



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, October 4, 2026 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
11:45am to 1pm at St. Elizabeth.



(Please consult the parish
FaceBook page 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

**"The stone that the builders
rejected has become the corner
stone..."**

- Matthew 21:42



Mass Intentions and Schedule		
Sat. Oct. 3	4:30pm	Salvador Medina by Theresa Zamora
Sun. Oct. 4	7:15am	Mary Ann Johnson by Lynn and Terry Roche
OLOL	9:00am	Steve Coffman by Keith and Rita Wirey
	10:45am	Barry Caywood by Sarah Laski
Mon. Oct. 5		No Mass
Tue. Oct. 6	Noon	Becky Buercklin by Keith and Patti Buercklin
Wed. Oct. 7	11:00am	Mary O'Dell by Mike and Jona Uptmor
Thur. Oct. 8	Noon	Howard Beagles by Janet and Steve Jenkins
Fri. Oct. 9	Noon	Ellen Rees by Lynne and Terry Roche
Sat. Oct. 10	4:30pm	Mary Ann Tylka by Chris Tylka
Sun. Oct. 11	7:15am	Howard and Rita Rio by Lynne and Terry Roche
OLOL	9:00am	Jeff Kirts by Karen and Chuck Bailey
	10:45am	Ana Iovanac by Crasta Iovanac

Liturgical Ministry Schedule	
October 11, 2026, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
<u>Sat., October 10, 2026, 4:30pm</u>	
LECTOR: Mary Ann Ryan	
USHERS: Ken and Carol Bergbower	
COMMUNION MINISTER: Susan Goodwine	
SERVER: Gavin Tuel	
GIFT BEARERS: Ken and Carol Bergbower	
<u>Sun., October 11, 2026, 7:15am</u>	
LECTOR: Linda Sikorski	
USHERS: Brad Schutte and Randy Schutte	
COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins	
SERVERS: Nathaniel and Natalie Arkenberg	
GIFT BEARERS: Brad Schutte and Randy Schutte	
<u>Sun., October 11, 2026, 9:00am OLOL</u>	
LECTOR: Bob Coffman	
USHERS & GIFT BEARER: Rod and Wilmer Wilson	
COMMUNION MINISTER: Donna Keller	
SERVER: Kwyn Goebel	
<u>Sun., October 11, 2026, 10:45am</u>	
LECTOR: Keith Buercklin	
USHERS: Jim and Maria Morris	
COMMUNION MINISTER: Patti Buercklin	
SERVERS: Brady York	
GIFT BEARERS: Jim and Maria Morris	

Our Lady of Lourdes Soup Supper
Parishioners from both Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Elizabeth are invited to a soup supper on Sunday, October 18 th at 4:00pm in the OLOL parish hall. Various kinds of soup, hot dogs, and PB & J sandwiches will be provided. A carry-in of other sides or dessert is welcome. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you there! Free will donations will be accepted for the Oblong Food Pantry.
OCIA
Our next OCIA class meets Tuesday, October 6 from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the St. Elizabeth parish hall. The group discussion will be on Jesus, Lord and Messiah - Chapter 3 in <u>This is Our Faith</u> . All are welcome!
Men's Group
There will be a Men's Group meeting on Tuesday evening, October 6, at 6:00pm at St. Elizabeth Church. All men are welcome and invited to attend--young and older, from both parishes, whether they have been to a Men's Group meeting before or not.
Month of Our Lady's Rosary
The Month of October is the month of Our Lady's Most Holy Rosary. In her honor the Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday before the 9:00am Mass and at St. Elizabeth 30 minutes before the Sunday, 7:30am Mass, and on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 30 minutes before the Noon Masses. All are welcome to join this special prayer.

PSR Fellowship Dinner and PSR
This Wednesday October 7, we have the October PSR Fellowship dinner for the kids, teachers, and their families . The CCW ladies will serve pulled pork BBQ on a bun, mac and cheese, fresh veggies, fruit, and milk. This fun starts at 5:45pm. Classes follow at 6:30.
2026 Parishioner October Count
October is parish-count month. Your attendance at weekend Mass always matters, yet in a special way in October with these counts, which should always be accurate, and reflective of our strength. If you see or hear the ushers wandering around during October Masses--clipboard in hand--do not be alarmed; they are taking a count of us!

