

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, Dec 21, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth	+ Fr. William Caspers
Sunday, Dec 21, 10:30am-St. Andrew	Parishioners
Monday, Dec 22, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth	+ Geneva Busko
Tuesday, Dec 23, 9:00am-St. Andrew	Prayers of St. Jude
Wednesday, Dec 24, 4:00pm-St. Elizabeth	+ Spencer Johnson
Wednesday, Dec 24, 6:00pm-St. Andrew	+ Brown Family
Thursday, Dec 25, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth	+Bill Borowicz & Tania Larson
Sunday, Dec 28, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth	Parishioners
Sunday, Dec 28, 10:30am-St. Andrew	+ Randall Chisholm

Bible Readings for this Week (Dec 22 – Dec 28)

Mon: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
Tues: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66
Wed: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79
Thur: Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18
Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22
Sat: 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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).

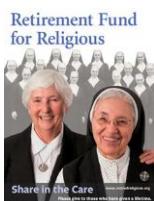
“Stewardship Opens the Door of Faith to a Lifelong Journey”

Stewardship of Treasure December 14, 2025

Adults: \$ 1,177.00
Youth: \$ 6.00
Loose Plate: \$ 148.00
Online Giving: \$ 550.00
Total Sunday Offering: \$ 1,881.00
Alley: \$ 100.00

Mass Attendance – 141

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.

**Religious give thanks**

A sister writes, “Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible.” ***Thank you*** for supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Contributions

The end of the year is near. You might want to consider an extra donation to the **CHURCH** for that little extra tax deduction in 2025. During this season, please consider demonstrating appreciation for your own good fortune or good health by making an additional contribution or, if you have not done so already, by committing to a consistent giving plan. We’d also like to say **THANK YOU** for your support all year long!

Today's Gospel – Matthew 1:18-24

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]." Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

Christmas is a time when our church fills with guests and family members who have been away. Let's take this opportunity to be a welcoming community and to go out of our way to greet them and make them feel at home. We never know just whom we might be bringing back to the Catholic Church by our warm hospitality!



Thank you to everyone who donated money for the beautiful Poinsettias that adorn the worship space. The flowers are a wonderful reminder to us all that our loved ones who have passed on are always with us in spirit...especially as we worship.

**Christmas Decorating in the Church:**

We will be preparing the church for **Christmas after Mass**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help!

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 23 Tuesday 4:00 – 7:00pm

Winter Weather Policy

In the event of significant winter weather, our policy will be keyed to other institutions in our community.

For example, on weekdays:

- 1) If the public schools have an early dismissal, all evening events or classes are likewise canceled for that day.
- 2) A 2-hour late start for the public schools means no morning Mass on that day, the parish Offices may open, but also 2 hours late (11 a.m.). Evening activities or classes will remain as regularly scheduled.
- 3) If the public schools are closed/canceled for the day, or have an e-learning day at home, there will be no morning Mass, and all evening activities or classes will be canceled.

For example, on weekends:

- 1) If the authorities issue a "no travel advisory," Sunday Mass will be canceled, and parishioners are to stay home and safe. It is well to spend some time in prayer as a family even if you are not able to attend Mass.

In all cases of severe weather closings and cancellations, every effort will be made to announce such on local TV and radio stations KVLY, KFGO, and WDAY, on Facebook and the parish website.



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. 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.

Mass Intentions! If you would like to have Masses said for deceased or living family members, please send your intentions to the parish office. Mass stipends are \$10 per Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

December 25 – Christmas Day
8:30am St Elizabeth



- ❖ Have you moved? Have you dropped your land line or changed your phone number / cell number? If so, please contact Karen in the parish office so we can update our records. Thank you !

