

Churches of St. Paul & St. Elizabeth

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Sunday, March 10, 2024

St. Paul Parish

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Confessions

St. Paul

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

Every Sunday: 7:45-8:15 AM

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 270-662-1830.

Grayson County Catholic Outreach: 270-287-3776

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 9th – Sunday, March 17th

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Parishioners
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Steve Akridge +
	10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth	CL Mercer +
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Richard Hohman +
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth	NO MASS
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Christine Mandy
Friday	11:30 a.m.	St. Paul	NO MASS
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Sally Portman +
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Gloria Witten +
	10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth	Parishioners

Prayer List:

Betty Baker, Charlie Brangers, Dennette Brown, Glen Campbell, Georgia Carter, Anna Jean & Dale Clark, Rita Clark, Mike & Debbie Clemons, Sharon Clemons, Temperance Clemons, Chad Durbin, Tiffany Durbin, Nelson Galloway, Frank Gawarecki, Lisa Graas, David Grant, Mateo Gregorio, Loyd Haven, Heidi Hickerson, Wanda Higdon, Mary Huffman, Eve Jarboe, Mary Jackie, Louellen Jones, Johnny Ladasz, Chris Lampton, Travis Lampton, Otis Larue, Mike & Pat Leonard, Daisie Lizotte, Teresa Lynn, Lana McGee, Kellie & Baby McKee, Christine Mandy, Savanna Mercer, Zachary Nelson, Lois Pack, Kenny Pierce, Mary Pierce, Sharon Portman, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Beverly Schmidt, Wayne Scobee, Iris Smith, Mary Rose Sott, Larry Spear, Linda Steinhoffer, Brenda Stinson, Tiffany Webb, Floyd Wilaby, Bill Wortham
For those who are serving in the military: Ryan Clemons, Isaac DePoyster, Matt Fischer, Ben Foster, Dan Harrison, Dereck Lorusso, Kali Milliner, Cody Penny, John Penny, Kyle Portman, Peyton Spears

St. Paul

Jimmy Tilford- Chair

Melanie Crawford – Secretary

Richard Darst- Youth/CCD

Mike Foster- St. Paul School

Terry Jagers- Social Activities

Mark McGrew- Maintenance

Bobby Robinson – Liturgy & Faith

Ruth Ann Thomas-Outreach/Service

St. Elizabeth

Mary Ellen Wygant- Chair

Laura Baxter- Secretary

Blake Aubrey-Social Activities

Julie Cox- Liturgy and Worship

Sheila Harris- Youth

Mason Hayes- Building and Grounds

Amanda Roberts - Outreach

Donna White- Art and Environment

Pastor's Corner

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

SEVEN CHURCHES: JOIN US ONE LAST TIME

Obviously, when a pastor comes into a new parish, he brings new things with him. One of those things that I brought into this was the tradition of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday. This is one of my favorite things to do. For those of you who do not know, this is something that we do every Holy Thursday night.

Holy Thursday is a celebration of the Eucharist. It is the remembrance of the Last Supper, when Jesus broke bread with His disciples and gave us the Body and Blood of Christ. The next day He backed that up by giving us His body on the cross, sacrificing for our sins. So on Holy Thursday we celebrate that blessed event, which more so than any other mass focuses on the Eucharist. So after mass, we take that Eucharist and process to the parish hall, where it will be exposed for people to stay and pray in front of the precious presence of Jesus. At St. Paul, we will, as usual, have this exposition all the way up until Midnight. Some places close up earlier than that, but all churches have this exposition for a time.

After this, the Eucharist is not returned to the tabernacle of the Church. WHY NOT? Well, this is in observance of Good Friday. Of course, this is the day when we mourn the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Jesus was, at this time, dead, and placed in the tomb. It is to show that ABSENCE of the presence of Jesus, the despair of the grace of God. It puts us into the mode that the apostles were in after the crucifixion. It was not a time of waiting for the resurrection, but of those who's hopes were seemingly crushed.

