

**Serving St. Elizabeth Church &  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Sunday, February 22, 2026  
1st Sunday of Lent**



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Pastor

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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  
11:30am 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**

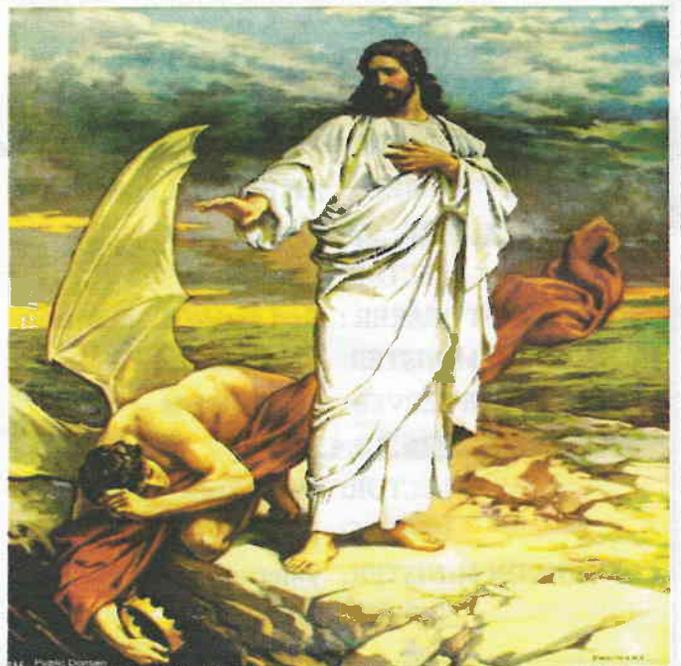
If you are considering marriage,  
please contact the Parish Office no  
later than 6 months prior to the  
proposed wedding date, and the  
diocesan and parish guidelines  
will be explained.

**Sacrament of Penance**

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

**"It is written: "The Lord, your God,  
shall you worship and Him alone shall  
you serve."**

**Matthew 4:10**



## Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Feb. 21	4:30pm	Ken Watts by Carol and Jack Watts
Sun. Feb. 22	7:15am	JoAnn Shepherd by Mary Beth and Preston Reilly
<b>LOLO</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Val Pescatore by Kaye Pescatore
	10:45am	Chas and Judy Eckert by Carol Ryan
Mon. Feb. 23		NO Mass
Tue. Feb. 24	Noon	Memorial for Douglas Skaggs
<b>Wed. Feb. 25</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	Ken Watts by Jane and George Bohman
Thur. Feb. 26	Noon	Paul Tebbe by Ken and Carol Bergbower
Fri. Feb. 27	Noon	Chuck Adams by Patti and Keith Buercklin
Sat. Feb. 28	4:30pm	Rosemary Bergbower by Ken and Carol Bergbower
Sun. March 1	7:15am	Jack Stanley by Randy and Rose Ann Negrey
<b>LOLO</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Jim and Nancy Ping
	10:45am	Jasmine Howard by George and Jane Bohman

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### March 1, 2026, 2nd Sunday of Lent

#### Sat., Feb. 28, 2026, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Robb Sparks

USHERS: Mark and Cindy Grimm

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Hill

SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins

GIFT BEARERS: Mark and Cindy Grimm

#### Sun., March 1, 2026, 7:15am

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Jeff Rich and Travis Rich

COMMUNION MINISTER: Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Nathaniel and Naomi Arkernberg

GIFT BEARERS: Jeff Rich and Travis Rich

#### Sun., March 1, 2026, 9:00am OLOL

LECTOR: Chris Keller

USHERS & GIFT BEARER: Rod and Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MINISTER: Keith Matson

ALTAR SERVER: Abigail Davis

#### Sun., March 1, 2026, 10:45am

LECTOR: Missy York

USHERS: Joel and Cody York

COMMUNION MINISTER: Valerie Chapman

SERVER: Brady York

## PSR and Parish Reconciliation

Next fellowship dinner for PSR students and families will be March 4th with delicious alfredo chicken pasta, homemade garlic bread, fresh veggies, and peaches. As for class, please have your child on time since it passes so quickly.

