# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church 207 North Main Street, PO Box 307 Dilworth, MN 56529-0307

#### "A Place Where All Are Welcome." Established 1910 www.stlizdilworth.org

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.

#### STAFF:

Pastor:Fr. Augie GothmanEmail:AGothman@crookston.orgDeacon:Deacon Dean RobertsEmail:DeaconDean@stlizdilworth.orgParish Office:218-287-2705Website:www.stlizdilworth.orgSecretary/Bookkeeper:Karen ThomEmail:karen@stlizdilworth.orgR.E. Coordinator:Kaylie HansonEmail:kaylie@stlizdilworth.orgCustodian:Julie BreidParish Office 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Mon. through Thurs.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.

**PASTORAL VISITATION:** 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

**TRUSTEES** 

Ken Wirtz

Julie Nash

#### FINANCE COUNCIL

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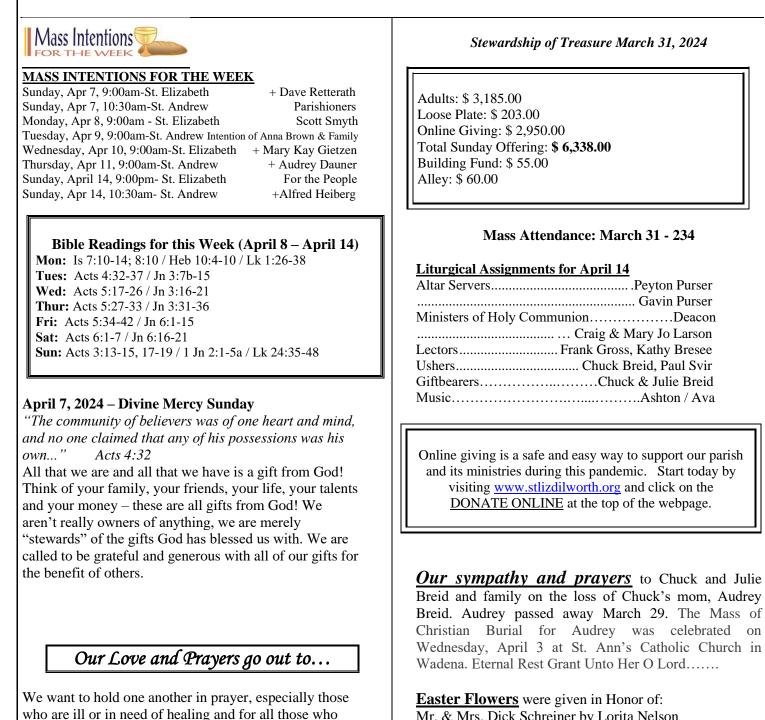
#### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Frank Gross Ken Wirtz Chuck Breid Gerald Zimmel Craig Larson

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struggle with illness and those who have asked for our prayers. "May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

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Mr. & Mrs. Dick Schreiner by Lorita Nelson

#### Victim Assistance

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at (218) 281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

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#### **Gospel Reading**

Stonemasons work amazing feats. Laboring with cumbersome blocks, the mason's art spans rivers and raises spiraling cathedrals. In arduous apprenticeship, these master workers

learn all the aspects of stone, its forms, uses, strength. And not least valued is the mason's ability to recognize a stone's innate weakness and adjust for it. A good mason places the right stones in their proper place to make the whole strong. It's the same with building faith. Think of Thomas. The ten disciples have seen the Lord, but honest Thomas doubts and says so. Yet when Jesus reappears, instead of rebuking Thomas, the Cornerstone builds up this slipping stone. With a touch of His healing mortar, Thomas' disbelief disappears into even deeper faith and he proclaims: my Lord and my God! Thus the faltering pebble became a rock of faith. And so it can happen for us. When our faith starts to crumble, and we're slipping through the cracks of doubt, God will patch our walls with stronger stone, if we only confess our fears. It's the art of masonry wielded by a Divine Hand: building a fortress of faith from the material at hand: pebbles, stones and boulders alike.



**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday** The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call

to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

 ${\bf C}$  - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

★ <u>Adoration</u>: We have the opportunity to adore our Lord as we observe the Body of Christ in the monstrance. As you pray, or even sit silently before the Lord, you have time to take in the physical presence of the Lord before you—while you are looking at Jesus, Jesus is watching you. Adoration at St. Elizabeth's is held every Monday from 9:30am – 5:00pm. All are invited to visit; the amount of time you spend there is entirely up to you. You can also sign up as an Adorer or a sub for one of our scheduled Adoration times.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

First Holy Communion – May 5 Knights of Columbus Breakfast – May 12

We are called through scripture and teaching to protect life and dignity of the human person. The **Month of April** is dedicated to raising awareness, to educate, and to seek healing for those who have been impacted. Did you know... Child abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research, especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that the vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

St. Francis de Sales Salad Bar Luncheon Wednesday, April 24 11am – 1pm Adults \$12 / Children 6-12 \$5 / Preschool Free

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Our Spring parish Bake Sale is Sunday, April 28. Please consider donating some baked goods (bars, cookies, breads, candy, etc.) Food donations can be dropped off Saturday, April 27 from 1:00 - 4:00pm or Sunday before or after Mass. Thank you for your donations from the previous bake sales. It was GREATLY appreciated. Proceeds from those sales went towards replacing 2 of the 4 windows in the kitchen. Funds raised from this sale will be used to replace the last 2 windows. Any questions, call: Mary Jane Langseth 701-388-5215 or Shirley Belka 701-367-4783.

#### SAVE THE DATE !!

Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 28, 2024 11 – 3:00pm

<u>All</u> hands are needed to put on this dinner. Please contact Karen in the parish office as to where you might be free to help. We need <u>everyone</u> to be a part of this BIG event.

Take-out will be available. Cost of the meal is \$18.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Preschool (free). We will have a raffle drawing for a Grand Prize of  $\frac{1}{2}$  hog and cash prizes.

#### <u>Job Opening – Secretary/Bookkeeper for St.</u> <u>Andrew's</u>

Secretarial skills and basic bookkeeping knowledge including knowledge of Microsoft Office software – Word, Excel, Powerpoint. Safe Environment Coordinator for the parish. Good communication skills, organized, and a high level of confidentiality among other responsibilities. Approximately 12-15 hours/week. Communicate and coordinate with Fr. Augie and Deacon Tom and also support the parishioners as needed. Training during transition will be provided. Contact Fr. Augie for more information and a job description.



Lisa Garrity was joined into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30 @ St. Andrew's. If you see Lisa, welcome and congratulate her !! Her sponsor is Jocelyn Sloan.

## **OUT OF PARISH NEWS**

**News from Knights of Columbus Council #4463:** The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner is Craig Larson, March 31, 2024. Congratulations!

#### **Quilter's Retreat**

The Holy Rosary Quilt Group invites you to a Quilting Retreat at the Diocese Pastoral Center from Thursday, April 18 to Sunday, April 21, 2024. Contact Sandy at 701-540-2692 or <u>sfgravelle@hotmail.com</u> for reservation information.

Jesus said "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Are you willing but your cross is heavy? 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 May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

**On Saturday, April 27**, the 39th annual NDSU vs. UND Bike Race & Ride will commence. The theme this year for NDSU is Bikezilla! Riders join together from both Newman Centers to support the vital work of campus ministry and to be a part of a friendly competition. Prayerfully consider joining the race by sponsoring a student rider or riding in the event! When you support the Bike Race and Ride, you provide students with the tools they need to live out their faith with the support of a Christcentered community and have the opportunity to let Christ transform their lives in a deeper way. To sponsor a rider or register to ride please visit our website at: bisoncatholic.org

#### 55th Annual Hawley Art Show & Sale

All are invited to attend the 55th Annual Hawley Art Show & Sale at the Hawley Community Center. This regional art show features hundreds of original works of art by area artists with many pieces of artwork for sale. Added attractions to the show are live demonstrations and music. Suzanne Moser, Detroit Lakes, will demonstrate acrylic painting on Thursday evening along with a performance by guitar/vocalist Jan Severson, Hawley. Nancy Baier, Fargo, will demonstrate encaustic wax painting techniques throughout the day on Sunday with keyboard music provided by Suzanne Strache, Hawley.

Exhibition Dates and Times: Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, April 12, 1 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the show is free.

Please come browse, relax, and take in the beauty of the creative works of art by our area artists. For more info, please contact Sandy at 218-329-9168.

#### Springtime at the Lakes

Tabletop Luncheon Featuring: Tim Eggebraaten (motivational speaker & entertainer) **Saturday, May 18, 2024** 10:30am - Table Viewing 11:00-1:00pm - Lunch & Entertainment Tickets are \$20 The Belles of St. Mary of the Lakes Church 20996 County Hwy 20 Detroit Lakes, MN On April 19-21 at Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND, men are invited to a retreat called **St. Joseph: Man of No Return.** There will be Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussions, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, private priest/deacon spiritual direction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Liturgy of the Hours, and more. Room and all meals provided; cost \$300 (students \$200). Register at <u>www.ecclesiadomestica.net.registration</u> or call St. Boniface Parish, Lidgerwood, ND 701-538-4604

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.

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.

# Moms in Need | Pray for Moms

# INTERCEDE



## PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

# REFLECT

Each year during Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior at Christmas. As we anticipate this joyful celebration, we recall the journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Far from home, poor, and in great need, Mary and Joseph find refuge in a simple stable. But this humble setting among the livestock soon welcomes the heavenly host of angels and the infant Jesus himself.

Today, women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where to turn. In challenging circumstances, expectant mothers need a refuge of their own. Like the Holy Family, they may be reliant on the kindness of others. Today, may the story of the first Christmas inspire us to reach out to mothers in need. May we proactively seek to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. By answering this call, may we help mothers experience the joy, hope, and peace brought by the infant Jesus. And may we, too, share in and bear witness to the miracle of new life.

# ACT (choose one)

- On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Offer Pope Francis' Prayer for the Immaculate Conception for the featured intention: <u>usccb.org/prayers/pope-francis-prayerimmaculate-conception</u>.
- Contact your local pregnancy resource center or diocesan/parish pregnancy support ministry. Ask about ways you can help, such as volunteering or donating baby items.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

# **ONE STEP FURTHER**

Learn more about how you can support mothers by following <u>@walkingwithmoms</u> on Instagram!

# DID YOU KNOW?

The Immaculate Conception celebrates the conception of Mary in the womb of St. Anne without the stain of original sin. This solemnity is sometimes confused with the Annunciation, in which the Church celebrates the conception of Jesus in the womb of the Blessed Mother. While it's important to understand this distinction, both celebrations highlight the beauty and goodness of God's gift of new life. Learn more: bit.ly/Immaculate-Conception.

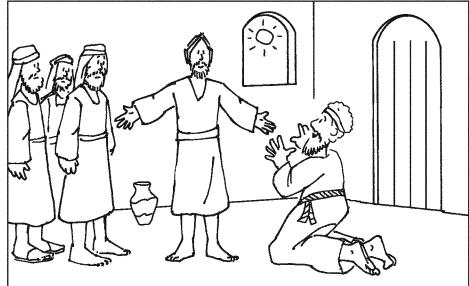
For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area: www.WalkingWithMoms.com

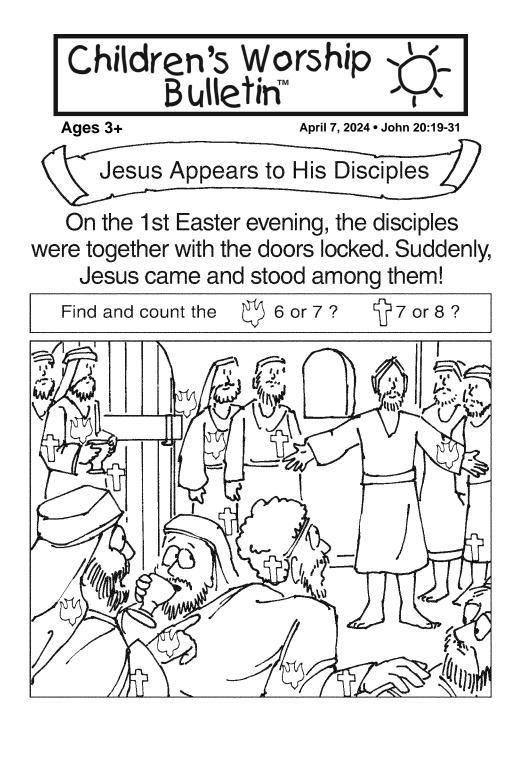
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# Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

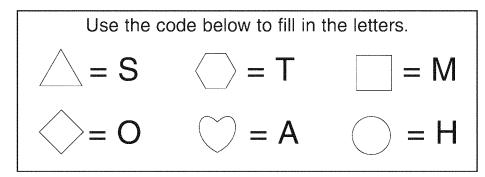
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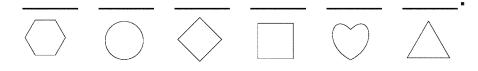


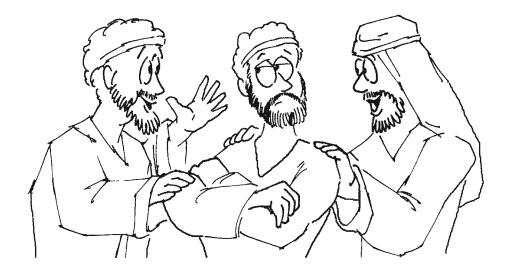


One disciple was not there.

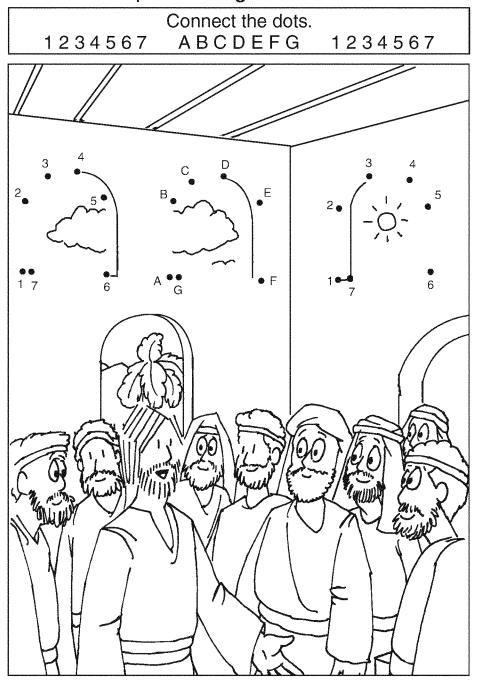


His name was





Later Jesus appeared to Thomas and the others. He told Thomas, "Stop doubting and believe!"





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