From Fr. David

We not only have an Illinois pope, but now an Illinois Blessed quite likely on his way to sainthood—Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen! The latter was born in El Paso, just north of Bloomington/Normal, and became a priest for The Diocese of Peoria (and is now buried in their majestic St. Mary's Cathedral there).

Another priest of Illinois—in fact, of our own diocese—is Fr. Augustus Tolton, now “Venerable.” We long to see this first ordained Black-priest-in-America attain the ranks of “Blessed” and “Saint” someday!

These distinctions awaken major pride in Catholicity, sparking conversions and returns to the Church, greater numbers of vocations, and many other regional blessings.

Some of us of a certain age remember Bishop Sheen well. His “Life is Worth Living” TV program—still available in black-and-white reruns—was Emmy-winning, and watched regularly by millions (in an age of only three TV networks). Bishop Sheen was among the first TV evangelists. His was a dignified, highly-educated, Catholic presence responsible for thousands of conversions, and also featured down-to-earth warmth and gracious humor. His shows featured a blackboard for listing his main points, and upon which he always first wrote “JMJ” for “Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.”

Known for his passion for the Missions, whose international office he headed, Bishop Sheen was a strong proponent of the awesome power of Holy Hours—time prayerfully spent before The Blessed Sacrament.

I saw him give a presentation once in our downtown Springfield historic Armory to a big crowd in his latter years.

Just weeks before his death, Bishop Sheen received a very public hug in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral from now Saint Pope John Paul II. The pontiff told him: “You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a loyal son of the Church.”

An estimated 50,000 people attended Bishop Sheen's recent beatification Mass at The Dome in St. Louis. Of these, 1000 were priests, including myself. The additional presence of Sisters, deacons, and seminarians was off-the-charts impressive, plus, of course, numerous cardinals and bishops. (Just to be clear, even though this was a St. Louis event, I am talking about religious cardinals and not members of a certain Major League Baseball team! Haha.)

The bottom line, friends, is that Catholicism in American remains vibrant and alive, full of joy and surprises and promise. This positive energy is reflected, too, around the globe wherever Pope Leo appears, including recently in France, with historic throngs gathered with him to praise *(continued in adjacent column)*

From Fr. David. Continued from Adjacent Column

the glory of God!

Sisters and Brothers, take pride in our glorious faith, including the recent beatification of Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, a son of Illinois, and a great advocate for any special prayer needs you may have. He is a strong prayerful friend to have on your side. He needs only one more miracle to be canonized a saint!

Socktober is Here!

How to Help Someone in Need in 2 Easy Steps:

Step # 1– Purchase a multi-pair package of new socks

Any size: men's, women's, children's, infants.

Any style: crew, over-the calf, no-show, ankle, compression, infant booties, etc.

Any color or brand: if you or your kids like them, someone else will too!

Step # 2 – Bring the unopened package (for size sorting) and place it in the box at the back of the church at OLOL and St. Elizabeth.

Alternative Option – Not a shopper? Look for colorful "PSR kid-crafted" envelopes in the pews (or write **SOCKS** on your own envelope), enclose a monetary donation, and drop it into the collection basket or bring to the parish office. Cash donations allow us to purchase additional socks or other needed undergarments for our local clothing charities: Lydia's Closet and Robinson Clothing Center Workshop.

We will accept new socks and monetary donations until Sunday, Oct. 25. The total number of socks collected will be announced at the PSR All Saints' Parade on Nov. 4. Thank you for supporting this clothing charity opportunity!

Thank you for your generous support of our Socktober ministry!



Prayer Campaign for Life, October 14

The Prayer Campaign for Life started on September 23 and ends November 7, 2026. St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes will have a joint Day of Prayer/Adoration on Wednesday, October 14. Our day starts with Mass at 10am. Adoration follows, continuing until 3pm, “The Hour of Mercy.” There is, as always, a great need for prayer for an end to abortion, and now with the problems of physician-assisted suicide. The sign-up chart for Oct. 14 will be on the countertop as one enters the St. Elizabeth Church. At least two (2) individuals should be present at all times during Adoration. Please join us this year! Take a time-slot or two. The sacred cause of Life is foundational! May God bless you!

Daily Mass Scriptures

Monday, October 5, 2026

(St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin)

Ephesians 3:14-19 / Matthew 11:25-30

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Galatians 1:13-24 / Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

(Our Lady of the Rosary)

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 / Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Galatians 3:1-5 / Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 9, 2026

Galatians 3:7-14 / Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Galatians 3:22-29 / Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 11, 2026

(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading I - Isaiah 25:6-10

Reading II - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

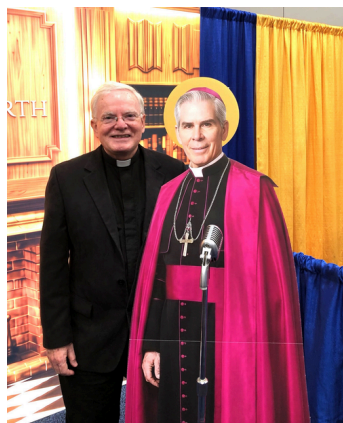
Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

Seen Out-and-About!

I couldn't resist posing with this cardboard life-size figure of now-Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen at his recent Beatification in St. Louis. I felt privileged to witness this outpouring of Catholic spirit--50,000 people!--and to add my own humble prayers there for our two parishes.

The other picture was shot at a recent tennis match involving the RHS and Newton teams, including our own Ali Schmidt, an RHS freshman showing tremendous potential and wonderful sportsmanship. May the photo represent ALL our athletes, and our pride in their hard work and dedication in the Lord!

Father David



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth—Week Ending September 20, 2026

Weekly Envelopes: \$1910.00 / Loose Cash: \$1307.42

Building Fund: \$70.00 / PushPay Online: \$364.84

Church in Africa: \$10.00

Total: \$3662.26

LOL-Week Ending September 20, 2026

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 740.00/ Loose Cash: \$ 71.00

Church in Africa: \$ 10.00 / Building Fund: \$ 5.00

Tax Exempt Deposit: \$4.69

Total: \$ 830.69

Prayer List

Gerry Andert	Diane Baker
Ron Bangert	Anne Batzloff
Joel Beatty	Tony Bierman
Paul Berger	Kathy Blaha
Annie Calvert	Glenna Camden
Sara Casburn	Scott Chapman
Dave Cooper	Rita Dallmier
Richard Day	Susan Dick
Wayne Dix	Geri Ezell
Eileen Fabris	Caleb Federspiel
Michelle Hall	Mike Harbor
Edward K. Hartrich	Elaine Hasty
Tim Hinterscher	Fred Hott
Jerry Houser	Genie Huss-White
Gregor Johnson	Jerry Johnson
Ralph Mellecker	Jeff Monroney
Greg Mossman	Koert Mehler
Geri McMillen	Jocelyn Ramsey
Margo Riker	Bart Robbins
Camilo Rodriguez	Luis F. Rodriguez
Michelle Rollins	Barb Ross
Hailey Ryan	Jennifer Sadler
Fr. Suresh & his family	
Perpetua Senglaub	Cindy Sherman
Elijah Shick	Rodney Smith
Kathy Staller	Cindy Stanley
Linda Stewart	Eric Slover
Mike Tracy	Otie Tuttle
Nancy Weason	Janet Wagner-Mitchell
Celeste White	Tammy Wilkins
Ann Williams	Chary Wilson
Kathy Wojkovich	Linnie York

All in the Armed Forces, and all our First Responders

Quote of the Week

I was created on purpose and for a purpose.
"We are God's masterpiece, created...to do good things."
Ephesians 2:10

Sometimes folks have good reasons for leaving Mass early—including medical situations involving loved ones, or pressing travel schedules, like having commuter connections to make. Other times, though, they have no good reason for leaving early at all. To leave early “just because” is an insult to God, Whom most of us have just received minutes before in the Eucharist. We should want to remain in church a few minutes to sing His praises, and to offer our heartfelt gratitude. Remember: Eucharist means Thanksgiving!

Leaving Mass Early

Thanks for Giving

Our savings are going down. Costs mount for parish maintenance in an array of areas. Please know of our deep appreciation of your financial support, including those of you considering the parishes in your wills and other financial instruments. God is never outdone in generosity, and sees every act of giving, especially that which benefits Holy Mother Church. We in leadership try to be very prudent and frugal with your hard-earned contributions. Still, our costs are always going up and our need remains genuine. The protracted hot weather has particularly hit us hard with hefty utility bills. Thanks, and May God Bless You!!