Liturgical Assignments for December 24

Altar Servers.....	Penny Hanson
.....	Ava Jones
Ministers of Holy Communion.....	Deacon
.....	Michelle Swenson, Paul Svir
Lectors.....	Julie Nash, Julie Reno
Ushers.....	Mark Sloan, Erik Jones
Giftbearers.....	Dave & Jacque Dudgeon
Music.....	Kathy / Nora

Liturgical Assignments for December 25

Altar Servers.....	Volunteer
.....	Volunteer
Ministers of Holy Communion.....	Deacon
.....	Volunteer
Lectors.....	Volunteer
Ushers.....	Volunteer
Giftbearers.....	Eilertson's
Music.....	Kevin / Dave

Liturgical Assignments for December 28

Altar Servers.....	Gavin Purser
.....	Peyton Purser
Ministers of Holy Communion.....	Deacon
.....	Dennis & Kathy Bresee
Lectors.....	Mike Leichtenberg, Michelle Swenson
Ushers.....	Paul Svir, Volunteer
Giftbearers.....	Frank & Lavonne Gross
Music.....	Ashton / Jocelyn

If you attend Christmas Day, please volunteer !!

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.

Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Mary #509

2 - \$300 Scholarships available for High School Students.
 Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a high school senior
- Must be a confirmed Catholic
- Must be a member of St. Elizabeth's

Scholarship winners will be determined by a random drawing. Deadline to enter is Feb. 28th, 2026. Checks will be made to the college you plan to attend. *Applications are on the table at the back of the church.*

OUT OF PARISH NEWS**News from Knights of Columbus Council #4463:**

The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner is Cheryl Terfehr, Dec 14, 2025. Congratulations!

46th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner

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

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.

Advent is more than a countdown to Christmas

Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. Tune in on **98.3 FM / 1280 AM in Fargo** or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com.



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

From:*

*Father Augie
Deacon Dean & Lisa
Karen*

*Kaylie
Mary Jo*

New Life Center is in the process of preparing a temporary winter warming shelter so they can safely house more guests overnight during the cold months ahead. One of their most urgent needs right now is quilts for this temporary shelter. Here's what they're looking for:

1. Type: Standard Quilts
2. Condition: Gently used, or new
3. Size: Full size or Twin XL will be accepted
4. Quantity needed: 60 quilts total

If you can donate even one quilt, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can come from you personally, or if you think your church or another community group might be willing to contribute, let me know. We are hoping to gather all quilt donations before December 18th. If you're interested in helping in any way, please contact Melissa at 701-532-4445.

Sacred Items of Olive Wood - Sales at West Acres Mall Our friends from the Holy Land are selling their olive wood products at West Acres Mall, Fargo near the food court. Please consider buying some of your Christmas gifts from them. As you may know the war in the Holy Land started on 10/7/23 and is still going on. Most of the Christians in the Holy Land working in the tourism industry as a result of the war have their only income from olive wood sales to Christian families abroad. We appreciate your support.

I am reaching out today to introduce myself and let you know that after a brief absence, the counseling program at **Catholic Charities ND** is available for in person sessions in the Fargo office again.

My name is Kathy Johnson, and I have an LPCC license from North Dakota. I am available to meet with clients in the office at 5201 Bishops Avenue Suite B or over telehealth if they are located in North Dakota. I have worked with people of all ages, though my primary focus has been providing trauma informed care to adolescents.