Anyhow, back to Holy Thursday, and the seven churches. What we do is fill up a carload or two of people and we head out to a total of seven different churches in the area. Because we are spread out, this means a good bit of driving for us by the time the night is done. But we find seven different churches where the Eucharist is exposed and we spend a few minutes at each place in silent prayer. We eventually make our way back to St. Paul for the final prayer. It is indeed a late night for us, but one well worth it.

Why seven churches? Well, it is an old tradition that harkens back to near the beginning of the Church (somewhere around the fifth century) where the people of Rome would go visit the seven churches in Rome itself. Of course, they had no vehicles, so it was a considerable amount of walking. But it is an illustration of the unity in the church, that we are all part of one church, as is still the case today.

God only knows if this tradition will outlive my time here. There are not too many priests who do this, so the next pastor will not lead it up. But that is not to say that there can't be a group of parishioners who will still continue this. It is a lot of fun and very prayerful.

Being as this may be your last chance, I welcome anyone to join us for this. It is a late night, with a lot of driving, but you get to spend the evening with a fun, prayerful bunch of people. If you do not take part in 7 churches, I hope that you will at least stay with the Lord for a time after mass, even taking a 30/60 minute slot to get all of the time covered. Let us honor Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: **\$1,896.00**

Needed for Budget: **\$1,442.00**

Date: Sunday, March 17

Lector: Amanda; Stacey

Servers: Austin, Alex

Euch. Ministers: Allen, Carol, Mary

Gifts: Wes & Kristin Dixon Family

Collection Counters for March: Edna, Roberta

ST. PAUL LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: **\$5,072.00**

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

Date: Saturday, March 16

Lector: Joan Butterworth; Jeff Burkhead

Eu Min: Zack, Barbara, Joe

Servers: Waylon, Christian

Gifts: Cody & Amber Clemons

Date: Sunday, March 17

Lector: Sharon Cooper; Amanda Decker

Eu Min: Emily, Jacob, Larry

Servers: Alice, Amie, Aaron

Gifts: Doug & Mary Smith

Special Diocesan Collection This Weekend: Catholic Relief Services

Special Collection Next Weekend: St. Paul School at St. Paul

Infirm Priest Collection Amounts: \$591 at St. Paul; \$346 at St. Elizabeth

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, March 10

CCD, St Paul; 9:30 AM

CCD, St. Elizabeth, high school only; 11:30 AM

RCIA; AT ST ELIZABETH, 3:00 PM

Lent Holy Hour; St. Elizabeth; 4:30

Youth Event; AT ST ELIZABETH; 5:00 PM

Monday, March 11

LEAVE FOR JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

Eucharistic Adoration; St. Elizabeth, 11:00 AM- 8 PM

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION at St. Paul

Friday, March 15

Stations of the Cross; St. Elizabeth; 5:30 PM

Saturday, March 16

St. Paul Reverse Raffle; livestreamed beginning at 6 PM

Sunday, March 17

CCD; both churches, after mass

Communal Penance Service, St. Anthony; 2:00 PM

RCIA; St. Paul, 3:00 PM

Lent Holy Hour; St. Paul, 4:30 PM

FATHER STEVE WILL BE GONE AGAIN: With Fr. Steve being on the mission trip in Jamaica, Fr. Mike Williams will be filling in for all weekend masses on March 16/17.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION: Will be in both churches this weekend, please sign up for a slot 7:30 PM – Midnight.

ST. PAUL EASTER EGG HUNT: The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 7th after 8:30 AM Mass. We have 1000 eggs and are in need of individually wrapped candy for the eggs, baskets are available in church. Rain date April 14th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18	Return from Jamaica Mission Trip
March 19	Parish Council; St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM
March 20	Senior Meal; St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM
March 23	Men's Prayer Breakfast; St. Elizabeth (NOTE CHANGE); 8:00 AM
March 26	CHRISM MASS; Owensboro Sportscenter; 6:30 PM
March 27	Communal Penance Service; St. Joseph; 2:00 PM
March 28	Holy Thursday, Mass at St. Paul 6:00 PM
March 29	GOOD FRIDAY
March 31	EASTER SUNDAY
April 7	Easter Egg Hunt; both churches
April 13-14	Youth Lock in; St Paul, begins at 8 PM
April 29-May 1	Parish Mission, various churches

