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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 **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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2026

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

Stewardship of Treasure March 1, 2026

Adults: \$ 1412.00
Loose Plate: \$ 167.00
Online Giving: \$ 2,290.00
Total Sunday Offering: \$ 3,869.00
Building: \$ 100.00
Alley: \$ 170.00

Mass Attendance – 129

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.
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March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Our Love and Prayers go out to...

We want to hold one another in prayer, especially all 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).



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Mar 8, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth	Parishioners
Sunday, Mar 8, 10:30am-St. Andrew	+ Leslie Cox
Monday, Mar 9, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth	+ John Hanson
Tuesday, Mar 10, 9:00am-St. Andrew	Prayers of St. Anthony
Wednesday, Mar 11, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth	+ Gail Nemeth
Thursday, Mar 12, 9:00am-St. Andrew	+ Mary Geeslin
Thursday, Mar 12, 10:15am-Serenity	+ Clem Nemeth
Saturday, March 14, 5:00pm-St. Elizabeth	+ Catherine Brown
Sunday, Mar 15, 10:30am-St. Andrew	Parishioners

Bible Readings for this Week (Mar 9 – Mar 15)

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
Thur: Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

Liturgical Assignments for March 14

Altar Servers.....Sam & Jacob Schmitz
..... Gavin & Peyton Purser
Ministers of Holy Communion.....Deacon
..... Michelle Swenson, Paul Svir
Lectors..... Sydney Ogdahl, Ruby Hoover
Ushers.....Mike Leichtenberg, Erik Jones
Giftbearers.....Confirmation Students
Music.....Kevin / Jocelyn

Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal **Christ's love** to those most in need.

Did you remember to set your clocks ahead ???



Today's Gospel Reading

We sacrifice for the things that are important to us. As a nation we pay sacrifice in taxes, in laws and sometimes the blood of our children in order to make our country stronger and safer. Parents

make little daily sacrifices for their children and many more difficult choices to secure their family's future. We make sacrifices for loved ones, spouses, family, beloved friends. If we take our faith seriously, we make sacrifices for God too. Sacrificing is an act of love. It shows how deeply we care. It reflects a heart filled with devotion, instead of selfish demands. And in the act of sacrifice we get back far more than we have ever given.

Irritation or Invitation

You've got ten minutes before the movie starts. You zip in and out of the dry cleaners, but as you're heading into the pizza place, a homeless man crosses your path, begging for spare change. *Not now*, you think, *I don't have time for a speed bump in my schedule.* Maybe that's exactly why God put him there. Jesus was just such a speed bump in the Samaritan woman's life. She had a family to feed, animals to water, and here was this stranger asking for free handouts. But unlike most of us, the Samaritan woman stopped and listened. She let a foreigner, a hated enemy no less, take a few minutes of her precious time and it changed her life. Jesus had such a precious gift to give, the truth of salvation, the eternal living water of life. But before she could taste such a delight, the Samaritan had to offer up her own time and attention. Only then was she quiet enough to hear God's voice. The next time you curse the speed bump God plants on your highway, ask yourself this: Is this an irritation or an invitation? Then act accordingly.

Reconciliation Lent 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. ***St. Elizabeth's Lenten Reconciliation times:***

Every Sunday morning before Mass (8:15am)
Monday and Wednesday before Mass (8:30am)
Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm Saturday, March 28th
Holy Week: Tuesday March 31 5:30-7:30pm

- **The 40 Windows: A Lenten Sketchbook Journey** For Ages 4 to 104 – No Artistic Talent Required!

This Lent, trade the guilt trip for a field trip. We are inviting the **entire parish** to participate in a shared creative project using a simple Moleskine journal.

How it works: Each day of Lent offers a one-word "window" (like *Roots*, *Shadow*, or *Water*). Your task is simple: spend 5 minutes filling that day's page. You can draw it, paste in a photo, write a prayer, or simply smudge a little color on the page.

