Brady

GIFT BEARERS: Chris Weber family

LOLO Donut Sunday Change

Due to the Mass time-change involving Bishop Paprocki's visit On Sunday Dec. 10th, the monthly coffee, donuts, and fruit juice will be offered after the **8:00 AM** Mass that day. We extend a warm welcome to all and especially to Bishop Paprocki!

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

The next PSR class will be December 6th. Advent Confessions for PSR Children ONLY, will be held on Dec. 6th & 13th.

Confirmation and First Communion of the 3rd graders—and confirmation of two older students—will be at 10:45 am on Dec. 10th at St. Elizabeth with Bishop Paprocki presiding. Please join us for this special occasion and the celebratory luncheon afterwards in the parish hall. Questions or comments? Please call Jenny Head at 618-544-7526.

Bishop Paprocki Masses

We are excited Bishop Paprocki has agreed, in addition to his other Masses in Robinson soon, to be celebrant at the Sunday, December 10th Mass in Oblong. Please note that because he must get back to Robinson early to visit with the Confirmation-and-First-Communion children an hour before the 10:45 Mass, **the Our Lady of Lourdes Mass that weekend will be at 8:00 AM, and not at its usual 9 o'clock.** We hope many LOLO parishioners might still join us please later at the 10:45 at St. Elizabeth's. It is a great privilege to have the bishop with us, and we hope for great attendance please, and to **support our children in these sacraments!** A luncheon follows in the St. Elizabeth parish center.

Also, everyone, please note because of many logistics associated with this full weekend, that includes a prison Mass, and a joint-councils meeting with the bishop, **there will be no 7:15 Mass on Sunday, December 10th.**

Eucharist Quote of the Week

What is it we are asking here, O God? We are asking, both for today itself, and the whole of life (a life that in reality is no longer than a day) for that bread which is more precious than anything else; that is, our supernatural bread, the only bread we really need, the only bread absolutely necessary to us if we are to reach our goal—the necessary bread of grace.

— St. Charles de Foucauld —

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party is here! This Weekend: Sunday December 3rd at 5:00 PM. Meat, stuffing, buns and drinks are provided. Parishioners are asked to please bring a holiday favorite side dish or dessert, if they wish.

We've been hearing rumors around the Parish Hall that a jolly bearded older gentleman in a red suit has been peaking in the windows to see if Jenny and Patti are being naughty or nice! So we are guessing he may very well show up at the party!



All parishioners of our two parishes are warmly invited. Keep your ears and eyes open since someone may be watching you before and *after* the party!

Door prizes will be drawn, and entertainment provided.



Daily Readings

Monday December 4, 2023

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

Tuesday December 5, 2023

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

Wednesday December 6, 2023

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

Thursday December 7, 2023

St. Ambrose (Memorial)

Isaiah 26:1-6 / or Ephesians 3:8-12

Gospel, Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday December 8, 2023

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Reading I, Genesis 3:9-15

Reading II, Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Gospel, Luke 1:26-38

Saturday December 9, 2023

Saint Juan Diego

I Corinthians 1:26-31 / Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday December 10, 2023

Reading I—Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading II—2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel, Mark 1:1-8



From Father David

Sisters and brothers, it's often helpful to plan ahead. I like to keep you informed so you know what's happening. Along these lines, you should know that the Solemnity of Christmas presents special considerations this year since it falls on a Monday. It is obviously a most sacred Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation, and follows by a day the regular Sunday obligation—that is, the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Why do I mention this? —Because, friends, there is no “double-dipping” when it comes to our Mass obligations. We don't “cherry pick” what Mass obligations we fulfill, nor do we try to justify a “two for one” approach.

You can fulfill the “4th Sunday of Advent” obligation at either the 4:30 Saturday vigil, or the Oblong Sunday 9 AM, or attend another Catholic parish if you are traveling for the holiday. The other Masses that weekend in Oblong and Robinson fulfill the Christmas obligation, and not the 4th Sunday of Advent obligation. Confusing? —A little. A perfect solution? —No, but we are trying to do our humble best.

