

Churches of St. Paul & St. Elizabeth

Pastor: Fr. Steve Hohman
Sunday, December 20, 2020

St. Paul Parish

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Confessions:

St. Paul

1st and 3rd Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Every Sunday: Not at this time

St. Elizabeth

2nd and 4th Saturday: 3:00- 4:00 PM

Every Wednesday: 5:00-5:45 PM

Baptisms

Those wishing to baptize their small children under the age of 7 should call the office to arrange for preparation classes. Ideally, you should call before the birth of the child. Baptisms will be held during regularly scheduled masses.

Marriages

Anyone interested in being married must call the office and begin preparation for this no less than 6 months before the desired wedding date. It is common for preparation to take 9-12 months.

Visits to the sick

If you know someone who is sick or homebound and needs someone to visit them, please contact the office, and we will arrange to have communion taken to them in their homes, nursing homes or the hospital. Visits to the sick are normally done on Sunday.

Anointing of the sick

If there is someone who is sick and needs anointing, please call the office. If this is an emergency, call Fr. Steve at 784-1520.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 19th – Sunday, December 27th

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Andy Willie Milliner +
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Parishioners
	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Tony Darst +
	10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth/Livestream	Christian Higdon +
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Elizabeth	Robert & Juanita Moore +
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth/Livestream	Hurley & Juanita Higdon +
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth	Terry Jagers +
	6:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth/Livestream	Robby Higdon +
	Midnight	St. Paul	Eugene & Georgetta Smith +
Friday	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Danny Clark +
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Sammy Clark +
	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Thelma Milliner +
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Fr. Lucian Hayden +
	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth/Livestream	Jeanne Grant +

Prayer List:

Mattie Baker, Carl Ball, Mary Bryant, Debbie Bush, Diana Carpenter, Margaret Cecil, Norbert Clark, Debbie Stone Clemons, Helen Rainey Clemons, Jeanetta Clemons, Mike Clemons, Paulette Clemons, Rick Clemons, Mike & Brenda Cabbage, Roger Cabbage, Tucker Dawson, Murvil Dennis, Chad Durbin, Tiffany Durbin, Angy Edwards, Evelyn Frakes, Dixie Franklin, Carla Given, Frank Gawarecki, Cindy Getz, Donnie Gore, David Grant, Gil Gutierrez, Jeff Hack, Jim Hibbard, Raymond Hill, Leslie Hook, Bob Horrell, Virginia Jackey, Otis & Nancy Larue, Ann & Richard Leonard, Patsy Lindsey, Gary Logsdon, Penny Manion, Jimmy Mattingly, Reiley Ann McQueen, Savanna Mercer, Emma Meredith, Javonika Meredith, Luke Meredith, Ruth Meredith, David Pawley, Mick Pirtle, Donna Probus, David Ralph, Michelle Robinson, Kim Saltsman, Mary Sue Seward, Dorothy Sidebottom, Mike Sims, David Skaggs, Charles Smith, Joey Stevenson, Carmon Warren, Steve Welch, Diane Whobrey, Floyd Wilaby

For those who are serving in the military: Isaac Clark, Ryan Clemons, Thomas Davis, Isaac DePoyster, Dan Leonard, Steven Lofgren, Kurt Meredith, Jacob Milliner, Kevin Mudd, Jonathan Neff, Seth Page, Kevin Payne, John Penny, Corey Pierce, Kyle Portman, Ben Smith, Hayden Sosh, Justin Spears, Sydney VanMetre, Shelby Winchester

SERVICE PROJECT THIS SUNDAY: We need a few good youth to help us THIS SUNDAY after mass at St. Elizabeth (11:45 or so) to help us to stuff Christmas stockings for Warm Blessings, a homeless shelter in Elizabethtown. This will take about 45 minutes. Covid protective measures will be enforced. This is a good chance to help out some homeless people during this Christmas season