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES PLANNED: Please take advantage of these opportunities to go to the sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Sinoj and Fr. Brandon will be at each of these. Especially for those who have not been to this sacrament in a while, this is a great opportunity. Reconciliation services are at the following times:

Sunday, March 17	St. Anthony	2:00 PM
Sunday, March 24	St. Joseph	2:00 PM
Wednesday, March 27	St. Elizabeth	6:00 PM (mass and afterward)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Below are listed the different masses, services, and reconciliation times that will take place during Holy Week at our parishes

Tuesday	Chrim Mass	Owensboro Sportscenter	6:30 PM
Wednesday	Communal Penance	St. Elizabeth	6:00 PM
Thursday	Reconciliation	St. Paul	4-5 PM
Thursday	Holy Thursday mass	St. Paul	6:00 PM
Friday	Good Friday service	St. Elizabeth	3:00 PM
Friday	Good Friday service	St. Paul	6:00 PM
Saturday	Reconciliation	St. Paul	11-12 AM
Saturday	EASTER VIGIL	St. Elizabeth	8:00 PM
Sunday	EASTER MASS	St. Paul	8:30 AM
Sunday	EASTER MASS	St. Paul	10:30 AM

MENS PRAYER BREAKFAST, DIFFERENT FORMAT: On Sunday, March 23, there will be a Men's Prayer Breakfast. In addition to a slightly shortened time to eat and pray, we will follow it up by going up to the St. Elizabeth Cemetery and doing our best to clean out the hedgerow between the cemetery and the property next door. We ask for any men from either parish to join us for either or both of these two endeavors. If possible, bring chainsaws, loppers, gloves, etc. We likely won't get the whole thing done, but it will be good to get a good start.

ST ELIZABETH PARISHIONERS VOTE TO HAVE PAINTING DONE IN CHURCH:

We thank all of those who gave their input about the question of whether to spend \$13,000 to paint, fix up, touch up and otherwise repair damages to the church ceiling and walls. The vote 45-11 in favor of doing this. The work will be done by Burt Newsome. We will soon give further details about when this will be done and how our liturgies will work around this.

BRING IN PALMS: Please feel free to bring in your old palms and leave them in the vestibule of either church throughout Lent.

RICE BOWLS: The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available in church and will be collected on Holy Thursday.

YOUTH GATHERING NEXT WEEK, SOMETHING DIFFERENT: The youth group will be gathering will be next Sunday, March 10. This will be for all kids grades 6-12. The topic will be a fun activity called "What's missing in the cookie, what is missing in your faith." This will be held AT ST ELIZABETH, just this one time. It will go from 5-7 PM, and will begin with adoration, and then move to the parish hall for the next activity.

YOUTH MINISTER STILL BEING SOUGHT- STIPEND AVAILABLE: We continue to search for a person to replace Fr. Steve as youth minister. There will be a \$4000 stipend available for anyone who will take this job. This may be taken by one person or split between two. For more information, see Fr. Steve

SCHOOL NEWS:

We had a very successful Trivia Night last Saturday night! We had 10 teams compete and they were very creative on their team names and attire worn. Thank you to Joe Skaggs for preparing the delicious meal, the Knights of Columbus for helping with serving the meal, and working in different areas. Plus, the added parishioners who volunteered or brought desserts! We hope to have more Trivia Nights in the future! Thank you to our sponsors as well! We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Reverse Raffle is coming up soon on 3/16/24. All tickets are sold but we will be live streaming this event again and have the auction online. So far, we have a Bicycle donated, Gift certificate basket from Boone's Butcher Shop, Picnic Basket with all supplies, Gift Card and Restaurant Gift Certificates basket, and working on grocery carts of groceries as well. We will have more donations for the auction as time gets closer. This is always a fun event for us, and we have lots of participation.

Next SCRIP/RaiseRight order is 3/25/24. We need the order and payment turned in by 10:00 am to Mrs. Butterworth.

Pork Lunch is on 4/19/24. You can put this date on your calendar if you would like to order lunches.

Car Show Trophies – please continue to leave cans by the fence at the bus garage to help offset Car Show trophy costs! This will be our 20th annual car show!