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If you are a visitor to St. Elizabeth's, we sincerely welcome you. Perhaps you live in the neighborhood or nearby area and decided to drop in, or you are visiting from another parish. Whatever the case, we are glad you are here to join us in worship of Jesus Christ our Lord. For more information about our parish, to register, or to ask a question, please visit our website at stlizdilworth.org or call our parish office.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a people called by God to become the Body of Christ through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, forming the faith community of St. Elizabeth, belonging to the Diocese of Crookston and to the Universal Roman Catholic Church. Our mission is to have a living active faith, with Jesus as the center of our faith community, affirming love and a compassionate concern for each other and for our brothers and sisters all over the world.

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Parish Office is closed Friday.

In an emergency call 218-443-6275 (Fr. Augie)



PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES: Sunday at 9:00 AM

St. Elizabeth - Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM St. Andrew – Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday 9:30am-6:00pm

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: See parish bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Before Mass 8:15 – 8:45 am or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Contact St. Elizabeth parish office at least six months prior to planned wedding date.

FAITH FORMATION – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Schedule will be given to families.

<u>PASTORAL VISITATION:</u> If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the sick, please call the office at 287-2705. We want to be a part of your life.

2024

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb 11, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth + Spencer Johnson Sunday, Feb 11, 10:30am-St. Andrew For the Parish Monday, Feb 12, 9:00am - St. Elizabeth + Mary Kay Gietzen Tuesday, Feb 13, 9:00am-St. Andrew Intentions for Noah Clark Wednesday, Feb 14, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth + Deacon Steve Nemeth Wednesday, Feb 14, 5:30pm-St. Elizabeth + Ed Rishel Wednesday, Feb 14, 7:00pm-St. Andrew + Rick & Cheryl Palmer Crompton Family Thursday, Feb 15, 9:00am-St. Andrew Sunday, Feb 18, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth For the Parish Sunday, Feb 18, 10:30am-St. Andrew + Alfred Heiberg

Bible Readings for this Week (Feb 12 - Feb 18)

Mon: Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13 **Tues:** Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21

Wed: J1: 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thur: Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25 **Fri:** Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15 **Sat:** Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15

February 11, 2024 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

Our Love and Prayers go out to...

We want to hold one another in prayer; especially Grayson Zrelak (nephew of Ken & Barb Wirtz), Marsha Cerar and all those who are ill or in need of healing and for all those who struggle with illness and those who have asked for our prayers. "May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

Stewardship of Treasure February 4, 2024

Adults: \$ 1,532.00 Loose Plate: \$ 77.00 Online Giving: \$ 2,490.00

Total Sunday Offering: \$ 4,099.00

Building Fund: \$ 110.00 Alley Fund: \$ 130.00

Mass Attendance: February 4 - 129

Liturgical Assignments for February 18

| Altar Servers | Sophia Herrera |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| | Volunteer |
| Ministers of Holy CommunionDeacon | |
| I | Dennis Bresee, Paul Svir |
| Lectorsk | Kathy Bresee, Julie Reno |
| Ushers | Paul Svir, Tony Reno |
| Giftbearersl | Dave & Jacque Dudgeon |
| Music | Ashton / Choir |
| Lectors K Ushers Giftbearers I | Dennis Bresee, Paul Svir Kathy Bresee, Julie Reno Paul Svir, Tony Reno Dave & Jacque Dudgeon |



Today is the beginning of the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). Our theme is "I Am with You Always", which is an invitation to encounter God's love

and Real Presence today. Our DAA goal this year is \$950,000. This goal is shared and prorated among our 66 parishes. Our parish goal for 2024 is \$ 13,770.00. Your gifts to the DAA provide essential funding for Formation in Discipleship, Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Campus Ministries, Safe Environment, The Office of the Bishop, Vocations and Seminarians, Catholic Schools, Communications, Marriage Tribunal, Administration of the Pastoral & Retreat Center; ministries that affect everyone in our Catholic communities! Please, prayerfully review the mailing you have received at home. Visit www. crookston.org/DAA to watch Bishop's video and then make your gift online, or to view additional information about all the good you do when you support the DAA! Thank you for your generosity!



Today's Gospel Reading

Good news is more powerful than any combustion engine. If we could bottle the energy contained in a new grandparent's desire to show baby pictures or a bride to share wedding plans, we'd have an inexhaustible energy supply. Try to silence them

and joyous tidings will still come bubbling off their tongues. The leper healed by Jesus felt the same way. Healed, but commanded to silence, he probably had the best of intentions to Jesus' request. But this newly healed believer just couldn't bear it. He had to share the good news, "Jesus heals, Jesus saves!" Today as we celebrate that same eternal source of good news, let's catch the leper's contagious enthusiasm: Get out and tell somebody!

