



**Serving St. Elizabeth Church &
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Sunday, February 18th, 2024
1st Sunday of Lent**



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Pastor**

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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 4:40 and

Sunday at 7:15 am & 10:45am

Our Lady of Lourdes

1st Friday Liturgy at 5:30pm and

Sunday at 9:00am

Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners who are seriously or criti-
cally ill or having surgery, Please con-
tact 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

***"After John had been
arrested, Jesus
came to Galilee
proclaiming the
gospel of God...."
— Mark 1:14 —***



Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Feb. 17	4:30 pm	Karen Sanders by Carol Ryan
Sun. Feb. 18	7:15 am	Megan Burton by Kaye and Dave Holscher
(LOL)	9:00 am	Anita Risher
	10:45 am	John Ohnemus by Stephanie Ohnemus
Mon. Feb. 19		No Mass
Tues. Feb. 20	Noon	Judy and Chas Eckert by Carol Ryan
Wed. Feb. 21	11:00	John Ohnemus by Stephanie Ohnemus
Thur. Feb. 22	Noon	Communion Service (Prison Mass)
Fri. Feb. 23	11:15am	St. Elizabeth Stations of the Cross
	Noon	Linda Sikorski
	5:30pm	LOL Stations of the Cross
Sat. Feb 24	4:30 pm	Father called away. No Mass.
Sun. Feb 25	7:15 am	JoAnn Shepherd by Mary Beth and Preston Reilly
	9:00 am	Deceased friends and family of Francis and Ann Schalasky
	10:45 am	Randy Hatten by Bob and Karla Birkofer

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Sat. Feb. 24, 2024, 4:30 pm, St. Elizabeth
Father called away. No Vigil Mass this weekend only.

Sun. Feb. 25, 2024, 7:15 am, St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Dave Holscher and Jim Jaeger

COMMUNION MINISTER: Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Naomi and Natalie Arkenberg

Gifts: Jim Eckert Family

Sun. Feb. 25, 2024, 9:00 am, Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS & GIFTS: Chris and Donna Keller

COMMUNION MINISTER: Rita Wirey

SERVER: Karmyn Coffman

Sun. Feb. 25, 2024, 10:45 am, St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Ken Deters and David Veach

COMMUNION MINISTER: Kristin East

SERVER: Dawson and Gavin Tuel

GIFTS: Stewart Schutte Family

Stewardship Reflections

Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching a similar repentance message? It took great love and trust for the human side of Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us what we need to fulfill His loving plan for us.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

The next PSR classes are February 21st at 6:30 pm. PSR grades 3 - 8 will have Lenten confessions February 21st and February 28th. Questions or comments? Please call Clare Wirey at the Parish Center, 618-544-7526.

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! As a parish, we collected \$670.00 to restore the Church's mission and build the Church's future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. The need is strong. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether.

Lenten Regulations

Only Good Friday (and our recent Ash Wednesday) are the two FASTING days mandated by the Church. On those days Catholics aged 18 to 59 can only have one full meal, plus two smaller meals (that together cannot equal a full meal). Catholics 59 or older are excused from fasting, unless their health allows them to participate and they wish to do so.

ABSTENENCE involves the abstaining from meat ("beast or fowl"). Any Roman Catholic aged 14 or older must abstain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent, unless they are troubled by chronic illness, like diabetes, or are pregnant or nursing. In other words, common health sense should prevail. Intentionally avoiding laws on fasting and abstinence without good reason is sinful and a matter of conscience.

**Annual Collection for Catholic Charities
Letter from the Bishop**

February, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,
Catholic Charities in our diocese has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need. Throughout its long 99-year history, Catholic Charities has remained open as staff and volunteers serve on the front lines to bring relief and advocate for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day.

Every year, Catholic Charities serves thousands of our brothers and sisters in desperate situations throughout our 28 county diocese. This service comes in the form of meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and medical / dental assistance as well as providing long term professional services in social work, counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. Everyone who is helped by Catholic Charities is treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

Catholic Charities is able to continue these services through the ongoing generosity of people like you - donors, staff, volunteers, board members, and organizations coming together to support the mission. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities to ensure God's love and mercy is extended to all of his children.

During the weekend of February 24/25, 2024, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will again be held throughout our diocese. This year, I again challenge you to continue to support Catholic Charities as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need.

