Churches of St. Paul & St. Elizabeth

Pastor: Fr. Steve Hohman Sunday, December 27, 2020

St. Paul Parish

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St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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Confessions:

St. Paul

Baptisms

1st and 3rd Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM Every Sunday: Not at this time

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.

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.

St. Elizabeth

2nd and 4th Saturday: 3:00- 4:00 PM Every Wednesday: 5:00-5:45 PM

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.

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 26th Sunday January 2rd

Saturday, December 20 – Sunday, January 5			
Saturday	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 +
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Don & Nancy Rhodes +
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth/Livestream	Barry Higdon +
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth/Livestream	Jack Byrne +
Friday	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Ambrose&Thelma Milliner +
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Mildred Milliner +
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Parishioners
	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Debbie Odle +

Prayer List: Mattie Baker, Carl Ball, Mary Bryant, Debbie Bush, Diana Carpenter, Margaret

St. Elizabeth/Livestream

Robert Jackev +

10:30 a.m.

Cecil, Norbert Clark, Debbie Stone Clemons, Helen Rainey Clemons, Jeanetta Clemons, Mike Clemons, Paulette Clemons, Rick Clemons, Mike & Brenda Cubbage, Roger Cubbage, 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 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, Marsha Shewmaker, Dorothy Sidebottom, Lydia Sims, Mike Sims, David Skaggs, 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, John Quick, Ben Smith, Hayden Sosh, Justin Spears, Sydney VanMetre, Shelby Winchester Hayden Sosh,

St. Paul	St. Elizabeth
Myles Thomas- Chair	Roberta Adams- Chair
Sharon Cooper- Outreach/Service	Allen Clemons- Art and Environment
Lynda Crawford- School	Wes Dixon- Service and Outreach
Charlie Drake- Social	Bennie Sims- Liturgy and Faith
James Kingrey-Liturgy and Faith	Trensia Skaggs- School and CCD
Tim Lampton- Maintenance	Lindsey Smith- Secretary
Mary Smith- Youth	Charlie Stinson- Building and Grounds
Jim Winn-Finance	Adam Williams- Social Activities

Pastor's Corner

Feast of the Holy Family December 27, 2020

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS AND ITS HOLY DAYS

It is now that I typically START sending out Christmas gifts and cards, and I just at Christmas day/eve gave out my own gifts of Christmas fudge to everyone (reviews not necessary). The song "the twelve days of Christmas" points out that it is the SEASON of Christmas that is important, and not just Christmas day itself. It has been traditional for people to begin giving out presents on December 25, and to continue this for 12 days. This ties in with the Jewish Celebration of Hannukah in which there are nine nights of celebration, and not just one. The word "epiphany" essentially means a "revelation". This refers to the birth of the son being a "revelation to the Gentiles" that the son of God has been born. Epiphany was traditionally celebrated 12 days after Christmas Day, and has been referred to as a "Little Christmas." The revelation to the Jews took place the very night of Christmas, when the angel appeared to Jewish shepherds and told them of the good news. As for the revelation to the Gentiles, this came at a somewhat later date.

The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord represents the end of the Christmas Season. What does this have to do with Christmas? At times, it was believed that Jesus baptism took place on his 30th birthday. While this may not be true in reality, the event marks the end of the "infancy narratives" of the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Up to this point in the gospels, it talks about all of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Following these infancy accounts, there were the Silent Years, when pretty much nothing of Jesus life is discusses. It was the event of Jesus baptism, which marks the end of these silent years, when He burst on to the scene and showed who He really was, beginning his public ministry and his mission.

DISCONTINUATION OF WEDNESDAY LIVESTREAM MASSES

As of the end of the Christmas Season (January 10) we will no longer be livestreaming Wednesday evening masses. Livestreaming masses was started at a time when we were in full lock-down mode, and this was the only way to be able to take in mass. Now, we have opened masses for the public. We understand that certain people are still playing it cautious and not getting out into large crowds for masses. We continued Wednesday livesteams only, at St. Elizabeth where internet allowed this.

