

Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, March 2, 2025 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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



Whitney Clark
Father David
Macy Clark
Mary Clark

*Congratulations to the PSR
2nd Grade Class for making
their 1st Reconciliation on
Sunday, February 23, 2025.*



PSR Teachers: Chris Arkenberg
and Abigail Foster



Matt Hartrich
Arrietta Hartrich
Father David



Abigail Foster
Father David
Matthew Foster



Travis Rich
Lorilyn Rich
Father David
Emmett Rich
Leslie Rich

Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Mar.1	4:30pm	Jasmine Howard by George and Jane Bohman
Sun. Mar.2 LOL	7:15am 9:00am 10:45am	Albert Fehrenbacher by CCW Paul Goebel by his Family Don Harper by Kathy and Ted Staller
Mon. Mar.3		No Mass
Tue. Mar. 4	Noon	Cynthia Kinkade by Patti Buercklin
Wed. Mar. 5 Ash Wed.	Noon 6:35pm	No Adoration/Benediction Mary Anne and Howard Beagles by Father David PSR Teachers and Aides
Thur. Mar. 6	Noon	Julie Maloy by George and Jane Bohman
Fri. Mar. 7	Noon	Paul Eagleson by Anne and Tony Schrey
Sat. Mar. 8	4:30pm	Favorable Weather
Sun. Mar. 9 LOL	7:15am 9:00am 10:45am	JoAnn Shepherd by Mary Beth and Preston Reilly In Memory of Sylvia Skaggs Nick Spencer by Patti and Keith Buercklin

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

March 9, 2025, 1st Sunday of Lent

Sat., March 8, 2025, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Keith Buercklin

USHERS: Ken and Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MINISTER: Susan Goodwine

ALTAR SERVERS: Gavin and Dawson Tuel

GIFT BEARERS: Ken and Carol Bergbower

Sun., March 9, 2025, 7:15am

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Jim Jaeger and Dave Holscher

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel and Natalie Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Jim Jaeger and Dave Holscher

Sun., March 9, 2025, 9:00am, LOL

LECTOR: Bob Coffman

USHERS & GIFTS: Rod and Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MINISTER: Jessica Anderson

ALTAR SERVER: Karmyn Coffman

Sun., March 9, 2025, 10:45am

LECTOR: Kristin East

USHERS: Karen Carter and Ken Deters

COMMUNION MINISTER: Missy York

SERVER: Will Schutte

GIFT BEARERS: Sicily Rawlings and Karen Carter

PSR and PSR Fellowship Dinner

Our next **PSR class** on Wednesday, 12. The next **PSR fellowship dinner** is Wednesday, March 12th, 5:45-6:30 pm. The menu will be chicken and noodles, green beans, and rolls. As usual, families are welcome to bring desserts or side dishes to share.

Stations of the Cross

Praying with the Stations of the Cross is spiritually powerful! Please consider adding this devotion, especially during Lent. Great blessings and graces can flow from it. We are scheduling a Stations for our PSR children one Wednesday evening and will alert the kids and families as to the scheduling. Stations, led by parishioners, will also be prayed about forty-five minutes before the Friday noon Mass at St. Elizabeth during Lent. It is hoped that someone or individuals on rotation might consider leading weekly the Stations at Our Lady of Lourdes, too. Our Lord suffered and died for us. Praying the Stations is a great way to remember His supreme sacrifice.

Ash Wednesday, 2nd Collection

We have an upcoming 2nd collection on Ash Wednesday March 5 for The Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former Communist rule. The funds also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection this coming Ash Wednesday. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Thank you for your consideration of this great cause.

Ash Wednesday Ministry Schedule

March 5, 2025, Ash Wednesday

Wed., March 5, 2025, Noon, St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Missy York

USHERS and GIFTS: Patti and Keith Buercklin

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

Wed., March 5, 2025, 6:35pm, St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Kristen East

USHERS and GIFTS: Richard Mullins Family

COMMUNION MINISTER: Mary Anne Ryan

ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg and Lucy Mosbey

Lenten Penance Service

We will host a Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, March 13 at 5:30pm at St. Elizabeth. We hope a trio of priests will be available for confessions. We also hope to be finished within an hour-and-a-half so we can host the visiting priests to a meal before their return commute. To facilitate the timing, we may share a group "Act of Contrition" at the start while folks are still in their pews, before the priests go to their separate stations within the church. This Reconciliation opportunity is a great way to prepare for Easter, and of course the Church requires Catholics to attend the sacrament at least once a year. **Might you please consider joining us?**

Our Fish Fries Are In the Works!

They will be here before you know it! The 2025 Lenten Fish Fry dinners are Friday, March 21, 28, and April 4. (Please write down those dates and help pass the word!)

Rhonda Stone will start calling the dedicated helpers this week who helped last year. If anyone else is interested in helping please let Rhonda or the office know. We have various jobs required a day or two before the dinners, and obviously on the day of the dinners, including serving attendees. It seems like it takes an "army" to work these meals, since we feed much of Crawford County and folks from some surrounding areas. So if you are willing, we need your help! Volunteering is fun, and a great way to meet and work with fellow parishioners, and to greet and serve the greater community.

Call Rhonda Stone at (618) 553-2335 to sign-up for the position you worked last year, to change to a different position, or to sign-up for the very first time! We would love it if you are willing to work all three dinners, but such is not necessary!

We are so blessed to have this annual event, and to serve not only our parish family, but also our neighbors during the special holy season of Lent.