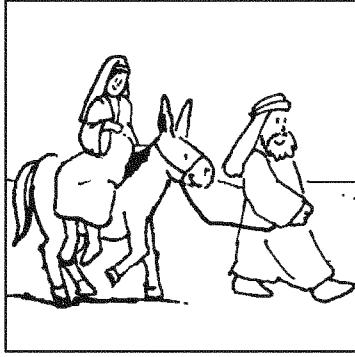
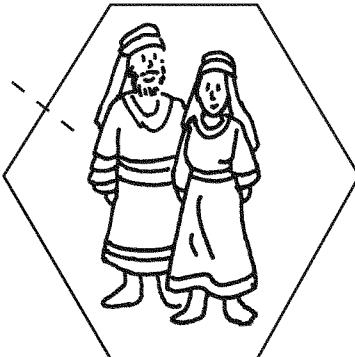
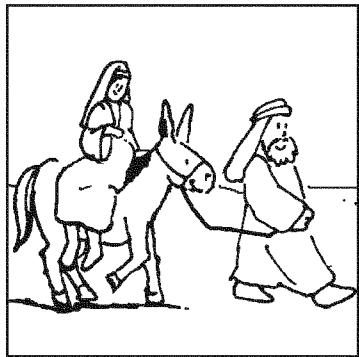
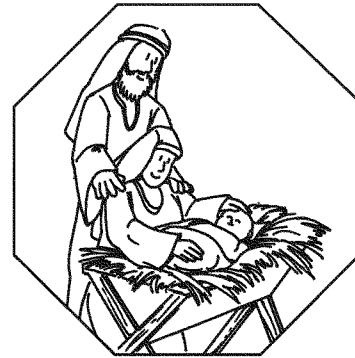
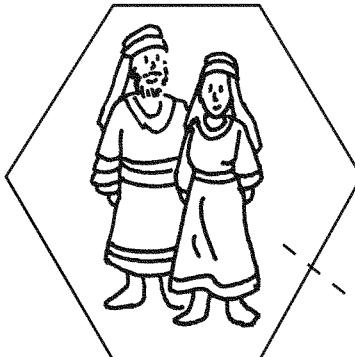
This time of year can bring joy and excitement but can also result in additional stress and increased depression. As the need heightens, please keep me in mind should you have anyone in need of a referral for counseling. I would be happy to meet with them.

Thank you.

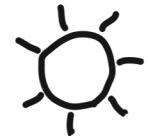
Kathy Johnson 701-235-4457 ext.
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When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. She gave birth to a son. And he gave Him the name Jesus.

Match the shapes.



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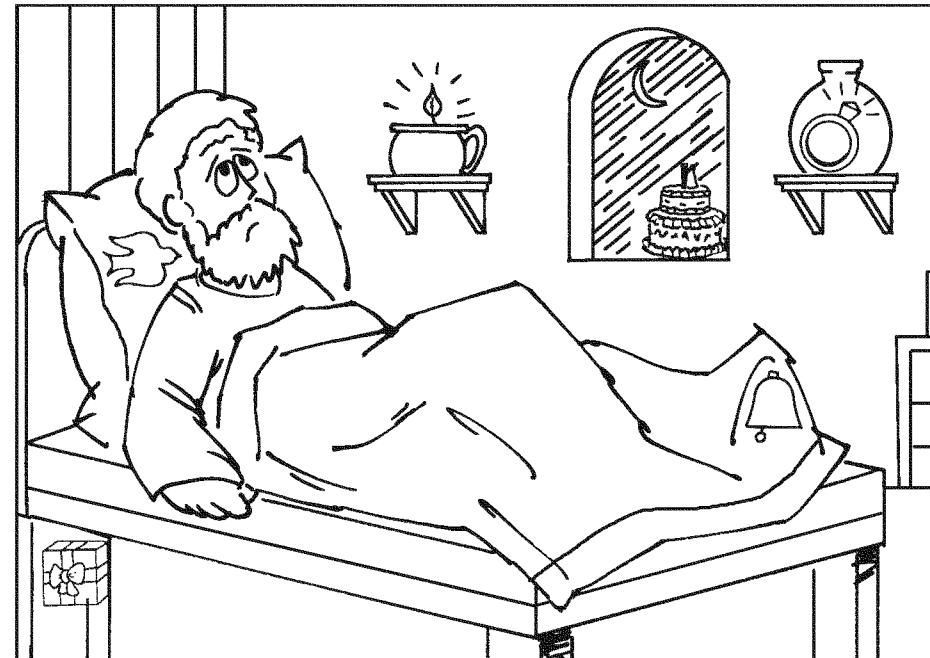
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An Angel Visits Joseph

