

**Serving St. Elizabeth Church &
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Sunday, November 26th, 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**



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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:

8:00 -12:00 am ~ 1:00 - 4:00pm.

Friday: 8:00 am ~ 12:00 pm.

MASS is at St. Elizabeth

Monday: NO Mass

Tuesday: 12:00 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am

Thursday & Friday: 12:00 pm

(Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament is on Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 1 pm at St. Elizabeth.)



WEEKEND MASSES

St. Elizabeth

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 7:15 am & 10:45 am

Our Lady of Lourdes

First Friday Liturgy at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am

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.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite 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 Center for additional information.

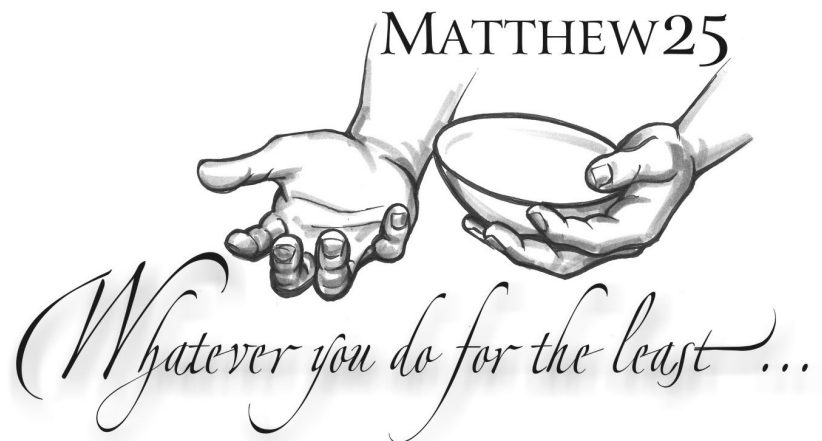
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

***Amen I say to you,
whatever you do for one
of the least of my brothers,
you do for me."***
MATTHEW 25:40





Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov. 25	4:30 pm 7:15 am	Kathy Watts by Ken Watts For All Parishioners by Fr. David
Sun. Nov. 26	9:00 am 10:45 am	Donnal Fitzmaurice by Sharon Fitzmaurice Family Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina
Mon. Nov. 27		No Mass
Tues. Nov. 28	Noon	Maxine Koontz by Geri & Steve Ezell
Wed. Nov. 29	11:00 am	Judy Eckert by Bob & Karla Birkofer
Thur. Nov. 30	Noon	Harry Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
Fri. Dec. 1	Noon	Joann Mette Daugherty By Judy Watson
LOLO	5:30pm	1st Friday Mass Donnal Fitzmaurice by Sharon FitzMaurice
Sat. Dec. 2	4:30 pm	Anthony O'Dell by George & Jane Bohman
Sun. Dec. 3	7:15 am 9:00 am 10:45 am	Megan Burton By Kaye & Dave Holscher Val Pescatory by Kay Pescatory Francis Medina By Rito & Maria Medina



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Sat. Dec. 2, 2023, 4:30 pm

LECTOR: Mary Ann Ryan

USHERS: Jack & Carol Watts

COMMUNION MIN: Celeste White

SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins

GIFT BEARERS: Don Biernbaum Family

Sun. Dec. 3, 2023, 7:15 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Keith Buercklin

USHERS & GIFTS: Eric Mosbey Family

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin

SERVERS: Nathaniel & Natalie Arkenberg

Sun. Dec. 3, 2023, 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Stacia Matson

USHERS & GIFTS: Rich & Anita Kocher

COMMUNION MIN: Keith Matson

SERVER: Karmyn Coffman

Sun. Dec. 3, 2023, 10:45 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Missy York

USHERS & GIFTS: Brady & Joel York

COMMUNION MIN: Valerie Chapman

SERVER: Kaleb Brady

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Some are generous only when it's convenient for them. Real generosity means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, and mercy when it's *not* convenient, and when it's *on the needy person's timeline*.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

The next PSR class will be November 29th. Advent Confessions for PSR Children ONLY, will be held on Dec. 6th & 13th. Confirmation and First Communion of the 3rd graders—and confirmation of two older students—will be at 10:45 am on Dec. 10th at St. Elizabeth with Bishop Paprocki presiding. Questions or comments? Please call Jenny Head at 618-544-7526.

Bishop Paprocki Masses

We are excited Bishop Paprocki has agreed, in addition to his other Masses in Robinson soon, to be celebrant at the Sunday, December 10th Mass in Ob-long. Please note that because he must get back to Robinson early to visit with the Confirmation-and-First-Communion children an hour before the 10:45 Mass, **the Our Lady of Lourdes Mass that weekend will be at 8:00 AM, and not at its usual 9 o'clock.** We hope that many LOLO parishioners might still want to join us at the bishop's big Mass at 10:45 at St. Elizabeth's. It is a great privilege to have the bishop with us, and we hope for great attendance please, and to support our children in these sacraments.

Also, everyone, please note because of many logistics associated with this full weekend, that includes a prison Mass, and a joint-councils meeting with the bishop, **there will be no 7:15 Mass on Sunday, December 10th.**

The Eucharist

For every Christian generation, the Eucharist is indispensable food that sustains us as we cross the desert of this world, dried by ideological and economic systems that do not promote life, but repress it—a world in which the logic of power and possession dominates, instead of the logic of service and love; a world in which the culture of violence and death often triumphs. Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts and asks to come in not just for one day, but forever." (Pope Benedict XVI, The Eucharist and Christ's Real Presence, Reprinted by permission of therealpresence.org)

Christmas Party

Christmas is fast approaching, and believe it or not, our parish Christmas Party is almost here: **Sunday December 3rd at 5:00 PM.** Meat, stuffing, and drinks are provided. Parishioners are asked to please bring a holiday favorite side dish or desserts, if they wish.

We've been hearing rumors around the Parish Hall that a jolly bearded older gentleman in a red suit has been peaking in the windows to see if Jenny and Patti are being naughty or nice! So we are guessing he may very well show up at the party!



All parishioners of our two parishes are warmly invited. Keep your ears and eyes open since someone may be watching you before and *after* the party!

Door prizes will be drawn, and entertainment provided.



Daily Readings

Monday November 27, 2023

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 / Gospel, Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday November 28, 2023

Daniel 2:31-45 / Gospel, Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday November 29, 2023

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

Gospel, Luke 21:12-19

Thursday November 30, 2023

Romans 10:9-18 / Gospel, Matthew 4:18-22

Friday December 1, 2023

Daniel 7:2-14 / Gospel, Luke 21:29-33

Saturday December, 2023

Daniel 7:15-27 / Gospel, Luke 21:34-36

Sunday November 26, 2023

Reading I—Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Reading II—1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46



From Father David

Sisters and Brothers, I spoke with a lady the other day who put her Christmas decorations up more than a week ago! Her home is full, she says, of colored lights, seasonal strung garland, festive ornamental trees, and much more, including a large tabletop Nativity set of The Holy Family, shepherds, and barnyard animals surrounding Baby Jesus in His manger. "I want our family to enjoy the blessings of Christmas for as long as we can," she said. "The season flies by so quickly! I really want us to have plenty of time as a family to enjoy Christmas this year! We keep our decorations up well into the new year!" Her face positively glowed as she described her excitement, and how much she loves celebrating Advent and Christmas. Note the contrast of this to Christmas trees thrown to the curb by some on the 26th of December, and families who hardly put up any decorations at all.

We are called to celebrate the anticipation of, and remembrance of, Almighty God Himself coming to us as that Blessed Babe of Bethlehem! This celebration starts and concludes *long before-and-after* Christmas!

The Church Herself gets into this spirit as She speaks of "the Octave of Christmas." Starting on Christmas and for the eight days which follow, the Church acts as if each of those days **is** Christmas itself, so unspeakably important is this glorious solemnity of our salvation! Won't you, too, consider getting more fully into the spirit of the season this year with your families? Children especially are "sponges" in soaking-up the excitement of grownups—especially their parents—when it comes to major holidays and preparations for them. I pray these little ones see the care with which you (parents and grandparents) place a Nativity/Manger set in your home, and then how you reverence it, and how you use it as a focus of prayer. Such behaviors represent a true "planting of seeds" for little ones in the faith!