Preparing for Lent: Anticipation is often a big part of our lives. Remember the anticipation you have felt before a family vacation or anniversary. Consider taking time before Lent begins this year to contemplate: What does God want to give me this year? This question may require that I slow down a bit and listen to my inner spirit. For example, even if I'm very busy, I realize I'm hungry when I hear my stomach start "growling." What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday? Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me and for my family on that special day?



ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS TIMES
FEBRUARY 14
9:00 am & 5:30 pm – St. Elizabeth's
7:00 PM – St. Andrew's

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (St. Elizabeth's)

| Wednesday, Mar 6 | 7:30 – 8:30 pm |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Sunday, Mar 10 | 1-3:00 pm |
| Monday, Mar 11 | 5-7:00 pm |
| Saturday, Mar 23 | 1-3:00 pm |
| Sunday, Mar 24 | 1-3:00 pm |
| Wednesday, Mar 27 | 6-8:00 pm |



<u>Catholic Fasting Rules for Ash</u> Wednesday and Lenten Friday

You may have heard the words "fasting" and "abstinence" used when talking about Lent. "Fasting" is the word used when the amount of food eaten is limited. "Abstinence" is when you completely give something up, like meat, for a set period of time. Both "fasting" and "abstinence" play a role during Lent.

Abstaining from meat: This law of the Church binds Catholics in good health

after they have celebrated their fourteenth birthday, and until their sixty-fifth birthday to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent.

Fasting: This law of the Church binds Catholics in good health who have celebrated their eighteenth birthday and until the fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means eat only one regular sized and two small meals.

Catholics age 14 and older abstain from (do not eat) meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. Instead of meat many Catholics choose to eat fish – which is why many parishes around the country have fish fries on Fridays during Lent. These are a great opportunity for a parish community to come together to pray and fast. Even though your children are not 'required' to abstain or fast, it is a good practice and custom even to learn at a young age.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics age 18 to 59 also limit the amount of food they eat. Only one full meal, and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal, are eaten. The best rule of thumb is to make sure your meals are smaller than what you would eat on a normal day – and to avoid snacks. Exemption is given to pregnant and nursing women, the sick, and those who need regular meals for medical reasons.

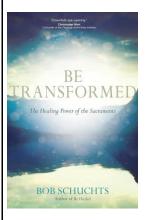
❖ This Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection on Wednesday.



Stations of the Most Holy Eucharist—A Lenten Devotion for the Eucharistic Revival

Join Fr. Augie at St. Elizabeth's Monday Evenings at 5:30pm for this devotional walk through the Scriptures and the Church's Eucharistic Faith. We will pray the Eucharistic Stations and then conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm. Please come Mondays at 5:30pm:

February 12, 19 March 4, 11, 18



Want to know more about the power of the Sacraments? Take part in our Lenten Self-Study!

How can Christians grow spiritually in the midst of our sinfulness? How can we transform our lives in a way that allows us to share in the resurrection of Jesus? God has already given us the perfect solution—the sacraments.

Whether it is the wound of past hurts, the strain in our relationships, or the stress of daily life, we all need to be comforted and made whole by Christ. In this follow-up to his bestselling *Be Healed*, Bob Schuchts explains how the sacraments can fuel your emotional and spiritual healing and bring you closer to God.

It would be a great self-study for Lent (or anytime) or even better to share with some friends. I encourage you to order the book, find the podcast, and dive deeper into the healing power of the Sacraments and the joy, peace, and love that God has in store for you!

Link to book (<u>Amazon</u>)
Link to Abiding Together Podcast (<u>url</u>)

The cost of the book is \$16. Please contact the parish office if interested. 218-287-2705.

FAITH FORMATION

***** February R.E Announcements

February 14th – Ash Wednesday... No class, we encourage students to go to Mass

February 18^{th} – No class (due to no school for students Monday)

February 25^{th} – No class (due to no school for students Friday)

Exposition & Adoration Sunday, February 11 10:00-10:30 am

'It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in his heart.' *Please join us after Mass for 30 minutes of adoration here at St. Elizabeth's.* All are Welcome!!



Have you considered Cursillo?

A Cursillo weekend does not disappoint.
Men's Spring Cursillo weekend
February 22-25
Women's Spring Cursillo weekend
March 14-17

There are still tickets remaining for the **10th National Eucharistic Congress**, July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Join 80,000 Catholics from across the Country for this powerful, once in a lifetime event! please visit https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/. You are encouraged and invited to attend with the Diocese of Crookston delegation. For information about how to register for the congress as a member of the Diocese of Crookston Delegation, please visit https://www.Crookston.org/revival. The Diocese of Crookston is working with Corporate Travels who have arranged for hotel rooms near the venue and tickets to the event.