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 14 at the 5:00pm Mass. To encourage the whole parish to celebrate and join in on the celebration **we WILL NOT have an 8:30am Mass on Sunday, March 15th.**



Chrism Mass 2026
Monday, March 30
6:30 p.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



BINGO FUN NIGHT Mark your calendars for yet another affordable, fun- filled night of bingo, food, and fellowship on **Saturday, March 21** at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Concessions will be available.



Rice Bowls The parish is taking part in Operation Rice Bowl. Please return the filled rice bowls to the church on **Palm Sunday.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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SAVE THE DATE !!

St. Elizabeth's Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, April 26
11:00 – 3:00

Volunteers needed!!

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

News from Knights of Columbus Council #4463:

The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner is Shirley Bjerken, March 1, 2026. Congratulations!

Women's Care Center is looking for special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. A part-time or full-time counselor position is available. Degreed and Non-degreed candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

Redeemed – Restoring Your Masculine Identity in Christ

Men – it is time to reconnect with your purpose and identity. Every man needs the opportunity to step away from the noise, business, and relentless expectations of daily life and be reminded of his purpose and identity. This 3-day retreat is that opportunity. Come receive authentic and relatable testimonies from men who found strength, direction and freedom by surrendering their lives to God. Enter into personal reflections, good discussions, and fraternal community with men seeking virtue and restoration. Rediscover your identity as a son of God and walk back into your life with clarity, peace and purpose. Come as you are. Leave as who you were created to be.

March 19-21 / St. Joseph's Catholic Church

We are called to bring the love of Christ to the world. We can help you discover how! 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. The next retreat is scheduled for March 20-22, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

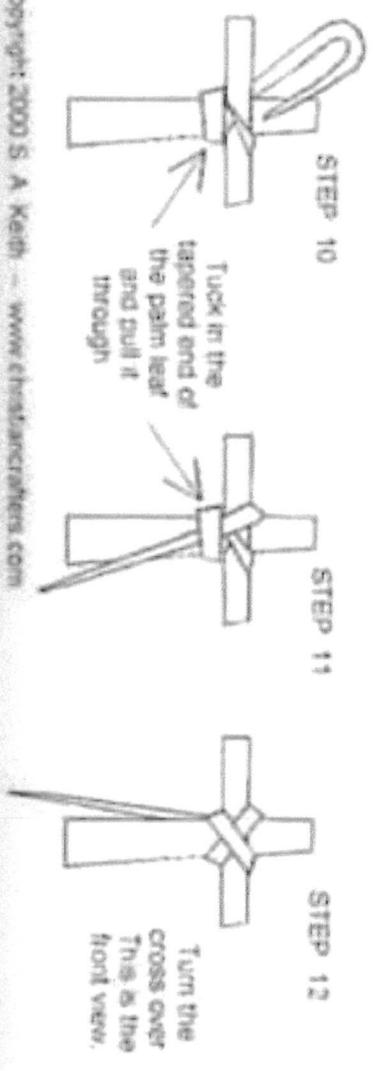
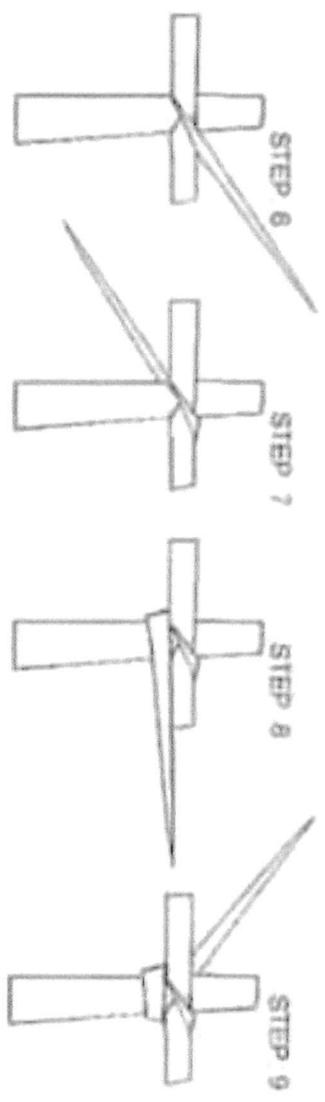
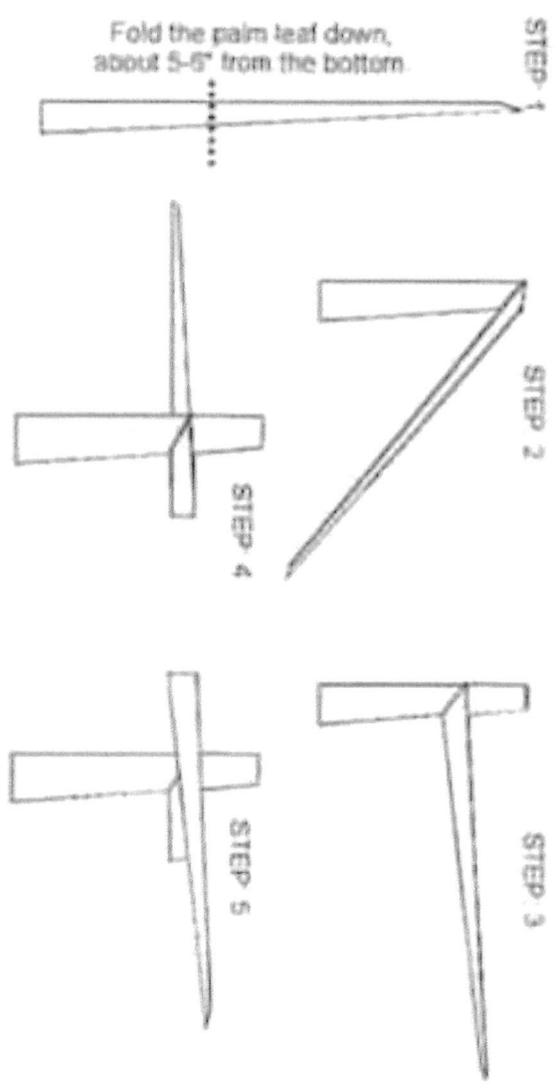
Join us for the next **Catholic Man Night** on Monday, March 9th at 6:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament (210 5th Ave W, West Fargo). The evening starts with adoration and confession from 6 to 7 pm, followed by a free-will offering meal and a talk with guest speaker Paul Wilburn, including a short discussion. Eat, pray, and socialize with the guys—come and bring a friend!



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Diagram - How to Make a Palm Cross

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end





Congratulations on your Confirmation – students from St. Elizabeth’s will renew their baptismal promises with our faith community on Saturday, March 14 at 5 pm. Once these promises were made by their parents and godparents, now each candidate will publicly affirm his/her desire to enter more fully into this community of faith. All parishioners are invited to attend. Congratulations to the following:

Breelyn Carter – Breelyn is the daughter of Jason Carter and Shelly Winter and has been a member of St. Elizabeth’s parish community for 16 years. Breelyn has chosen St. Cecilia as her Confirmation name. She has asked Ashton Carter to be her Confirmation Sponsor as he is her brother and he is a good example of a 21-year-old practicing his faith. Some of Breelyn’s most memorable experiences in the parish were attending Vacation Bible School when she was younger and she enjoyed the parish picnics.

Quincy Cox – Quincy is the son of Andy & Carissa Cox. Quincy has chosen St. Sebastian as his Confirmation name. He has asked Leslie Cox to be his Confirmation Sponsor. “She grew up in a Catholic family, she goes to church every Sunday, she is very involved within her parish, and she can answer all of my religious questions regarding my faith.” One of Quincy’s most memorable experiences here at St. Elizabeth’s was First Holy Communion and participating in the bell choir.

Matthew Eilertson – Matthew is the son of Dave & Tricia Eilertson and has been a member of St. Elizabeth’s parish community for 17 years. Matthew has chosen St. Christopher as his Confirmation name. He has asked his grandmother, JoAnn Kunkle to be his Confirmation Sponsor “as when she has moments of doubt, she always pulls through with her faith and uses her faith to become the great person she is now.” Some of his most memorable experiences in the parish were picnics in the summer and Bingo.