**Our Lenten Penance Service is Tuesday, March 10, starting at 5:30PM at St. E.** Three priests will be on hand. This is great Easter preparation!

## Fish Fry News

The fish fries are coming! The fish fries are coming! We need volunteers! If you are new to the church, or want greater involvement, now is your chance to jump-in and make a difference! Call Rhonda Stone (618-553-2335) to join this popular local Lenten tradition. These fries are the church's biggest fundraiser to support our operation and goals.

The fry dates are the first three Fridays in March—**March 6th, 13th and the 20th.**

Meals are served from 4pm to 7pm. Adult meals are \$15.00. Kids meals (ages 10 and under) are \$7.00. Please mark your calendars now, help us promote the fries, pray for good weather, and consider the fun of volunteering!

## Men's Group Mass

Fr. David will celebrate a Men's Group Mass on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00pm. **All men of BOTH parishes** are warmly welcome to attend, and encouraged to invite other men. The evening will continue with refreshments in the St. Elizabeth parish hall.

## Lenten Sacrifices

Giving up something desired for Lent can be powerful, and is a centuries-old tradition rich in grace. We commend this "offering up" approach, which helps one focus on humility and contrition. With each longing for that desired "given up" item or activity, he or she is reminded of Lenten goals.

Other forms of Lenten sacrifice involve a more "active," or "service-minded" approach, such as rendering assistance to someone in need—perhaps someone who is lonely. (Giving up chocolate can be easier—especially if one wants to lose a few pounds!—but reaching out to someone who would benefit from our time is Christian charity in action. This becomes what is often called "the gift of presence." So many people long to feel appreciated and less invisible!)

## Watch Your Step!



Please remain mindful of dog feces on the north lawn, primarily between the sidewalk and the curb. These feces have even been found inside the church, unknowingly tracked-in.

Father spent a lot of time clearing the lawn Wednesday—A big grocery bag brimming full resulted!—only to have more pungent piles discovered the next morning.

We are confident the dog is large and walked on a leash. Our church is The House of God. This beloved structure and its grounds are sacred, worthy of great respect. Who would allow their large pet to repeatedly defecate next to a neighborhood church?

Both City and County law enforcement are assisting in this matter.

## Parish Office Position Update

Interest has increased in the parish office job opening (which you have read about in recent bulletins). Thank you for your prayers. Keep them up please. They are helping!

We are open to a full-time person, or our current arrangement of two part-timers. Our dedicated caring Patti is open to staying on if needed (as we prepare to say goodbye to Kandle Dart, who has been a gracious valued member of our team).

The new likely hourly wage is quite good, and jumps more than eleven percent after one year. The pleasant office environment assists the parish mission and its Godly goals. Office hours are 8 - 4 Tuesday thru Thursday, and 8 - noon Monday and Friday, with paid lunch hours and holidays, We welcome all applicants warmly—young and not-so-young, “newsters” and folks perhaps returning to the workforce after many years.



## From Father David

We recently bid goodbye to Ralph Worman, former postmaster, and former catechism instructor at St. Elizabeth. Raised in Effingham, Ralph and his Paula and their family settled in Robinson with his work.

A U.S. Army veteran and a Knight of Columbus, Ralph cherished his country and his faith.

He was a resident in recent years at Oblong's Ridgeview facility, where he greeted visitors with great warmth and cheerfulness, especially if they were bringing him the Eucharist!

A victim of Macular Degeneration in his younger years, Ralph eventually went blind for his last couple decades. Rather than grow bitter about his visual disability, Ralph offered it prayerfully to God, and got on with life as best he could.

When he was able, he vigorously peddled an exercise bike multiple times a day, listened to sports broadcasts (Cardinals, Bears, and Fighting Illini Basketball), enjoyed books-on-tape, reached out to family and friends, and relished quiet time in prayer. He loved his Catholic faith with a passion, and became friends with local priests—who, like myself, were touched by his grit and courage, his sunny outlook, and his undeniable faith.