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Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, and Bishop Daniel J. Felton of the Diocese of Duluth welcome you to the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, May 17 and 18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, MN. The Congress is a collaboration between the Diocese of Crookston and the Diocese of Duluth, preceding the May 19 commencement of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the headwaters of the great Mississippi River in Itasca State Park. Join Bishops and pilgrims from across the Midwest as we gather to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress will inspire pilgrims to increase their devotion in the Eucharist while learning ways to share the many graces of this great Sacrament through powerful talks and witness testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, confession, and a Eucharistic Procession. Featured Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, Father Mike Schmitz, Jude Andrew Link, OP, Tanner Kalina of Saints Alive, Aly Aleigha and more speakers to be announced soon! The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress is for the entire family. All are welcome! Register soon as spaces are limited. For more information and to register visit CrookstonEucharist.org.

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

News from Knights of Columbus Council #4463: The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner is Myron Bowar, February 4, 2024. Congratulations!

Soup and Pie Dinner:

The annual Catholic Daughter Soup and Pie Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, **February 29** from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in The Gathering Place at St. Joe's (door #7) in Moorhead, MN. Homemade soup and pie served with fresh baked popovers lovingly made by members of the Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Mary. It's a fast and friendly dinner—perfect for a Thursday evening! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 5-10, and can be purchased at the door during the event.

The St. Williams' Men's Club would like to invite everyone to join us for our 21st annual fish fry at the Argusville Community Center, Argusville, ND on Friday, February 16 from 4:30-7:00pm. Free will offering (suggested \$15 donation, Senior Citizen \$10), Children 6 and under are free.

When you're in a dark place, you sometimes tend to think you've been buried. Perhaps you're where God has planted you. How are you going to bloom in God's garden? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Real Presence Radio invites you to attend the annual fundraising banquet in Fargo, ND on Monday, **February 26**th at the Delta Hotels by Marriott. This year's keynote speaker is Cy Kellett from "Catholic Answers". Cy formerly hosted "The Bright Side with Cy Kellett" on the Immaculate Heart Radio network. For more than a decade Kellett was editor of San Diego's diocesan newspaper, The Southern Cross. Before that, he taught at Xaverian Brothers High School outside of Boston and spent several years living in Boston's Catholic Worker house working with the homeless mentally ill. Kellett and his wife, Missy, have three children. For more information about the event or to register as a guest visit our website Real PresenceRadio.com. To become a table host or event sponsor call Blake Ritteman or Lori Kalgard at 701-795-0122 or email them at blake@realpresenceradio.com or lori@realpresenceradio.com.

Fish Fry

St. Andrew's/Hawley KC Fish Fry

The KC's will have Fish Fries on Fridays, February 16, and March 22; serving from 5-7 p.m. Menu: Beer Battered Cod, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Beverage, and Dessert. Cost: \$14 for adults and \$8 for 12 and under. Supersized meal is \$21. Two serving options

will be available – dine-in or takeout.

<u>Fish Fry at Blessed Sacrament</u>, Friday, March 8, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Fr. Gary Luiten will once again be the Executive Chef. Pan fried fish, mac & cheese, coleslaw, fries, rolls, and dessert. Free will offering. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND.

<u>Reflect on Christ's Passion</u> Fridays: February 16 – March 22

Lenten Prayer 12:00-12:30pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Nativity Church, Fargo

THE LENTEN SPRING HAS COME!!!!

"Let each one deny himself some food, drink, sleep, needless talking and idle jesting, and look forward to holy Easter with joy and spiritual longing." ~St. Benedict, 5th Century

Let everyone take on some spiritual reading for the Lenten Season

Lent seems to sneak up on us. Blame it on the dreary winter weather. Or maybe on the fact that no one is particularly eager for such a solemn, penitential season.

But Lent is so important. These 40 days spotlight our call as disciples. They remind us to turn away from the world and turn toward God.

So if you need a little help entering into the Lenten season, check out these great spiritual books by Catholic authors that you will find on the tables in the gathering area.

Let your book inspire and challenge you as you journey with Christ to his Passion – and ultimately to the triumph of Easter morning.

INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

While we often think of pregnancy as culminating in the birth of child, we know that the journey is only just beginning. While motherhood brings with it many joys and blessings, it also involves challenges and difficulties. In raising their children and dedicating themselves to their families, mothers participate in a type of "daily heroism," one for which they "do not always find support in the world around them" (EV 86). Providing and caring for children as a single mother includes additional hardships. Sadly, today, one in four children are being raised without a father. Certainly, there are many reasons this might occur in any given circumstance. However, it is also true that in a culture that largely rejects the Church's teachings on marriage, life, and sexuality, women and their children are often disproportionately impacted. It was Pope Paul VI in *Humanae vitae* who warned that, "a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman... no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection" (HV 17).

