

# Churches of St. Paul & St. Elizabeth

Pastor: Fr. Steve Hohman  
Sunday, January 3, 2021

## St. Paul Parish

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## Confessions:

### St. Paul

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Every Sunday: Not at this time

### St. Elizabeth

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Mildred Milliner +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Parishioners
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Debbie Odle +
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth/Livestream</b>	Robert Jackey +
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul (students only)</b>	Evelyn Mudd +
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth/Livestream</b>	Darrell Higdon +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Helen Gibson +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Stanley Pierce +
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Carmon Milliner Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Parishioners
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Danny Clark +
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth/Livestream</b>	Dale Higdon +

## Prayer List:

Mattie Baker, Carl Ball, Audrey Brangers, 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 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

### St. Paul

Myles Thomas- Chair  
Sharon Cooper- Outreach/Service  
Lynda Crawford- School  
Charlie Drake- Social  
James Kingrey-Liturgy and Faith  
Tim Lampton- Maintenance  
Mary Smith- Youth  
Jim Winn-Finance

### St. Elizabeth

Roberta Adams- Chair  
Allen Clemons- Art and Environment  
Wes Dixon- Service and Outreach  
Bennie Sims- Liturgy and Faith  
Trensia Skaggs- School and CCD  
Lindsey Smith- Secretary  
Charlie Stinson- Building and Grounds  
Adam Williams- Social Activities

## **Pastor's Corner**

The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 3, 2021

### **SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS ON THE EPIPHANY**

So why the Twelve Days of Christmas, in the first place? Traditionally, it was believed that this is how long it took the magi to get to visit Jesus after His birth. In reality, it likely took significantly longer than that, since they were likely traveling from Persia, a journey of some 400-700 miles, only traveling at night. So we are more likely talking about a few months. It is common for the church to streamline biblical events for the sake of being able to celebrate related events all in one season.

The song *We Three Kings* was written in 1857 by John Henry Hopkins. It is unclear why he referred to them as kings. They were, in reality, astrologers, and advisors to kings, and the name is originally synonymous to “magicians.” Either way, they were likely wealthy, educated and influential in their native Persia.

The origin of the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” is a bit unclear, but it was likely written in 18<sup>th</sup> century England, originally as a children’s memory song. There is an erroneous legend that it was made as a coded way of teaching about various elements of the faith, by Catholics who were persecuted by the Church of England. There is absolutely no historical basis for this, and this theory was not mad until much later, and it has no basis in reality. There are numerous different forms and parodies of the song.

The story of the magi is listed only in the gospel of Matthew. One of the main points that it makes is that Jesus was not just for Jews, but that people from all nations will worship him.

### **FIVE O’CLOCK LIVESTREAMED PRAYER**

As you may or may not know, we (usually myself and one of the three secretaries, but with various special guests along the way) have been livestreaming Evening Prayer (aka Vespers or the Liturgy of the Hours) every evening (except Saturday) at 5 PM. This started back in the Spring when Sister Ann Michelle and I, in an effort to reach out to others amidst the quarantine, started livestreaming Morning Prayer. She truly loved doing that, and as you may know, literally died on the way to morning prayer in August. Because school started, we had to move it to evening. We have continued this tradition ever since. I myself have enjoyed it, as it gives me someone else to pray with, and puts me on a set schedule to insure that I do this prayer every day.

Where do we go from here? That can depend somewhat on you. At times, we have substituted Liturgy of the Hours with the rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, or various litanies and novenas. We plan to mix it up some, especially with various seasonal prayers, offered to the saints, or causes like the Novena (nine days of prayer) for Life coming up in conjunction with the March for Life on January 29. We plan to announce what we do, as this will vary at different times. But we also would be glad to hear your input about different prayer forms that we could do during this time. In the meantime, we invite you to join us at 5 PM pretty much every day

### **ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:**

**Collection: \$2,242.02\***  
**Needed for budget: \$1,442.00**

**Date:** Sunday, January 10, 2021

**Lector:** Chloe Cox

**Servers:** Spike

**Euch. Ministers:** Edna Bratcher

### **ST. PAUL LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:**

**Collection: \$ 5,413.00\***  
**Needed for budget: \$2,423.00**

**Date:** Saturday, January 9, 2021

**Lector:** Jeff Burkhead

**Euch Ministers:** Bobby Robinson

**Server:** Brandon Burkhead

**Date:** Sunday, January 10, 2021

**Lector:** Geneva Pawley (7:00); Randall Drake (8:30)

**Eu Minister:** Richard Darst (7:00); Emily Drake (8:30)

**Server:** John Morgan Pirtle (8:30)

**\*Collection Amounts** listed above are Christmas Eve/following Sunday collection totals.

**CONDOLENCES:** We keep in our prayers Noi Marie Hogan, mother of Joann Merrifield and grandmother of Robbie Merrifield, who was laid to rest this past week. May she know the joy of the Lord’s kingdom in Heaven.

