



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, September 20, 2026 25th 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**

**"Thus, the last will be first,
and the first will be last".**

– Matthew 20:16



Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Sept. 19	4:30pm	Consuelo Medina by Theresa Zamora
Sun. Sept. 20	7:15am	Chris Hartrich by Eileen Hartrich
	9:00am	Angelita Seamon by OLOL Ladies
OLOL	10:45am	Ana Iovanac by Suzanne Dart
Mon. Sept. 21		NO Mass
Tue. Sept. 22	Noon	Communion Service
Wed. Sept. 23	11:00am	No Mass - Fr David away
Thur. Sept. 24	Noon	Communion Service
Fri. Sept. 25	Noon	No Mass
Sat. Sept. 26	4:30pm	Edmond and Barbara Halter by Steve and Janet Jenkins
Sun. Sept. 27	7:15am	Mary O'Dell by Patti and Keith Buercklin
OLOL	9:00am	Dave Miller by Karen and Chuck Bailey
	10:45am	Keith Paul Hartrich by Eileen Hartrich

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

September 27, 2026, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat., September 26, 2026, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Mary Ann Ryan

USHERS: Mark and Cindy Grimm

COMMUNION MINISTER: Celeste White

SERVER: Aleigha Mullins

GIFT BEARERS: Mark and Cindy Grimm

Sun., September 27, 2026, 7:15am

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Jim and Shari Eckert

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

SERVERS: Natalie and Naomi Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Jim and Shari Eckert

Sun., September 27, 2026, 9:00am OLOL

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS & GIFT BEARER: Ethel Dhom and Carol Zellars

COMMUNION MINISTER: Bob Coffman

SERVER: Kwyn Goebel

Sun., September 27, 2026, 10:45am

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Ken Deters and Keith Buercklin

COMMUNION MINISTER: Eileen Hartrich

SERVER: Brady York

GIFT BEARERS: Ken Deters and Keith Buercklin

PSR

Our next PSR class will be on Wednesday evening September 16th, at the parish hall from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Our next PSR fellowship dinner before class will be on October 7th. The CCW ladies will be serving pulled pork—More info to come in the next few weeks.

OCIA

Our next OCIA class will meet on Tuesday evening, September 22 at 6:00 to 7:30pm at the parish hall in St. Elizabeth. The class has just started, so come out and join us! Whether you are new to Catholicism and would like to join or just wanting a refresher class. All are welcome!

SOCKTOBER

Coming Soon!

SOCKTOBER is a wonderful opportunity to help adults and children in need. It's simple: buy multipacks of new socks and place the unopened packages in the collection box at the back of the church. All donations go to local clothing charities for distribution. Will you "share a pair" this fall?

OLOL – N.O.W. Donation

The Nutrition on Weekend (N.O.W.) initiative has expanded considerably since its inception. Availability of grant \$ and expanding need have afforded the individual school districts to improve care of their students. In Oblong, the school district still welcomes Our Lady of Lourdes gift of 100 jars of Peanut butter and jelly for their program. A collection basket will be available in OLOL until the end of the month for this cost. Thank you!

Our Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Carol Watts and Jane Howard on the passing of their brother Larry Mette. He passed at the age of 78 on September 11, 2026 at his home in Georgia. He will be greatly missed by his family. May he rest in perfect peace with our heavenly Father.



Daily Mass Scriptures

Monday, September 21, 2026

(St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 / Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

(Saint Pius of Pietrelcina)

Proverbs 30:5-9 / Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 / Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 25, 2026

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 / Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Ecclesiastes 11:9--12:8 / Luke 9:43-45

Sunday, September 27, 2026

(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading I - Ezekiel 18:25-28

Reading II - Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

Support the Solidarity Fund for The Church in Africa

This weekend our parishes will take-up a collection to support The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. As the Church in Africa grows, its need for pastoral leaders increases. The Solidarity Fund supports Pastoral projects that build the Church there, and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

5K Your Way!

Come Join us on October 3, 2026 at the Crawford County Forest Preserve for the 4th annual **5K Your Way!** The participant will have a choice to run or walk the 5K on a paved walking path or a dirt trail system. There will also be an age 10 and under Kids Fun Run which starts at 8:00AM. The 5K starts at 8:15AM. You need to get your signup in so we can guarantee t-shirts! Sign up online at runsignup.com. Follow all the race updates on 5K Your Way Facebook page.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

It's time again for the annual K of C Tootsie Roll Drive **this weekend** for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. We had a great response the last two years and hope to top the amount of money collected. All donations collected by the ST. E. and OLOL Knights will stay in Crawford County. Both Robinson and Oblong school districts benefitted from funds collected the past two years.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth—Week Ending September 13, 2026

Weekly Envelopes: \$1590.00 / Loose Cash: \$428.00

Building Fund: \$45.00 / PushPay Online: \$262.64

Catholic University of America: \$40.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: \$5.00

QCD: \$1000.00 / Total: \$3,108.00

OLOL-Week Ending September 13, 2026

Weekly Envelopes: \$590.00 / Loose Cash: \$146.00

Building fund: \$60.00 / E. Smith Food Pantry: \$65.07

Building Fund: \$60.00 / Total: \$861.07

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

"For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you".

- Isaiah 41:13

Lifting Our Hearts to Heaven

"Amazing." "Astounding." "Deeply moving." "Spiritually uplifting." These are among the superlatives describing Regina Villafuerte's rendition last Sunday of "The Ave Maria." The excellent turnout at the 10:45 Mass had many hearts lifted toward Heaven as she sang after Communion. We are so grateful to Regina, of nearby Effingham, for gracing us with her stellar musical gifts in the Lord. The music director for St. Anthony's the past seven years, Regina returns on Monday to her beloved Mexico, where reside her dear parents and her sister Maria. May Our Blessed Mother smile on you, Regina, in your travels! You will be missed.



Leaving Mass Early

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!

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!!

From Father David

The signs are still rather subtle, but they are increasingly there—the **popping-out** colors of fall! I have watched it on several trees in Washington Park, including a new sugar maple sapling with reddish-pink hues. The colors of the leaves shout their "Last Hurrah." Before these leaves make their exit, God is allowing them one final moment of glory to shine.

He is a Master of timing. In our own lives we realize the transitions of aging. We lose the gifts of youth—the energy and strength and outer appearances—but we gain the perspectives of advancing toward our eternal destiny. This is all God's design, and we must accept it with a cooperative spirit and with trust.

We have spoken before in this column about nature cycles. The changing seasons have so much to teach us about our own lives and the lives of people we love. Spring becomes summer. Summer becomes fall. Fall becomes winter. And then it starts all over again. Each season has its lessons to teach, and always there's the hope of a fresh new beginning eventually.

Who can deny, for example, the glories of spring, with its fresh start after winter's dryness and cold? Who can deny spring's refreshing fragrances, and its promise of fullness to come? As I think of elderly loved ones I have lost, I think of them now in the springtime of eternal life, forever vibrant, forever young. But they first, by God's mysterious design, had to experience the inevitable process of some decline and diminishment.

Some of us are already experiencing the subtle signs of that slow decline ourselves, but we know spring again awaits! What a comfort is our faith! Through life's changing seasons, let us embrace each day with joy and trust. May hope in eternal Resurrected joy sing in our hearts!