In the midst of this reality, the Church is called to be a beacon of light, hope, and support. May we respond to this call, individually and communally, to surround mothers with assistance and support as they lovingly care for their children.

ACT (choose one)

- Saints Anne and Joachim—whose feast is celebrated on July 26—were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parents often seek the intercession of these married saints as they raise their own children. Offer this prayer (bit.ly/anne-joachim), asking Saints Anne and Joachim to pray for the featured intention.
- Fast from television, social media, music, or electronics altogether for one day. Ask the Lord to use the quiet and stillness to bring you more closely to Him.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about Saints Anne and Joachim, models for parents and for marriage: bit.ly/sts-anne-joachim.

A cloud covered the mountain. A voice came from the cloud: "This is My Son, Whom I love. Listen to Him!"

Find 5 differences in the 2nd picture.





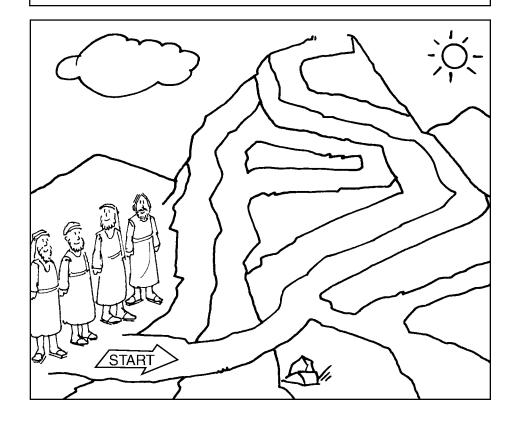
Children's Worship

Ages 3+ February 11, 2024 • Mark 9:2-9

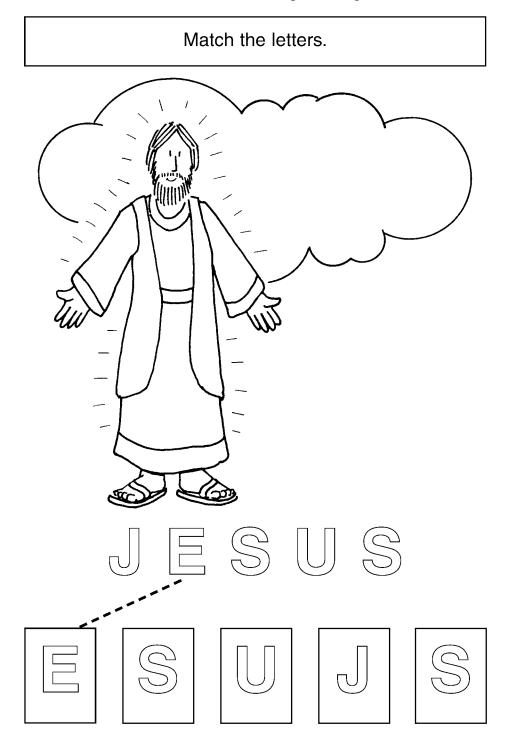
The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain.

Begin at the bottom. Find the path to the top.

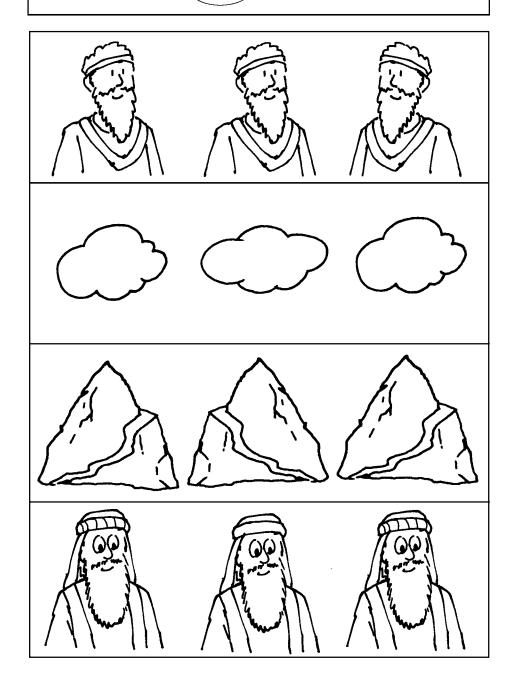


Jesus' clothes were glowing white.



Suddenly Elijah and Moses were there speaking with Jesus!

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