Stay tuned for more information on these special Lenten Fish Fries, a vital fundraiser for us!

Stations of the Cross Times

Lenten Stations of the Cross will be held:
**11:15am, Friday morning at St. Elizabeth and
5:00pm Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes.**

From Father David

Folks sometimes ask me about the TV program "The Chosen," which is now branching out into theater releases. The show is entertaining, with engaging characters, and decent production values. I have not heard of any negative criticism from the Church about the program, and I understand a Catholic priest is on the production's board of advisors. Certainly the show takes "creative liberties" with dialogue and some plot storylines, but that is not uncommon in productions based on the Bible. (Things have to get stretched-out or augmented a bit to sustain a series or movie-length film.)

The writers of the show, for example, have chosen to make the former tax collector Matthew a bit of an eccentric, as if he is on the autism spectrum. None of that seems supported by the New Testament account. Still, Matthew was probably misunderstood since tax collectors then were viewed as in cahoots with the oppressive Roman empire. This means the colorful depiction of Matthew is at least in keeping with his "outsider" status.

Still, Jesus sees something in him. Our Lord chooses this unlikely apostle, who becomes one of his beloved Gospel writers. Maybe that is a main point: Our Lord looks beyond the superficial and is all about converting hearts. He leads souls into a more abundant life. This is the kind of message that the show's writers deliver well, even when taking creative liberties.

Overall, in my limited experience with *The Chosen*, I find it a refreshing change from most TV programs and movies today. One would be hard-pressed not to recommend the show on some level. (Certainly many people agree, based on ratings, and the way the show is now broadened to the level of theatrical films.)

I would just humbly suggest viewers take the plot-stories with "a grain of salt," and become more familiar with the actual Sacred Scriptures upon which *The Chosen* is based. There is no substitute for this time spent with the Gospels themselves in prayerful meditative reading!

As you have heard me say often, Our Lord's words are as effective—even at times miraculous—today as when He first spoke them two thousand years ago. No television show, or even a series of theatrical films, can compare with the actual words of God Himself.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, March 3, 2025,
(St. Katharine Drexel)

Sirach 17:20-24 / Gospel, Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Sirach 35:1-12 / Gospel, Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

(Ash Wednesday)

Read. I — Joel 2:12-18 / Read. II — 2 Cor. 5:20—6:2

Gospel, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Deut. 30:15-20 / Gospel, Luke 9:22-25

Friday, March 7, 2025

Isaiah 58:1-9 / Gospel, Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Isaiah 58:9-14 / Gospel, Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 9, 2025,

(First Sunday of Lent)

Reading I - Deut. 26:4-10

Reading II - Romans: 10:8-13

Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

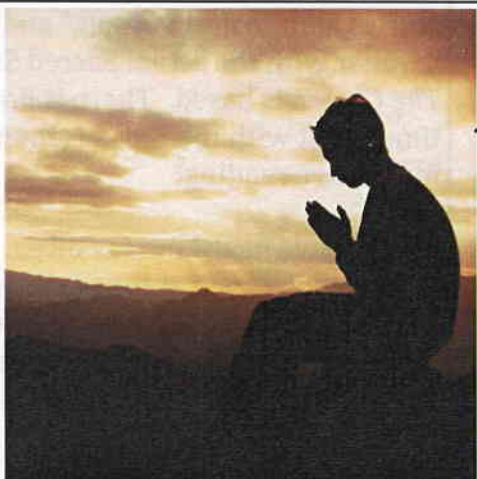
Looking Ahead: Diocesan Mandatory “Annual Meeting” Gathering of Priests

I must be away soon, starting Tuesday, March 18. I plan to be back by the fish fry on the 21st. The gathering includes The Corporate Meeting of all the priests with the bishop. There is a lot of diocesan business, prayer, and fellowship in the Lord we all strive to serve. Thank you for safe-travel prayers, and that all goes well at this important gathering in Collinsville. The parishes will certainly be remembered in my humble prayers in my brief time away.

Fr. David

Gospel Acclamation

*Lord it is
good to give
you thanks...
~Psalm 92:2*



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

Week ending 2-23-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 1765.00/ Loose: \$ 784.00

Building Fund \$ 5.00 / Catholic Times: \$ 15.00

Latin America: \$ 5.00 / Easter flowers: \$ 510.00

Harry Wong Food Pantry: \$ 100.00

CCW Dues: \$ 30.00 / Pushpay Online: \$ 406.54

Total Deposit: \$ 3620.54

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending 2-23-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 550.00/ Loose: \$ 358.00

Easter Flowers: \$180.00

Total: \$ 1088.00

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	Bob Catt
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
Doug Lawson	Huong Que Le
Jeff Monrone	Gregg Mossman
Carol Marshall	Larry Mette
Michell's Dad	Henry Miles
Jocelyn Ramsey	Ellen Rees
Chuck Reinoehl	Margo Riker
Jennifer Sadler	Fr. Suresh & his family
Karen Sanders	Fr. Carl Schrage
Judy Schiller	Elijah Shick
Amy Slover	Nick Spencer
Chelsey Steeno	Linda Stewart
Jeremy Warren	Nina Watts
Nicholas Williams	Chary Wilson
Kathy Wojkovich	Ralph Worman

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

Marian Quote

The Virgin Mary, among all creatures,
is a masterpiece of the Most Holy Trinity.

— Pope Benedict XVI