Please see the schedule of Masses soon for the Christmas Weekend. As we consider the travel-and-family needs of our musicians, readers, servers, and myself, we must be patient if regular Mass schedules are adjusted that “major holiday” weekend.

I am not complaining, but I, as your priest, will be busy! For example, on Saturday, December 23rd I have our St. Elizabeth regular vigil. On Christmas Eve, December 24th, I have the 4th Sunday 9 AM Mass in Oblong, only to return there that afternoon for the Solemnity of Christmas Vigil, and then must head back to Robinson for the St. Elizabeth 8 PM vigil. My lone Christmas Day Mass is 8 AM at St. Elizabeth, therein allowing me—and other liturgical ministers—some travel-time to see relatives for the holiday.

Generally, similar “obligation concerns” arise the following weekend, and that Monday of January 1st. But because that NYD feast (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) does fall on a Monday, it (unlike Christmas) is not this year a Holy Day of Obligation. (Still, we should **want** to start out the new year by honoring our dear Mother Mary! This should not be deemed a “burden” or an inconvenience at all!)

I realize the regulations—i.e. which Mass counts for which obligation—can be confusing. I have tried to explain them in this column. Reputable Catholic websites can also help clarify if needed.

See you—Members of both parishes!—at the Christmas Party this weekend (December 3rd, St. Elizabeth Parish Center, 5 PM). I very much look forward to this festive gathering! Thank you to all who have worked to make the party possible. May God bless us all!



Blessing of Rosaries Made by the Children



Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Nov 29th

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the hosting of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Seventy-five teenagers from Robinson High School met for fellowship, food, and fun! We are blessed to have a wonderful facility and church family who came together to hold this event. Father David gave a very nice welcome message to the group and many parents volunteered to help make this event a success! Courtney Coffman



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth (Week ending Sunday, November 26, 2023)

Envelopes: \$ 1973.00 / Loose: \$ 649.81
 Sister Parish India: \$ 5625.00
 Christmas Flower: \$ 350.00 / Building Fund: \$ 25.00
 Give Central: \$ 545.00
 Campaign for Justice and Hope: \$ 25.00
 Campaign for Human Development: \$ 5.00
 Total Deposit: \$ 9197.81

Our Lady of Lourdes (Week ending November 26, 2023)

Envelopes: \$ 480.00
 Loose: \$ 100.00
 Christmas flower: \$ 230.00
 Campaign for Human Development: \$ 80.00
 Total Deposit: \$ 890.00

Prayer List

Chuck Adams Anne Batzloff
 Joe Bayless Howard Beagles
 Paul Berger Mike Brady
 Megan Burton Randy Butcher
 Ryan Calvert Annie Calvert
 Scott Chapman John Collings
 Suzanne Dart Bishop Benjamin Garland
 Edward K. Hartrich Rodney Hatten
 Eileen Fabris Sharon Fitzmaurice
 Gary Griffith Donna Henry
 Tim Hinterscher (Genie) Huss - White
 Marcia Lawhead Huang Que Le
 Carol Marshall Larry Mette
 Debbie Nichols Sandy Martin
 Anthony O'Dell Nancy Ping
 Jocelyn Ramsey Margo Riker
 Fr. Suresh & his family
 Karen Sanders Judy Schiller
 Linda Sikorski Amy Slover
 Rodney Smith Linda Stewart
 Vickie Waggoner Jeremy Warren
 Nina Watts Chary Wilson
 Dianne Wolverton Ralph Worman

All in the armed forces, and all our First Responders

Online Giving—Give Central

Give central is an online offering platform. Users can access this by the church website: www.crawfordcountycatholics.net. One can easily choose the donation details wanted, and can always later easily revise their personal plan if desired. Thank you to all who consider using this convenient and efficient service.