Churches of St. Paul & St. Elizabeth

Pastor: Fr. Suneesh Mathew Sunday, December 15, 2024 To reach Fr. Suneesh: 270-231-5525 suneesh.mathew@pastoral.org

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St. Paul

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

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.

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.

Confessions

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. Suneesh at 270-231-5525. Also last Wed and Fri at regular Masses.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK Monday December 16th Sunday December 22nd

Wonday, December 16 th – Sunday, December 22 th				
Monday	NO MASS			
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Hubert Johnson +	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth	Sue Sims +	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Veronica Sims +	
Friday	12:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Debbie Odle +	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Floyd Wilaby +	
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Clark/Stinson Family	
	10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth	Parishioners	

<u>Prayer List</u>: Joyce Bell, Rod & Earline Brady, Denette Brown, Glenn Campbell, Sharon Clemons,

Tammy Cook, Pat Cowen, Larry Darst, Eileen Davenport, Eden Felty, Noah Felty, Crystal Franklin, Keith Garrett, Frank Gawarecki, Helen Gawarecki, Erica Gibson, Tracey Gilbert, Gladys Given, David Grant, Joyce Green, Mateo Gregario, Ralph Haycraft, Heidi Hickerson, Leslie Hook, Eve Jarboe, Louellen Jones, Mike & Pat Leonard, Nellie Mattingly, Savanna Mercer, Cory Milliner, John & Sue Mudd, Megan Mudd, Zachary Nelson, Lois Pack, Chris Reed, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Ed Seigwald, Ellen Shrader, Hilary Skaggs, Iris Smith, Larry Spear, Jackie Stagg, Linda Steinhoffer, Mimi Stinson, Shelia Thomas, John Thurman, Bud Underwood, John Usher, Tiffany Webb, Boby Williams, Jeff "Tinker" Wilson, Glen Wooden, Lisa York, Caitlin & baby

For those who are serving in the military: Ryan Clemons, Trevor Denner, Isaac DePoyster, Matt Fischer, John Forrester, Ben Foster, Shelby Gregorio, Dan Harrison, Dan Leonard, 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 Jaggers- 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

3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

Rejoice Sunday: The third Sunday of Advent is called Rejoice Sunday: To remind ourselves that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest and the deacon will wear rose vestments. The common theme of the day's Scripture readings is one of joy and encouragement. The readings urge us to make the preparations required of us as we await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. Holy Scripture reminds us that the coming of Jesus, past, present, and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. Our mission, as brothers and sisters of Christ and members of his Church, is to reflect Christ's Light to others, just as the moon reflects the light of the sun. It is especially important during the Advent season that we reflect Christ's sharing love and his unconditional forgiveness through our lives. There are too many people who live in darkness and poverty, and who lack real freedom because of their evil addictions and bad choices. There are others who are deafened and blinded by the cheap attractions of the world. Many others feel lonely, unwanted, rejected, and marginalized. Let us bring the true Light of Christ to illumine the lives of all these brothers and sisters during this Advent season through our sharing love, overflowing mercy, unconditional forgiveness, and humble service.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) and Advent joy: Through her ministry in Jesus' name, Mother Teresa brought untold blessings and joy to the poor who lay unattended and forgotten on our streets. When asked the source of her joy, Mother Teresa replied: "Joy is prayer — joy is strength — joy is love — joy is a net of love. . . A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love . . . loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with Him twenty-four hours, touching Him in His distressing disguise."

Advent Penance Service: One of the ways we can prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ is by humbling ourselves in the sacrament of confession. Every confession is a way of looking forward to be a better man or woman growing closer to the Lord. We have advent penance services scheduled at both parishes. St. Elizabeth penance service will be on Wednesday the 18th at 6.30 pm and at St. Paul on Sunday the 22nd at 5 pm.

God's Many Blessings. Hope you have a wonderful week Fr. Suneesh Mathew

ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

 Collection:
 \$2,236.00

 Needed for Budget:
 \$1,442.00

Date:Sunday, December 22Lector:Roberta, SherriServers:Euch. Ministers:Edna, Patty, AllenGifts:Collection Counters for December:Julie & Stephanie

ST. PAUL LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: <u>\$2,557.00</u> Needed for budget: \$2,423.00

<u>Date</u>: Saturday, December 21	Da
Lector: Mike Foster; Joan Butterworth	L
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Servers: Annie, Adalyn, Waylon	Se
Gifts: Theresa Crawford	G

Date:Sunday, December 21Lector:Myles Thomas; Amy DePoysterEu Min:Dale, RichardServers:Eli, Nora, AudreyGifts:Jimmy & Sarah Tilford Family

<u>Retired Religious Collection Amounts</u>: \$240 at St. Elizabeth; \$398 at St. Paul <u>Grayson County Catholic Outreach Quarterly Collection</u> – next weekend at St. Paul – please put any donation in a marked envelope and place in the regular collection.

