

Churches of St. Paul & St. Elizabeth

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Sunday, December 22, 2024

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Confessions

St. Paul

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

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 23rd – Sunday, December 29th

Monday	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Don & Marty Cooper + Raymond Hill +
	6:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth	Scott & Edna Drake + Wayne Darst +
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Kevin & Roni Mudd Family Parishioners
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Mike & Hettie Darst + Bob & Yvonne Ricker +
Friday	12:00 p.m.	St. Paul	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	
	10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth	

Prayer List:

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, Bobby Williams, Jeff “Tinker” Wilson, Glen Wooden, Lisa York

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 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

4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024

Happy Christmas: “Do not be afraid.” “Behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” “A savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord Luke 2: 10.” With this moment, the course of human history changed forever. God has become one of us. The savior’s very name proclaims the incredible truth that no one ever thought possible: “Emmanuel.” God is with us. And we are told: “Do not be afraid.” Over two thousand years, those words reach out to us in joy and hope and consolation. No matter who we are, no matter where we live, no matter what our circumstances, this what matters: Do not be afraid. To the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the lost ... to all those who feel that maybe God has forgotten you. To those who feel, as Mother Teresa did, abandoned to the dark night: Do not be afraid. Because even in this darkest of nights, there is light. A savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And he continues to be born in our hearts, if only we will allow it to happen. I want to wish everyone a Happy and Joy filled Christmas. May the peace and joy of Christ fill your hearts and your home. Our Masses for Christmas will be on Christmas Eve at 4 pm at St Paul and 6 pm at St. Elizabeth and on Christmas Day at 9 am at St. Paul.

Feast of St Stephen: Within a year of our Lord’s death the young Church at Jerusalem already numbered over 5000, and the Apostles felt the need of officially delegating some of their duties- like preaching, baptizing, and the fair distribution of alms among the needy- to a few assistants. The first of the seven to be ordained deacon was Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. Stephen full of grace and fortitude, threw himself into his apostolic work with the greatest zeal, preached fearlessly the resurrected Christ. The furious Hebrews accused Stephen of blasphemy and brought him to the Sanhedrin who declared him to be dragged outside the city of Jerusalem and stone him to death. According to the tradition like our Lord St Stephen prayed and forgave the people who stoned him to death. Love was Stephen’s weapon by which he gained every battle... His love of God kept him from yielding to the ferocious mob, his love for his neighbor made him pray for those erred, to make them amend; love led him to pray for those who stoned him to save them from punishment. St Stephen is regarded as the first Martyr of the Church. As the Church honors St Stephen on Tuesday the 26th the day after Christmas, we seek his intercession to be strong in our crisis and struggles.

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

ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: **\$1,625.00**
Needed for Budget: **\$1,442.00**

Date: Sunday, December 29

Lector: Grant, Patty

Servers: Zoey, Alie

Euch. Ministers: Pat, Carol, Mary

Gifts: Cheryl Kipper & Yvette Tilford

Collection Counters for December: Julie & Stephanie

ST. PAUL LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: **\$3,625.00**
Needed for budget: **\$2,423.00**

Date: Saturday, December 28

Lector: Melanie Crawford; Becky Lucas

Eu Min: Angie, Joan, Bobby

Servers: Christian, Payton

Gifts: Joe & Agnes Kipper

Date: Sunday, December 29

Lector: Erica Cockerel; Sharon Cooper

Eu Min: Yvonne, Tina

Servers: Bailey, Tanner, Cason

Gifts: Dean & Carla Waterman

St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

Dec 23 – Kenley Aubrey

Dec 23 – Garry Skaggs

Dec 24 – Amanda Roberts

Dec 26 – Wyatt Clemons

Dec 26 – William Hampton IV

Dec 28 – Chloe Cox

Anniversaries:

Dec 28 – Glenn & Patty Campbell (56)

Dec 28 – Richard & Pat Clemons (51)

St. Paul

Birthdays:

None this week

Anniversaries:

Dec 27 – Derek & Mary Ann Conder (49 years)

Thank You: The Gawarecki family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, and good deeds as we laid Aaron to rest. We especially want to thank Fr. Suneesh for conducting the graveside prayer service; and the funeral meal ladies for the delicious food.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, December 22 Decorating for Christmas; St. Elizabeth, after Mass
Communal Penance Service; St. Paul, 5:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Mass; St. Paul, 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass; St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec 25 Christmas Morning Mass; St. Paul, 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS: Amy will be in the office on Monday, December 23 next week.

ST ELIZABETH CHRISTMAS DECORATING: After Mass on Dec. 22---We need lots of help and especially need men to help! We will be finishing up on Monday morning probably around 8.

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

FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ WORKERS NEEDED: St. Elizabeth is in need of more workers for Fellowship Café – if you would like to get involved in this ministry please talk to Glenda.

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

GROCERY BAGS NEEDED AT ST. PAUL: 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 30 Youth Group Christmas Party
January 1 Holy Mary Mother of God Holy Day
Masses – 9:00 AM St. Paul; 6:00 PM St. Elizabeth

YOUTH NEWS:

Youth Group 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.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Christmas Break is from Dec 19, 2024-Jan 5, 2025.

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!

Santa's Workshop raised \$2,480, thank you!

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.

