



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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

"For unto us a Child is born,  
unto us a Son is given...and  
His name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor."

Isaiah 9:6



## Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Dec. 20	4:30pm	Special Intention of Carol Reinoehl by Marian Hatfield
Sun. Dec. 21	7:15am	Chuck Reinoehl by Jona and Mike Uptmor
<b>LOLO</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Fr. Walter Deppisch by Sharon Skaggs
	10:45am	Lydia Foster by Jacob and Abigail Foster
Mon. Dec. 22		NO Mass
Tue. Dec. 23	Noon	NO Mass—Fr. called away
Wed. Dec. 24	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>NO 11:00am Mass or Adoration</b> <b>LOLO</b> —Deceased Parents of Keith and Rita Wirey
	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth</b> —Howard and MaryAnn Beagles by Fr. David
Thur. Dec.25	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth</b> —Edith Stein by George and Jane Bohman
Fri. Dec. 26		NO Mass
Sat. Dec. 27	4:30pm	Ken Watts by Bryan Watts
Sun. Dec. 28	7:15am	Bob Bowen by Kaye and Dave Holscher
<b>LOLO</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Sharon Coffman by Lynne and Terry Roche
	10:45am	Harold and Betty Veach by David and Jeannie Veach

## Christmas Eve Through Sunday Dec. 28, Masses

Christmas Eve Masses; Wednesday, December 24  
Our Lady of Lourdes: 4:30pm  
St. Elizabeth: 8:00pm (choir starts at 7:40pm)  
Christmas Day Mass; Thursday, December 25  
St. Elizabeth: 8:00am  
There will be NO Mass on Friday, December 26  
There will be NO Confessions Saturday December 27;  
however there WILL BE a 4:30pm weekend vigil Mass  
Masses on Sunday, December 28 will be at the usual times—St. Elizabeth 7:15am and 10:45am, and LOLO at 9:00am.

## Men's Group News

The Men's Group will take a break until after the holidays. Their meetings and studies will continue on Tuesday, January 6th, 2025.

## Parishioner Needs Christmas Cheer

Longtime faithful St. E. parishioner, Ellen Rees, is recuperating from health issues in Indianapolis. We are sure she would appreciate well wishes and Christmas cheer if you care to send a card. May God bless you for your consideration.  
Ellen Rees  
c/o Rosegate Rehabilitation Center, Room 200  
7510 Rosegate Drive,  
Indianapolis, IN 46237

## PSR News & Youth Group News

Our next **PSR for K-8th grade** is Wednesday, January 7 at the Parish Center at 6:30pm, the first class of the new year. We will be having our January PSR family fellowship night that first night back as well. The meal will be: Mini pigs in a blanket, Mac and cheese, and warm apple dumplings!

14 students of the **Middle School and High School Youth groups** met on Sunday evening for a Christmas celebration of pizza, fellowship, nativity story telling, and a gift exchange. (Our sugar-and-prayer fortune cookies were a big hit at The Civic Center Holiday Festival).



## OCIA News

OCIA is off to a great start! Join us. Watch upcoming bulletins and parish webpage for scheduling.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### December 28, 2025, 4th Sunday of Advent

#### Sat., Dec. 27, 2025, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Ryan

USHERS: Ken and Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MINISTER: Susan Goodwine

SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins

GIFT BEARERS: Ken and Carol Bergbower

#### Sun., Dec. 28, 2025, 7:15am

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Dave Holscher and Jim Jaeger

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

SERVERS: Natalie and Naomi Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Dave Holscher and Jim Jaeger

#### Sun., Dec. 28, 2025, 9:00am LOLO

LECTOR: Stacia Matson

USHERS & GIFT BEARER : Don Schmidt and Karmyn Coffman

COMMUNION MINISTER: Rita Wirey

ALTAR SERVER: Abigail Davis

#### Sun., Dec. 28, 2025, 10:45am

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: David and Jeannie Veach

COMMUNION MINISTER: Valerie Chapman

SERVER: Ali Meyers and Lucy Mosbey

GIFTBEARERS: David and Jeannie Veach



## Dual-Parish Christmas Party, December 7th, 2025

More pictures from our GREAT Christmas party this year.