<u>St. Elizabeth</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
Birthdays:	Birthdays:
Dec 22 – Bridgette Downey Lush	Dec 16 – Anna Jean Clark
	Dec 17 – Luke Milliner
	Dec 18 – Alice Darst
	Dec 19 – Jimmy Higdon
	Dec 19 – Brenda Paris
	Dec 20 – Holly Milliner
	Dec 22 – Jenny Powell
Anniversaries:	Anniversaries:
None this week	Dec 17 – Byron & Megan Darst (13 years)
Oops ! I mis	ssed -Dec 14 – Randall & SaDonna Drake (5 years)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, December 15	St. Elizabeth Ladies Paint Party, after Mass
Monday, December 16	St. Paul Ladies Christmas Party, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall
Tuesday, December 17	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Note Time)
	School Christmas Recital; St. Paul Church, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec 18	Senior Meal; St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM
	Communal Penance Service, St. Elizabeth, after Mass
Friday, December 20	Rectory Open House; 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Saturday, December 21	Young Adults Christmas Party; St. Paul, 6:00 PM
Sunday, December 22	Decorating for Christmas; St. Elizabeth, after Mass
	Communal Penance Service; St. Paul, 5:00 PM

<u>ST PAUL LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>: All ladies are invited to our Christmas party on December 16th at 5:30 PM at St. Paul Hall. Soup will be provided, please bring a snack and a \$10 gift for our gift exchange.

<u>MILLIONS OF MONICAS</u>: There will be no Millions of Monicas meeting in December, these will resume in January.

FOOD PANTRY: There is a box in the cry room at St Paul for any continuing donations to the Food Pantry.

<u>GROCERY BAGS NEEDED AT ST. PAUL</u>: The ladies group is collecting clean, hole-free, untied grocery (wal mart) bags for the food pantry. Please place in the large black bags in the cry room. We will be collecting through the end of the year – the food pantry is very grateful for all the donations so far! Thanks for your contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

 December 24 Christmas Eve Mass, St. Paul, 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM
 December 25 Christmas Mass, St. Paul, 9:00 AM
 December 30 Youth Group Christmas Party

YOUTH NEWS:

<u>The Grayson County Young Adults</u> will meet for their Christmas Party on Saturday, December 21st at 6pm CST. Anyone ages 18-24 are invited to attend, and welcome to bring a friend – all are welcome!

<u>Youth Group</u> will meet on Monday, December 30th from 5-7pm at the St. Paul Parish Hall for their Christmas Party. Join us for Christmas games, prizes, good food, and fellowship. All those grades 6-12 are invited to attend.

Lazarus Retreat: The Owensboro Diocese will be hosting a retreat at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp in Bowling Green on February 14-16, 2025. The Lazarus Retreat is open to all high school students (grade 9-12). The diocese is limited to only 20 girls and 20 boys for the entire diocese. The deadline to sign up is February 3, 2025, however if your child(ren) are interesting in participating in this retreat, please contact Beth Geary or Amy DePoyster as soon as possible. The cost for the retreat is \$65 and is a one-time experience. More information is posted on the bulletin boards at church.

****NOTE FROM FR. SUNEESH****

Rectory open house: I want to invite my St. Paul and St. Elizabeth parishioners to the rectory open house on Friday the 20th from 5 to 8 pm. Please come and spend time with the people from both parishes and tour the rectory. There will be finger foods, appetizers, drinks etc.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Saints of the Month: Fr. Suneesh has implemented a new program this school year called "Saints of the Month." Each month teachers and students will be given a theme and guideline to follow to become the saint of the month. Students who go above and beyond will be recognized. We are proud to announce our Saints of the Month for November:

Mila Douthitt in Pre-K Ava Burns in Kindergarten Abby Cockerel in 1st grade Lexi Christian in 2nd grade Abel Winn in 3rd/4th grade Caleb Lentini in 5th/6th grade Colton Tipton in 7th/8th grade

<u>**Thanks to all**</u> who donated items or gave monetary donations to our Santa's Workshop this year. We appreciate your generosity!

We have our 300 Club tickets on sale now! They are \$20 each and are eligible to win 2 drawings each month all year long in 2025. We put the names back in for the whole year, even if their names are drawn out for the month. Only 1,000 tickets are being sold. They sell out fast, get yours before they are gone! **Christmas Program** will be held in St. Paul Church on 12/17 at 6 pm. Reception will follow in parish hall afterwards provided by our PTO. We still have some St. Paul Comet blankets available. They are 50" x 60" and are \$30. These would make great Christmas presents!

Next SCRIP gift card order is 1/6/25, .Please have your orders in by Monday, 1/6 at 10 am. You can place your order on the sheets we have available in church, or online through your smartphone. **You can download the RaiseRight app on your smartphone and use the enrollment**

code: 65A8LE6B27247 to join our school group. You will see every card available for purchase. You can pay online through the app, or choose pay coordinator directly and send payment to school.