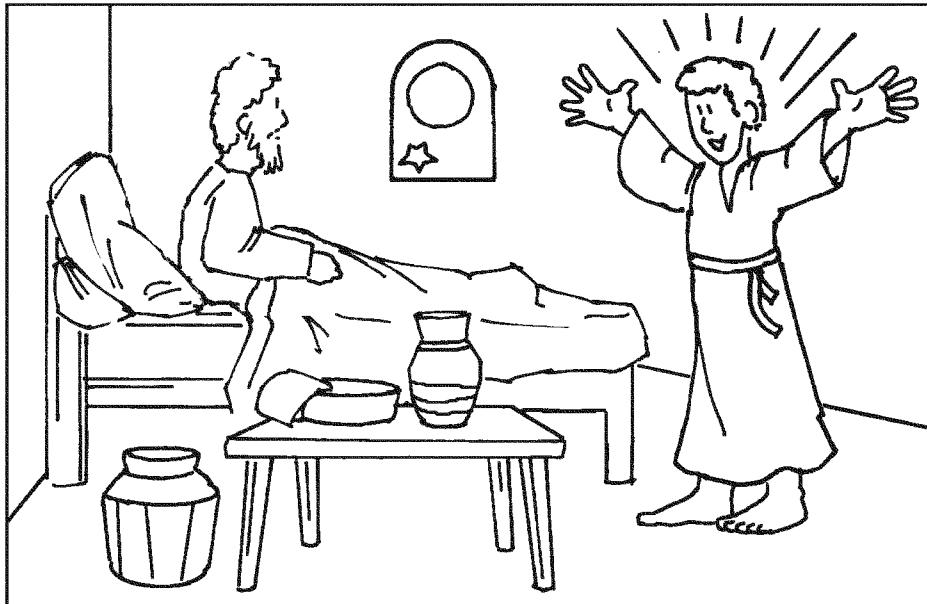
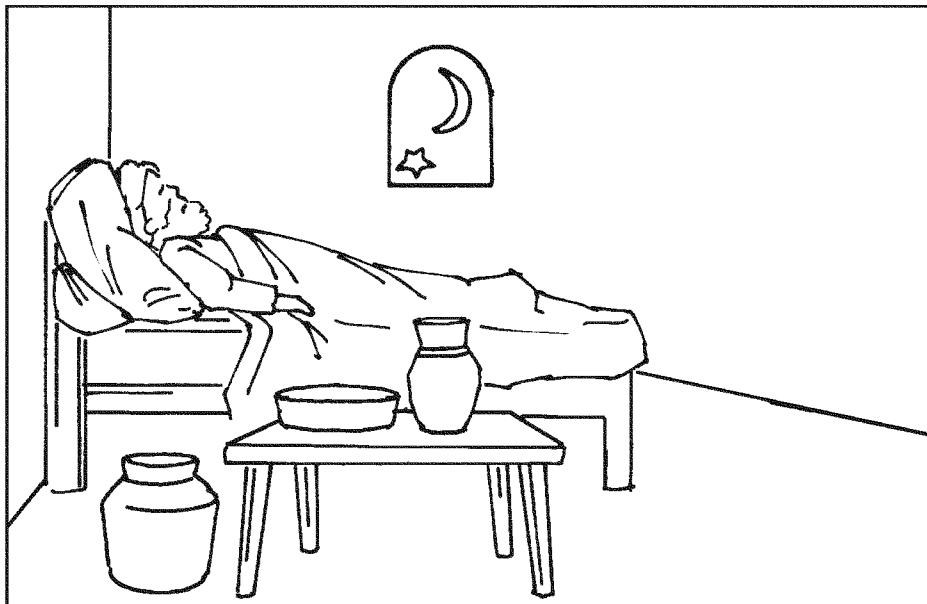
Joseph and Mary were to be married. Mary was going to have a baby, through the Holy Spirit. Joseph did not understand.

Find the hidden objects in the picture below.



An angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream.

Circle the 6 differences in the bottom picture.



The angel said, "Do not be afraid to
take Mary home as your wife.
She will give birth to a son."

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

Heart = A Star = E Cross = I Chalice = O

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