Ralph “raised the bar” quite high in the Catholic notion of “offering up” suffering for the redemption of souls. We pray that now he is “a new creation” freed from the health struggles he endured with such grace for so long, and that he is again able to behold the majestic wonders of God's handiwork in nature.

May we pray for the repose of Ralph's kindly soul and the comfort of his grieving family. May we strive to follow his example of stoic strength based on God's infinite power. When we are sick, or weak, or feeling vulnerable, may we lean on Our Savior who is All-Powerful and “Love Itself.”



## Daily Mass Scriptures

### Monday, February 23, 2026

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

### Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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

### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

### Thursday, February 26, 2026

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-15 / Matthew 7:7-12

### Friday, February 27, 2026

Ezekiel 18:21-128 / Matthew 5:20-26

### Saturday, February 28, 2025

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

### Sunday, March 1, 2026

#### (Second Sunday of Lent)

Reading I - Genesis 12:1-4

Reading II - 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

## Lenten Book Study

Come and join us in reading and learning about spiritual wisdom and practical insights that can help us come to know both Jesus and ourselves in a new way.

**Matthew Kelly's book—Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation** is a thought-provoking aid in seeking answers to our pressing needs in today's culture.

We will be meeting only 2 times during Lent to discuss:

**February 26, 2026** (First Half of the Book)  
and **March 26, 2026** (Second Half of the Book)  
**6:30 - 7:30 pm** at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

There is **no cost** to join this book study. Stop by the parish office and pick up your copy today.

## Catholic Charities, Collection Next Week

Catholic Charities brings relief and provides advocacy for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day throughout our 28 counties in the 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. During the **weekend of February 28-March 1**, we are being asked to support Catholic Charities as they carry out their mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need, by supporting the annual collection for Catholic Charities throughout our diocese. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities to ensure God's love and mercy is extended to all of his children.

## Weekly Offerings

### **St. Elizabeth—Week Ending 2-15-26**

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 1070.00 / Loose Cash: \$ 356.00

PushPay Online: \$ 512.64 / CCW Dues \$ 35.00

Building Fund: \$ 25.00 / Catholic Times: \$ 30.00

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

Church in Latin America (Late): \$ 5.00

Church in Central and Eastern Europe (early): \$ 20.00

Qualified charitable Distribution (QCD): \$1000.00

Starter Set: \$ 30.00 / Total: \$ 3123.64

### **Our Lady of Lourdes—Week Ending 2-15-26**

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 715.00 / Loose Cash: \$ 73.00

Building fund: \$ 10.00 / Votive Candles: \$ 20.00

Food Pantry: \$ 65.00 / Total: \$ 883.00

## Prayer List

Gerry Andert	Fr. Steve Arisman
Diane Baker	Anne Batzloff
Howard Beagles	Tony Bierman
Paul Berger	Kathy Blaha
Mark Brown	Megan Burton
Annie Calvert	Sara Casburn
Scott Chapman	Nancy Conrad
Dave Cooper	Rita Dallmier
Wayne Dix	Kristen Eagleson
Eileen Fabris	Harold Goeckner
Michelle Hall	Edward K. Hartrich
Elaine Hasty	Tim Hinterscher
Jerry Houser	(Genie) Huss-White
Gregor Johnson	Marcia Lawhead
Hailey Ryan	Ralph Mellecker
Jeff Monroney	Greg Mossman
Carol Marshall	Koert Mehler
Larry Mette	Geri McMillen
Janet Mueller	Jocelyn Ramsey
Ellen Rees	Margo Riker
Camilo Rodriguez	Luis F. Rodriguez
Hailey Ryan	Jennifer Sadler
Fr. Suresh & his family	Fr. Carl Schrage
Perpetua Senglaub	Elijah Shick
Kathy Staller	Linda Stewart
Mike Tracy	Chary Wilson
Kathy Wojkovich	Linnie York

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

## Quote of the Week

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen."

—Henri Nouwen