Pastor's Corner

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020

GOD BECOMING HUMAN- A TOTALLY UNFATHOMABLE CONCEPT

I am not sure that a lot of people realize this idea: the Jews had been, for centuries, waiting for a MESSIAH. They were not waiting for GOD to come. Not only that, but there was some disagreement on what exactly that Messiah was going to be. Most felt that it would be a military leader that would help Israel rise up and drive out the Romans. But others felt that it would be a spiritual leader who would come and drive evil and sin out of the land of Israel. Still others felt that he would come to bring justice to the poor and the downtrodden. Meanwhile, there were some who had a political agenda in their waiting for the Messiah, and felt that the Messiah certainly would come and win the day for their special interest group.

Many had a feeling that this would be a return of one of the great prophets, who would come back from the dead. Since Elijah was taken up into Heaven in a chariot of fire, he would come back in the same way, many felt. Still others expected Isaiah, or Moses, or one of the other great Old Testament figures, to return and save Israel. Pretty much all of them expected that the Messiah was going to come specifically for Israel, and nobody else.

But they did not expect God himself to come. In the Muslim faith, Mohammed is not actually God. He is just a prophet (in their teachings the last and greatest prophet) who has come to spread the word of God, but he is not himself God. This is what the Jews were thinking when they expected the Messiah. The reason that they believed this is because it would be unthinkable for God to take on human form. God was on high, he was invisible, he was immortal. Nobody was allowed to look at God, or he would die (Moses was the exception to this). No image or representation of God himself was even allowed, nor is it allowed in the Jewish faith to this day.

That is why the concept of God coming down to Heaven, to allow people to touch him, see Him face to face, hear his words, and ultimately to eat his flesh and drink his blood was not a possibility in their thinking. Further, God is all powerful, so the idea of him being born as a fragile baby, and dying “helplessly” on the cross could not be possible.

But the birth of this tiny child, born not of any human man, shocked us all. Today we celebrate a birth that most would have never imagined happening. The great creator of the universe, who had no need to lower himself, gave us a greater gift than anyone had asked for. He gave us the gift of himself. Because our sin banned us from the garden, he came down from the garden to be with us, to unite the sinful earth with the sacred Heaven. He did not just send us a messenger, not just a representative, not just a symbol. He sent us God, in his second person. This holy night celebrates something that is far above and beyond anything that you will find under a tree.

ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: **\$2,334.00**
Needed for budget: **\$1,442.00**

Date: Thursday, December 24, 2020 -3:00 PM

Lector: Roberta

Servers: Rebecca & Lilly

Euch. Ministers: Sherri Ball

Date: Thursday, December 24, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Lector: Rich

Servers:

Euch. Ministers: Donna White

Date: Sunday, December 27, 2020

Lector: Laura

Servers: Chloe

Euch. Ministers: Allen

ST. PAUL LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: **\$ 2,749.00**
Needed for budget: **\$2,423.00**

Date: Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Midnight

Lector: Jeff Burkhead

Servers: Jarek & Jaden

Euch. Ministers: Angie Whitworth

Date: Friday, December 25, 2020 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Aaron Glenn

Servers:

Euch. Ministers: Dale Darst

Date: Saturday, December 26, 2020

Lector: Angie Whitworth

Euch Ministers: Barbara Tilford

Servers: Jaden Whitworth

Date: Sunday, December 27, 2020 (8:30)

Lector: Amanda Decker

Euch Ministers: Beverly King

Servers: John Morgan Pirtle

Special Collection This Weekend: St. Paul School

Special Diocesan Collection Christmas Day: Diocesan Good Works

Retired Religious Collection Amount: \$248.00 at St. Elizabeth; \$467.00 at St. Paul

Happy 89th Birthday to Margie Hazelwood on Friday, December 25th.

Congratulations to Griffen Horn, son of Michael and Ashley (Milliner) Horn, who was baptized into the church this past weekend.

SERVERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: We are still in need of servers for both 6 PM on Christmas Eve and 9 AM on Christmas morning. Please volunteer if possible.