We are now discontinuing this. Weekday mass attendance is generally pretty small, and these masses still allows people more than enough distance from other people to be safe. We recognize that this is done by some of the most cautious among us, who are using the small weekday mass crowds to allow them to be at live mass. We encourage those who wish to be cautious to take advantage of one of the weekday masses to be at live mass, an alternative which is so much better, in so many ways, than catching it on a computer screen. It is time for most to transition to live mass as much as possible, and the current covidaltered church policy allows this weekday mass attendance in place of the larger Sunday crowds. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: <u>\$1,416.00</u>
Needed for budget: \$1,442.00

<u>Date</u>: Sunday, January 3, 2020

<u>Lector:</u> Ruch Wygant <u>Servers</u>: Alex Skaggs

Euch. Ministers: Alan Clemons

ST. PAUL LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: <u>\$ 2,749.00</u> Needed for budget: <u>\$ 2,423.00</u>

Lector: Norma Jean Witten **Lector:** Emily Drake

Euch Ministers: Jenny Powell **Euch Ministers:** Ruth Ann Thomas

Server: Jarek Whitworth Server: Hailey Lampton

7:00 AM Mass: - Lector: Sharon Cooper Eucharistic Minister: Dale Darst

Special Collection Next Weekend: Social Concerns at St. Elizabeth

St. Paul School Collection Amount: \$51.00 at St. Elizabeth; \$282.00 at St. Paul

Happy 45th Anniversary to Derek & Mary Ann Conder on Sunday, December 27th.

Happy 52nd Anniversary to Glenn & Patty Campbell on Monday, December 28th.

Happy 52nd Anniversary to Danny & Patsy Clemons on Monday, December 28th.

Happy 43rd Anniversary to Bill & Rita Allen on Friday, January 1st.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, December 27 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Monday, December 28 FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS

Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, Noon- 9PM

Virtual Christmas Camp; 7-9 PM

Tuesday, December 29 Virtual Christmas Camp; 7-9 PM Wednesday, Dec 30 Virtual Christmas Camp; 7-9 PM

Friday, January 1 FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, January 3 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

<u>CCD FORMAT AMIDST REGULATIONS</u>: 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

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.

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. There are still some tickets left to sell. 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. Anyone who still has tickets that have not been turned in, we ask that you turn in both the sold and unsold tickets as soon as possible.

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

January 4	Return to St. Paul School live classes
January 8	St. Paul School Pork Chop Dinner; 4:30-6:30
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

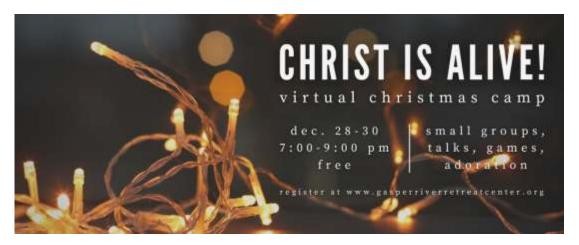
ST ELIZABETH CCD SCHEDULE FOR REST OF THE YEAR: In discussing with all of the parents and teachers, we have come up with a new schedule for CCD classes. This will continue to be at the same time, after 10:30 Mass. The days for CCD this spring are:

January 10 March 21 January 24 April 18 February 21 May 2

ANNOUNCING DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: We would like to announce that First Communion for both churches will be on May 9. Confirmation will be on May 16, also for both churches. Our plan is to have these at the normally scheduled mass times, however at this moment we are not sure how coronavirus restrictions will alter this plan. We will let you know as soon as possible about that situation.

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.

<u>VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAMP:</u> Below is an advertisement from the diocese. I highly recommend this, especially for our confirmation classes. Two years ago, we had a GREAT Comfirmation retreat at Gasper River. This may or may not be possible this year. We encourage them to do this, as it may be the closest thing we have.



Since we are unable to have an in-person Christmas Camp this year, we're taking it to Zoom! Join the Gasper River staff for 3 nights of games, talks, small group discussion, adoration (Gasper-style, of course!), and general camp craziness. We will dive into the topic "Christ is Alive!" and what it means to be young people on fire for the Resurrected Christ. Virtual Christmas Camp is for students in 8th-12th grades and is free of charge. Registration is open at http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/!

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement 270-259-3024, or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free 1-877-KYSAFE; 1-877-597-2332).

To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8350.

The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available at this parish in the parish office, in the school office, and also on the diocesan web site (https://owensborodiocese.org/safe)