## Retirement Fund for Religious - Thank You!

"Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, age 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts hundreds of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

## Christmas Liturgical Schedule

### **LOL 4:30pm Vigil Mass , December 24**

Lector: Anita Kocher  
Ushers and Gifts: Ethel Dhom and Carol Zellars  
Eucharistic Minister: Stacia Matson  
Server: Kwyn Goebel

### **St. Elizabeth 8:00 Vigil Mass, December 24**

Lector: Patti Buercklin  
Ushers and Gifts: Jim and Maria Morris  
Eucharistic Minister: Valerie Chapman  
Server: Naomi, Natalie, and Nathaniel Arkenberg

### **St. Elizabeth 8:00am Mass, December 25**

Lector: Missy York  
Ushers and Gifts: Dave Holscher and Jim Jaeger  
Eucharistic Minister: Shari Eckert  
Server: Brady York



## *From Fr. David*

Sisters and brothers, oh, how sad so many folks forget or minimize the religious meaning of Christmas! Even some church-goers, who believe in the sweet eternally-wondrous birth of our Savior, nonetheless get distracted by the busyness of the season—the commercialism, the gifts-shopping/purchasing, the meal preparations, the social aspects of holiday parties and gatherings. In all this, Baby Jesus can get lost in the shuffle!

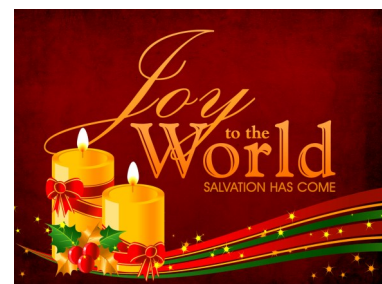
You know that great line: "May YOU be the change you hope to see in the world." May each of us pause this holy season to "step off the merry-go-round," to emphasize what really matters. May we not get washed away by the currents of cultural influences and unnecessary pressures, but rather keep the focus on that Blessed Babe of Bethlehem.

Do not be embarrassed to share The Christmas Story to family members, especially to the little ones. Honor, or begin, lovely traditions that "hit home" the season's true meaning. If you have a large Nativity Set in your home where the family gathers, make sure there is a prayer there shared by all. Maybe a little child could carry an iced cupcake to Baby Jesus as everyone sings the Happy Birthday song. Maybe there could be a brief sing-along of Christmas songs, including religious ones. Such actions make memories treasured far longer than those commercial gifts we buy.

Above all, please don't be embarrassed at family dinner to celebrate your faith, for fear someone present might be uncomfortable with the religiosity. If they are uncomfortable in celebrating the spiritual significance of the holiday then that is "on them," and something they may need to deal with on their own. Their discomfort shouldn't unduly impact the joy of others celebrating their cherished faith.

Almighty God coming to us as that vulnerable Babe to open up for us the gates of Paradise should be shouted from the rooftops! Let us proclaim with boldness our faith! Let us celebrate being Christians with joyful vigor!

A very Merry Christmas to you all and your families! This holy season may God bless us with His peace.



## Upcoming 2nd Collection, on Christmas Day— Letter from Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

December, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Children's Home has been protecting and caring for needy and dependent children since the 19th century. Although times have changed, their mission to serve as a "beacon of hope" for children in need has not. The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has been a safe harbor and a place to call home for thousands of children over the years.

Today, CCH continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic, and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. *"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3.* The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools, or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society.

The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879.

In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the **special Christmas collection**. *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)* May God fill your hearts with love, grace, and a spirit of giving during these blessed days of Advent and Christmas.

With every best wish and gratitude, I am

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

## St. Elizabeth Advent Project

Whether you bought a gift or two, helped sort, wrap, or deliver, or just assisted moving the gifts to the hall from the church, your help was greatly appreciated! We brightened Christmas Day with 168 gifts for 42 clients. (Robinson Rehab Center, Ridgeview Nursing Home in Oblong, and the Heritage Home in Hutsonville.) Merry Christmas everyone! (And thank you Kyndal Maxwell, for the great picture!) The wrapped gifts shown are just a fraction of the total!



## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth—Week Ending 12-14-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 6100.00/ Loose Cash: \$ 317.00  
PushPay: \$ 360.44  
Immaculate Conception: \$ 20.00  
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$ 1961.00  
Qualified Charitable Distribution: \$ 1000.00  
Total: \$ 9758.44

### Our Lady of Lourdes—Week Ending 12-14-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 520.00/ Loose Cash: \$ 216.00  
Immaculate Conception: \$ 50.00  
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$ 173.00  
Total: \$ 959.00

## Prayer List

Fr. Steve Arisman	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
Kristen Eagleson	Eileen Fabris
Harold Goeckner	Micah Jude Gray
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
Henry Miles	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	Linda Stewart
Mike Tracy	Chary Wilson
Kathy Wojkovich	Ralph Worman
	Linnie York

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

## Quote of the Week

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you".



Anonymous