



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Sunday, December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

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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

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight His paths:
All flesh shall see the
salvation of God.

-Luke 3:4,6



Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Dec. 6	4:30pm	Joann Shepherd by MaryBeth and Preston Reilly
OLOL	7:15am	Donald and Wilsie Roche by Terry and Lynne Roche
	9:00am	Helen and Roger Fabris by Kaye Pescatore
	10:45am	Francis Medina by Maria and Rito Medina
	Mon. Dec. 8 Noon 6:00pm	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day) Tom Eden by Jona and Mike Uptmor Rosemary Bergbower by Ken and Carol Bergbower Randy Hatten by Terry and Lynne Roche
Tue. Dec. 9	Noon	Karen Sanders by Lynne and Mike Uptmor
Wed. Dec. 10	11:00a.m.	No Mass <u>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation) Keith Buercklin by Patti Buercklin
Thur. Dec. 11	Noon	
Fri. Dec. 12	Noon	
Sat. Dec. 13	4:30pm	Greg Bohman and Edna O'Dell By George and Jane Bohman
Sun. Dec. 14 OLOL	7:15am 9:00am 10:45am	Joann Shepherd by Marybeth and Preston Reilly Val Pescatore by Kaye Pescatore Ken Watts by Carol Wong

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 14, 2025, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec. 13, 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. 14, 2025, 7:15am

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Eric Mosbey and Family

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

SERVERS: Naomi and Natalie Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Eric Mosbey and Family

Sun., Dec. 14, 2025, 9:00am OLOL

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS & GIFT BEARER: Jerry and Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MINISTER: Keith Wirey

ALTAR SERVER: Karmyn Coffman

Sun., Dec. 14, 2025, 10:45am

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Keith Buercklin and Ken Deters

COMMUNION MINISTER: Valerie Chapman

SERVER: Brady York

GIFTBEARERS: Keith Buercklin and Ken Deters

PSR News & Youth Group News

Our next **PSR for K-8th grade** is Wednesday, December 10 at the Parish Center, 6:30 pm.

The **Middle School and High School Youth Groups** will have a joint Christmas meeting and celebration on Sunday, December 14 from 6:00 to 7:45pm. We will have pizza together, read accounts of The Nativity from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, do a service activity, and play a fun game. Attendees are asked to bring an inexpensive (\$5 or so) gift for the game. Extra gifts will be provided for anyone who forgets or is unable to bring one so that everyone can participate. The youth of our parish are wonderful!

OCIA News

OCIA is off to a great start. The next meetings are set for December 9th and 16th at 6:30pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes Advent Project

For those contributing a gift to this project—please have it returned to the OLOL parish hall **on or before December 14th**. Thank you for helping the CILA facility in Oblong.

St. Elizabeth Advent Project

If you have selected a tag from our Giving Tree, all you need to do is purchase the item on the tag, then **return the unwrapped item and tag** to the basket labeled *Advent Project* in the cry room of the church on any weekday, or at weekend Mass, between now and **December 14th**. (You may also turn-in your gifts at the parish hall office during regular weekday hours.)

Immaculate Conception Ministry Schedule Holy Day of Obligation

Noon, Monday, Dec. 8th - Immaculate Conception

Lector: Eileen Hartrich

Ushers: David and Jeanie Veach

Eucharistic Minister: Janet Jenkins

6:00pm, Monday Dec. 8th - Immaculate Conception

Lector: Dave Holscher

Ushers: Joel and Cody York

Eucharistic Minister: Susan Goodwine

Servers: Nathaniel and

Natalie Arkenberg

We Welcome Our Newest Parishioner

On Sunday, November 23, 2025 Layla Mae DuSablon was baptized into the Church! She is the beautiful daughter of Cole and Penny DuSablon. The family generally attend at Our Lady of Lourdes. We are delighted to have them! Welcome, Layla Mae!



Dual Parish Christmas Dinner

Our dual parish Christmas Dinner will be **this weekend** on December 7, at 5pm at the St. Elizabeth parish hall. Turkey, ham, noodles, stuffing, rolls and drinks will be provided. You may bring a favorite dessert or side dish to add to the menu. All you youngsters out there waiting on Christmas—you may want to be peeking out the windows carefully, going to bed early, and being nice to all as you just never know who might be showing up at the dinner!

St. Nicholas Came Early!

Saint Nicholas came early this year to fill the shoes of PSR kids last week!



2nd Collection, December 14, 2025

December, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2025 collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

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

Family Life Center

Family Life Center of Effingham and Newton, so strongly involved in Pro-Life and Family services, seeks items to be donated to their Amazon Wish Lists. For more information please check out these sites:

Effingham— <http://a.co/0voe2TK>
Newton— <https://a.co/jl7RKf4>

Men's Group News

The Crawford County Catholic Men's Group (3CMG) is now six months old. We came together to renew our commitment to being men of The Catholic Church, to increase our appreciation of the faith, and to form a closer bond between the men of the parish. We meet every-other Tuesday in the St. Elizabeth parish hall.

These meetings usually begin with snacks or a light meal and general conversation. After our social time we engage in a directed Bible study. This study is an open discussion and often leads to more wide-ranging discussions of current issues, serving the dual purpose of increasing our knowledge of the faith and building fellowship among our members.

We are also beginning to branch out and render service to the parish and the community. Some of us help at The Food Pantry and tackle minor projects around the church.

If you are interested, our last meeting of the year will be this Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00 pm and will involve either a pot of chili or Italian beef sandwiches made from venison. We are beginning a new great study topic: First Corinthians. After the break we will start again January 6, 2026.

Weekly Scripture

Monday, December 8, 2025

(Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Reading I - Genesis 3: 9-15, 20

Reading II - Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Gospel -Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

(Saint Juan Diego)

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30:12-14

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

(Our lady of Loreto)

Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Isaiah 41:13-20/Gospel, Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 12, 2025

(Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 / Gospel, Luke 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13, 2025

(Saint Lucy)

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Gospel, Matthew 17:9, 10-13

Sunday, December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading I - Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Reading II - James 5:7-10

Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth—Week Ending 11-30-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 2770.00 / Loose Cash: \$ 328.00
Push Pay: \$ 360.44 / Christmas Flowers: \$ 80.00
Campaign for Justice and Hope: \$ 550.00
Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD): \$1000.00
Total: \$ 5088.44

Our Lady of Lourdes—Week Ending 11-30-25

Weekly Envelopes: \$ 885.00 / Loose Cash: \$ 128.00
Campaign for Justice and Hope: \$ 147.00
Total: \$ 1160.00



Prayer List

Jessica Andruch	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	Angela Day
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	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

Oh, my Mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage.

—St. Bernadette Soubirous

French peasant girl to whom our Blessed Mother appeared in Lourdes, France. Canonized December 8, 1933 by Pope Pius XI.