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

Condolences

Our Sympathies and prayers go out to Kathy Hatten and her daughters, Danielle and Carly, on the recent loss of her husband, and their father. Earl "Randy" Hatten passed on January 28, 2024. He will certainly be missed at both our parishes. There was very strong attendance at the services of this family-man and good neighbor who was quite active, including in retirement (where he volunteered at the high school in industrial trades and automotive classes.) May he rest in joyful peace.



From Father David

Friends, human death can be heartbreaking—losing someone we cherish. Most of us as adults can say we have experienced this kind of loss. Even with faith and knowing the deceased loved one is often “better off,” free of pain, and at peace with his/her Creator, the pain of loss remains, at least initially, and sometimes for a long while.

Yet we know that death is part of the human condition, and designed that way by God, who is Love Itself. So we endure. We hang on. We keep the faith.

Jesus, who rose triumphantly, leads the way to the Father.

Lent is that beautiful season—when lived correctly and honestly—that we recognize our own “dust to dust” earthly existence and our longed-for greater dignity in Heaven.

Lent 2024 can be “just another Lent,” or something incredibly life-changing and beautiful! The choice is ours. A powerful transformation with eternal ramifications doesn’t “just happen,” but occurs with real effort.

This effort includes from-the-heart prayer, reception of the sacraments, Catholic spiritual reading, and common Lenten practices like almsgiving and fasting, and certainly acts of charity.

We are working with local priests to have a Lenten Penance Service here one weekday evening and will announce when these details come together. We hope to have at least three priests available. Please, friends, take advantage of this opportunity to confess your sins and to “be made right” with God.

This earthly life is so often fragile and fleeting. We must strive to be ready and at peace when our “dust to dust” end comes.

Sisters and brothers, have a beautiful Lent, maybe your best ever!



Daily Scripture Readings

Monday February 19, 2024

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday February 20, 2024

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Gospel, Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday February 21, 2024

Jonah 3:1-10 / Gospel, Luke 11:29-32

Thursday February 22, 2024

(The chair of St. Peter the Apostle)

1 Peter 5:1-4 / Gospel, Matthew 16:13-19

Friday February 23, 2024

Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Gospel, Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday February 24, 2024

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Gospel, Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday February 25, 2024

Reading 1— Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

Reading II—Romans 8: 31-34

Gospel Mark 9:2-10



Quote of the Day

“The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things.”

— St. Anthony of Padua —

Lenten Fish Frys

Our Lenten Fish Frys are March 1, 8, and 15. Please, friends, mark your calendars, and pray for good weather! These are very important fundraisers for us and a great source of fellowship for our parishes and the community. Please promote the event to neighbors and friends!



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth (Week ending Sunday, February 11, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 3685.00 / Loose: \$ 363.25

Church in Central Europe: \$ 534.00

Catholic Times: \$ 14.00 / Building fund: \$ 40.00

Ash Wednesday: \$ 878.00 / CCW: \$ 100.00

Operation Rice Bowl: \$ 140.00

Total Deposit: \$5754.25

Our Lady of Lourdes (Week ending February 11, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 808.00 / Loose: \$ 119.00

Food Pantry: \$35.00 / Building Fund: \$ 1.00

Operation Rice Bowl: \$ 20.00 / Easter Flowers: \$ 25.00

Church in Central Europe: \$ 136.00

Total Deposit: \$ 1144.00

Prayer List

Chuck Adams Anne Batzloff
Joe Bayless Howard Beagles
Paul Berger Megan Burton
Randy Butcher Ryan Calvert
Annie Calvert Scott Chapman
Nancy Conrad Norman Dillingham
Kristen Eagleson Bishop Benjamin Garland
Brett Hartrich Edward K. Hartrich
Eileen Fabris Gary Griffith Donna Henry
Tim Hinterscher (Genie) Huss - White
Marcia Lawhead Huong Que Le
Carol Marshall Larry Mette
Debbie Nichols Sandy Martin
Henry Miles
Nancy Ping Jocelyn Ramsey
Chuck Reinoehl Margo Riker
Fr. Suresh & his family Karen Sanders
Judy Schiller Linda Sikorski
Carole Skaggs Amy Slover
Rodney Smith Linda Stewart
Jeremy Warren Nina Watts
Chary Wilson Ralph Worman

All in the Armed Forces, and all our First Responders

Online thru 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