Looking ahead, we have a lot of special celebrating of our own as the parishes of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes! We have our Christmas Party on December 3rd, and of course the bishop's arrival on December 9th and 10th. (This "parish visit" will include a special Mass for Confirmation and First Communion at 10:45 on the 10th, with a reception to follow in the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall **for members of both parishes**. I hope we greet Bishop Paprocki most warmly and make him feel very welcome, indeed! He will also preside at a prison Mass that weekend and hold a meeting with our collective parish councils.)

My thanks to all who are helping prepare, including the PSR teachers and parents; the musicians and those involved otherwise in the liturgies and gatherings; the cooks, and bakers, and decorators. There is "a lot going on," including with the rectory preparations for our guests—the bishop, and his Secretary/Master of Ceremonies, Fr. Dominic Rankin.

So, yes, we have a lot to celebrate in this very busy time. Yet I hope we don't get so busy and distracted that we fail to ponder, and rejoice in, the wondrous mystery of it all—these awe-inspiring seasons and mysteries of our faith!

I pray you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, as we look forward together to a holy and blessed Advent and Christmas!

St. Andrew the Apostle, Feast Day November 30th

Not much in detail is known about Andrew, but his influence is as deep as the nets he used for fishing! He was the brother of St. Peter, and introduced the future first-pope to Our Lord! For this reason, Andrew is hailed as one who motivates/facilitates others in finding Christ. (St. Andrew Dinners are the names of special gatherings where prospective seminarians are called to learn more about Jesus's possible call.)

Andrew was a fisherman about to cast his net when Jesus walked by. Our Lord would later say to him and Peter: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:18-20). They left their nets and followed Him.

In another account, the Gospel-writer John presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, the Baptist said "Behold, the Lamb of God". Andrew and Peter soon became followers. (John 1:38-39)

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes (John 6:8-9). This indicates the power of having a spirit of helpfulness, and the difference this can make, including when we share timely information and helpful facts.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras. Another strong legend is that he requested his crucifixion cross to be X-shaped since he deemed himself unworthy to be killed on a vertical cross similar to Our Lord's. But even if we don't know a great deal about St. Andrew, we know he was one of our Lord's closest chosen band of disciples; he obviously knew Jesus personally and very well. St. Andrew, please pray for us!



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth (Week ending Sunday, November 19, 2023)

Envelopes: \$ 1847.00 / Loose: \$ 657.34
Sister Parish India: \$ 295.00
All souls Day: \$ 10.00 / All Saints: \$ 10.00
Give Central: \$ 405.00 / Building Fund: \$ 10.00
World mission: \$ 10.00
Campaign for Justice and Hope: \$ 809.10
Total Deposit: \$ 4053.44

Our Lady of Lourdes (Week ending November 19, 2023)

Envelopes: \$ 662.00
Loose: \$ 126.00
Christmas flower: \$ 25.00
Campaign for Justice and Hope: \$ 55.00
Sister parish India: \$ 310.00
Total Deposit: \$ 1178.00

Prayer List

Chuck Adams Anne Batzloff
Joe Bayless Howard Beagles
Paul Berger Mike Brady
Megan Burton Randy Butcher
Ryan Calvert Annie Calvert
Scott Chapman John Collings
Suzanne Dart Bishop Benjamin Garland
Edward K. Hartrich Rodney Hatten
Eileen Fabris Sharon Fitzmaurice
Gary Griffith Donna Henry
Tim Hinterscher (Genie) Huss - White
Marcia Lawhead Huong Que Le
Carol Marshall Larry Mette
Debbie Nichols Sandy Martin
Anthony O'Dell Nancy Ping
Jocelyn Ramsey Margo Riker
Fr. Suresh & his family
Karen Sanders Judy Schiller
Linda Sikorski Amy Slover
Rodney Smith Linda Stewart
Vickie Waggoner Jeremy Warren
Nina Watts Chary Wilson
Dianne Wolverton Ralph Worman

All in the armed forces, and all our First Responders

Online Giving—Give Central

Give central is an online offering platform. Users can access this by the church website:

www.crawfordcountycatholics.net. One can easily choose the donation details wanted, and can always later easily revise their personal plan if desired.

Thank you to all who consider using this convenient and efficient service.