SIGNUPS FOR MASSES NEEDED: Because of the extra 7 AM mass at St. Paul, we are in need of people to volunteer for ministries in music, lecturing, and Eucharistic minister. Please take time to sign up for these ministries in preparation for this.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, December 20 Advent Vespers and Holy Hour; St. Paul, 3:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation; St. Paul, 4:00 PM- until needed

Monday, December 21 Morning mass AT ST ELIZABETH; 8:00 AM
Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, Noon- 9:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation; St. Paul, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Tuesday, December 22 Virtual ODYC diocesan youth event; 7:30-8:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec 23 Sacrament of Reconciliation; St. Elizabeth; 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

Thursday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Christmas Eve Mass; St. Elizabeth; 3:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass; St. Elizabeth; 6:00 PM
Midnight Mass; St. Paul; Midnight

Friday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
Christmas Mass; St. Paul, 9:00 AM

Saturday, December 26 FEAST OF ST STEPHEN
Special Mass Time; St. Paul, 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 27 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

CCD FORMAT AMIDST REGULATIONS: Until further notice, we will continue to have CCD classes as a choice of either your kids being live or being on Google Meets. After this coming Sunday, St. Paul will have no classes until January 10th

DAILY GIVING DRIVE: On the tables at church you will find the daily Advent food drive schedule for the food pantry. Since the Harvest for the Heart was not able to be collected this year, we are encouraging parishioners to take part in this drive. Please bring your boxes of food at any time to church and leave it in the vestibule or the back of church at St. Elizabeth. Feel free to follow the list or bring any non-perishable food items.

MISSION TRIP TO EASTERN KENTUCKY: There will be a Mission trip to Eastern Tennessee at the end of February (exact date to be determined once a group is together). Literature, and a letter of intent, are available at the back of Church. Take time to consider whether this is something that the Lord is calling you to do. Even if this is a possibility, we ask that you fill this out.

GIFT CARDS FOR SERVERS AVAILABLE: Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, all altar servers will be given gift cards for Christmas. Servers are asked to see Fr. Steve about getting these cards.

GAS GIFT CARDS FOR SALE: We have several \$50 Shell gift cards to sell at St. Paul. If anyone would like to purchase one to help us out, we will be selling them after masses. Thank you.

COUNTY CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve: St. Elizabeth	3:00 PM	Christmas Day: St. Joseph	7:00 AM
St. Joseph	4:00 PM	St. Benedict	9:00 AM
St. Augustine	5:00 PM	St. Paul	9:00 AM
St. Elizabeth	6:00 PM	St. Joseph	11:00 AM
St. Anthony	8:00 PM		
St. Paul	Midnight		

COUNTY MASS TIMES FOR MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEARS)

New Year's Eve:	4:00 PM St. Joseph
	5:00 PM St. Augustine
	6:00 PM St. Elizabeth
New Year's Day:	7:00 AM St. Joseph
	9:00 AM St. Paul
	9:00 AM St. Anthony
	11:00 AM St. Joseph

300 CLUB TICKETS AVAILABLE: St. Paul School is selling 300 club tickets for the 2021 year. These are \$10 each. Anyone interested in buying them is asked to talk to a St. Paul School student, or contact the church or school office.

PORK DINNERS RETURN: We will once again be having a takeout/delivery pork chop dinner on Friday, January 8, from 4:30 to 6:30. Our famous dinner will include the pork chop, baked potato, slaw, beans and desert for only \$10. For pre-orders or to secure a delivery, call Amy Depoyster at 230-6817 Not later than 2 PM on Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 28	FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS
January 1	FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
January 4	Return to St. Paul School live classes
January 8	St. Paul School Pork Chop Dinner
January 10	CCD, St. Elizabeth, 11:30 PM
January 12	Joint Parish Council Meeting; St. Paul, 6:00
January 20	Senior Meal Delivery; St. Elizabeth, 4:00 PM