Ava Jones – Ava is the daughter of Erik & Amanda Jones and has been a member of St. Elizabeth’s for 17 years. She has chosen St. Catherine of Alexandria as her Confirmation name. She has asked Nora Jones to be her Confirmation Sponsor. “She has been by my side in many big moments in my life.” One of Ava’s most memorable experiences in the parish were working the spaghetti dinners.

Zach Ogdahl – Zach is the son of Chad & Heather Ogdahl and has been a member of St. Elizabeth’s parish community for 6 years. Zach has chosen St. Sebastian as his Confirmation name. He has asked Les Wolf to be his Confirmation Sponsor. “We are both Catholic and we enjoy the same things and we are close.” One of Zach’s most memorable experiences in the parish were working the spaghetti dinners.

Stella Swenson – Stella is the daughter of Megan Swenson and Timothy Weisenberger and has been a member of St. Elizabeth’s parish community for 16 years. Stella has chosen St. Joan of Arc as her Confirmation name. She has chosen Lola Garrett to be her Confirmation Sponsor. “She inspires me to have a personal relationship with God, and I look up to her a lot because she inspires me to be a good person.” Some of Stella’s most memorable experiences in the parish were Christmas Mass, volunteering during Mass and growing up with my classmates.

Many people from her town believed in Jesus because of her!

Find Jesus in the crowd.



Children's Worship Bulletin™



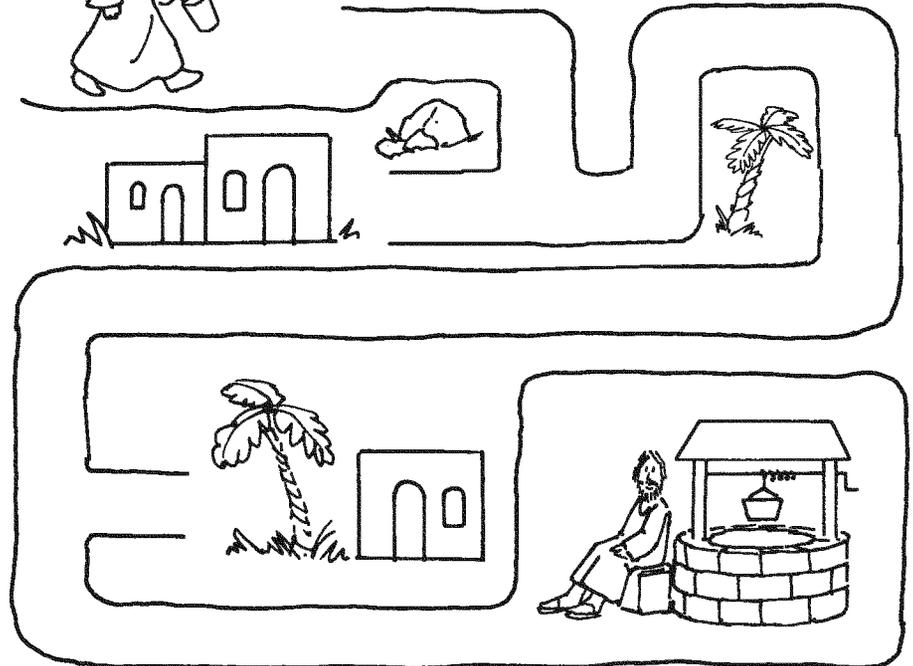
Ages 3+

March 8, 2026 • John 4:5-42

Jesus Talks to the Woman at the Well

Jesus sat down by a well.
A woman came to draw water.
Jesus asked her for some water.

Help the woman get to the well.



Jesus spoke kindly to her.
He told her who He was.

Match the letters.

h s a M

Messiah

e i s

The woman ran to tell all
of the people of her town.

Find and count how many.



8 or 9?



9 or 10?



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