**Special Diocesan Collection Next Weekend:** Support Life Ministry

**Diocesan Good Works Collection Amount:** \$379.00 at St. Elizabeth; \$361.00 at St. Paul

### **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, January 3

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday, January 4

School starts up again; St. Paul School  
Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, Noon- 9:00 PM

Thursday, January 7

RCIA: St. Elizabeth; 4:30 PM

Friday, January 8

Pork Chop Dinner; Delivery/drive-thru; St. Paul, 4:30-6:30

Sunday, January 10

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
Children’s Church; St. Elizabeth; 10:30 mass  
CCD Starts up again (both churches)

**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.

**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.

**SANTA’S WORKSHOP UPDATE:** Thanks to everyone who helped with Santa’s Workshop, whether it was donating items, sending money for children to shop, wrapping, or letting your child shop! With your help we raised \$2,137.75 for the school! This is a new record. Sister Anne Michelle would be thrilled!

**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.

**CCD FORMAT AMIDST REGULATIONS:** CCD will be picking up again, after Christmas break, on Sunday, January 10, at both churches, 9:30 am at St. Paul, 11:30 AM at St. Elizabeth. We will continue to have CCD classes as a choice of either your kids being live or being on Google Meets.

**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

Note that it will take place TWICE during the month of January. This is to accommodate the families in CCD as much as possible.

**300 CLUB TICKETS STILL 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. There are a small number of tickets still available. Call the parish or school office if you are interested. 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.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR GRAYSON COUNTY FOOD BANK NEEDED:** Since it appears that Fellowship Café is not going to be opening anytime in the foreseeable future, we are going to try to get groups together to work at the Grayson County Alliance Food Bank. They are always in need of people to help in their warehouse distributing food. If you worked Fellowship Café in the past, signed up to work for it at our last ministry signups, or just would be interested in helping out, we would like to know. We are going to be contacting all of those who had signed up for or worked Fellowship Café, but if you would like to give a couple hours a month for this worthwhile ministry, please contact the parish office.

**HELP FOR THE LOCAL NEEDY:** If you know of someone in our community who is in need of food, please let us know. As a church we would like to be sure we are reaching out to those in our community who need it most.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 12	Joint Parish Council Meeting; St. Paul, 6:00
January 20	Senior Meal Delivery; St. Elizabeth, 4:00 PM
January 21-29	Right to Life Novena
January 24	CCD; St. Elizabeth
February 17	Ash Wednesday

**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.

**RIGHT TO LIFE NOVENA COMING UP:** In preparation for the annual March for Life, which is scheduled on Friday, January 29, we will be doing 9 days of prayer in protection of the rights of the unborn, and an end to abortion in our nation. Papers will be passed out next weekend for this purpose. We will be praying this novena publically every day at 5 PM, and we ask that you please join us, whether in person or at home, to pray for this most important of issues. The novena will begin on Thursday, January 21

Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

The identity and origin of the "*magi* from the east" is still debated by historians, theologians, anthropologist, and archaeologist. Most people would say that "There were *three* wise men." St. Matthew does not say that there were *three*. Men around the world studied the culture, the writings, the religions and the history of peoples other than their own. They believed in signs that told of great events. When the *magi* observed signs they believed told of a child descended from King David, born in Bethlehem, to be the *Anointed One* promised by God, they incurred the expense and endured the difficulty and perils of a long journey through hostile territory. They did not come to ask anything of the child. They brought gifts that signified His mission for all mankind and what He would suffer to fulfill that mission. Do we truly believe Jesus is the *Anointed One*? Do we act as if we believe? What are we willing to do, to give, to risk, to endure to act on that belief? Such are gifts we can offer to celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus.