ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

STAFF:

<u>Pastor</u>: Fr. Augie Gothman Email: <u>AGothman@crookston.org</u> <u>Deacon:</u> Deacon Dean Roberts Email: <u>DeaconDean@stlizdilworth.org</u>

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Parish Office 9:00 AM-NOON Mon. through Thurs.

Parish Office is closed Friday.

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



PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES: Sunday at 8:30 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 7:45 - 8:15 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 218-287-2705. We want to be a part of your life.

2025

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec 7, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth + Alfred Mitchell Sunday, Dec 7, 10:30am-St. Andrew + Mary Geeslin Monday, Dec 8, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth + Geneva Busko Monday, Dec 8, 5:30pm-St. Elizabeth +Albert & Gaudenia Mitchell Monday, Dec 8, 7:00pm-St. Andrew Prayers of the Holy Family Tuesday, Dec 9 9:00am-St. Andrew Prayers of St. Joseph Wednesday, Dec 10, 9:00am-St, Elizabeth Phil & Dorothy Huck Family Thursday, Dec 11, 9:00am-St. Andrew Communion Service Sunday, Dec 14, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth Parishioners Sunday, Dec 14, 10:30am-St. Andrew + Pat Fridgen

Bible Readings for this Week (Dec 8 – Dec 14)

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Tues: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14 **Wed:** Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30 **Thur:** Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15 **Fri:** Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13 **Sun:** Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10 Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season

Our Love and Prayers go out to...

We want to hold one another in prayer, especially those who struggle with illness and those who have asked for our prayers. "May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

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).

"Stewardship Opens the Door of Faith to a Lifelong Journey"

Stewardship of Treasure November 30, 2025

Adults: \$ 3479.00 Loose Plate: \$ 123.00 Online Giving: \$ 2155.00

Total Sunday Offering: \$ 5,757.00

Building: \$ 4090.00

Mass Attendance – 133

Online giving is a safe and easy way to support our parish and its ministries. Start today by visiting www.stlizdilworth.org and click on the DONATE ONLINE at the top of the webpage.

Liturgical Assignments for December 14

Altar Servers	Zoey Malvin
	Peyton Purser
	CommunionDeacon
	Ralph Mitchell, Julie Nash
Lectors	Nora Jones, Mike Leichtenberg
Ushers	Chuck Breid, Mark Sloan
Giftbearers	Darren & Becky Bentow
Music	Kathy / Jocelyn

Next week's special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have spent their lives in service—many receiving little to no pay. Now, their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication, and daily living needs. Your generosity ensures they can age with dignity. Please give in gratitude for their lifelong commitment.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025



Today's Gospel Reading A prophet with nothing new to say - how can that be? Think for a moment about John the Baptist. John's ministry called the children of Israel to repentance,

a message they had heard for centuries. John spoke of the Messiah, the great gift from God who had been promised for so many years. John called people away from wickedness and back to living a righteous life. And not one of these messages was new. What John did was remind people of things they already knew. Even when he rebuked people for the sins in their lives, John spoke secrets their hearts already knew. Each seeker could have named the sin in their own lives if they only had enough courage to face their failings and their God. You see a message doesn't have to be new to be powerful. John's ministry was effective because He called people back to God from the banks of the Jordan and the river bank of your life today. What will you answer?

- ❖ Looking ahead we will be decorating for Christmas after Mass on Dec 21st. Mark your calendars now! Thank you!
- ❖ Beginning Monday, December 1 we will resume our daily morning Mass at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend!!
- ❖ Pick up your 2026 calendar
- Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast December 14th

Reconciliation

Advent is a time to be reconciled with God and one another. So often we carry around hurts and grudges and we never let them go. Now is the time to forgive, and to seek forgiveness. We have added in the following times and days for confessions at St. Elizabeth's: (please mark your calendars)

Dec 13 Saturday 2:00 - 4:00pm

Dec 18 Thursday 10:00-7:00pm (St. Joseph's)

Dec 20 Saturday 12:00 – 2:00pm Dec 23 Tuesday 4:00 – 7:00pm

Winter Weather Policy

In the event of a blizzard in Fargo-Moorhead, the parish office will be closed, and all activities cancelled, including daily morning and weekend Mass. If a "no travel advisory" is in effect parishioners should stay home. Daily Mass as well as 8:30 am Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. *If there is NO SCHOOL on a Wednesday, there will be NO Religious Education classes that evening.* Cancellations will be decided on a case-by-case basis. In all cases of severe weather, closings and cancellations will be advertised on local TV and radio stations KVLY, KFGO, and WDAY, on Facebook and the parish website, https://stlizdilworth.org



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 8 9:00 am St. Elizabeth 5:30 pm St Elizabeth 7:00 pm St. Andrew

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 – Christmas Eve 4:00pm St. Elizabeth 6:00pm St. Andrew

December 25 – Christmas Day 9:00am St Elizabeth



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025

Attention Sunday morning RE parents:

We are no longer allowed to release the children to the parking lot, therefore you will need to come in to the classroom to pick up your child. Thank you for understanding. Also, the children will be singing a song after Mass on Sunday, Dec 14th.



In past years, St. Elizabeth's parishioners have been generous in purchasing gifts for our Giving Tree. This year's gifts will be for the *Women's Care Center* which is

displayed in the Gathering Place. If you take a slip from the tree, we ask that you return it **No Later Than Thursday, Dec 18th.** Gifts for the *Women's Care Center* do not need to be wrapped. Thank you!



St. Elizabeth Centennial Cookbooks are for sale in the parish office. Cost is \$5 for each book. They make great Christmas gifts! If interested, please contact the parish office at 287-2705.

Socks for Vets

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a 'Socks for Vets' drive during December. If you care to donate socks, please place them in the basket in the back of the church. All socks will be given to our area veterans.

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

News from Knights of Columbus Council #4463:

The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner is Gina Wander, Nov 30, 2025. Congratulations!

46th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner

January 27, 2026
St. Francis de Sales Church
Social starts at 5:30pm Dinner at 6:30pmn
Keynote speaker: Chloe Krammer-Women's Care Center
Sponsorship \$250 for Table of 8
Includes 2 drink tickets
Individual tickets: \$30.00

8th Annual Family Christmas Ball! - Friday, December 19th, 6:00pm-10pm, St. Mary's Cathedral Basement.

Come join us for fun FREE night of Waltzes, Foxtrots, and Swing! Bring a snack to share. All ages are welcome, and attire is formal. If you want a few lessons to brush up on your skills, Free lessons in the Cathedral Basement will be offered: Sun. Nov. 23rd 11:15am – Waltz; Sun. Nov. 30th – Foxtrot 11:15am; Sun. Dec. 14th 11:15am – Swing. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Goering: goeringtiffany@gmail.com, 701-388-6362

Coming Soon! Cookie and Candy Walk

Catholic Daughters of the Americas invites you to fill a box with a great variety of homemade cookies, candy and more at our annual *Cookie and Candy Walk*. Premade trays will also be available.

Saturday, December 13
Starting at 10:00 a.m.
St. Joseph's Gathering Place
1005 2nd Ave S, Moorhead

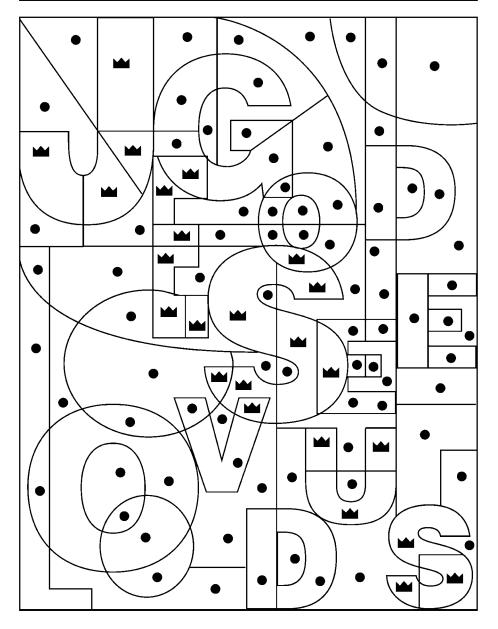
St. Monica's Daycare

St. Monica's Montessori is excited to announce our new year-round daycare program for children ages 18 months—3 years. Rooted in our faith-centered worldview, this program provides a nurturing, hands-on environment designed to spark curiosity and support early growth. While distinct from our formal Montessori classrooms, it reflects the same values of respect, exploration, and joyful learning that define our school community. For more information, please contact us at info@stmonicasfargo.com

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John said, "After me will come One more powerful than I."

Shade in the shapes with a **u** to find out who.



Children's Worship Bulletin™



Ages 3+

December 7, 2025 • Matthew 3:1-12

Preparing the Way for Jesus

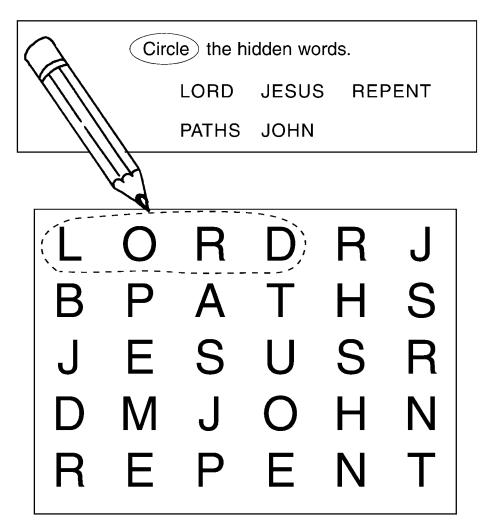
John the Baptist was preaching in the desert.

Count how many.

№ 8 or 9? № 9 or 10?



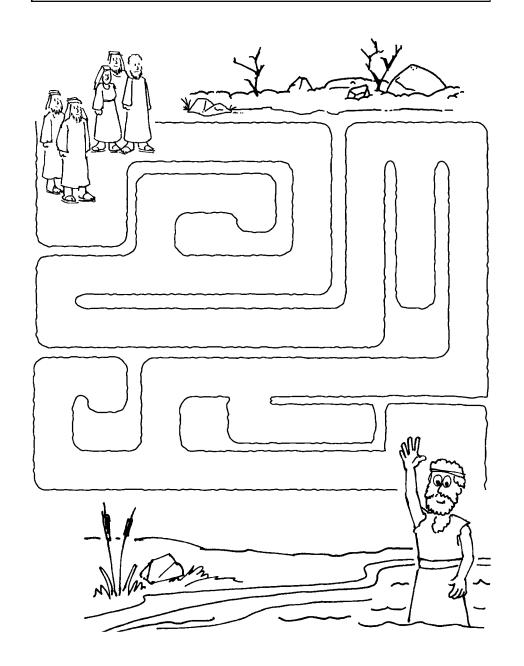
John said, "Prepare the way for the Lord."





People went to John to confess their sins and be baptized.

Help the people get to John.







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