

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
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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.

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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.

2026

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026

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

Stewardship of Treasure April 12, 2026

Adults: \$ 2,326.00
Loose Plate: \$ 77.00
Online Giving: \$ 780.00
Total Sunday Offering: \$ 3,183.00
Alley: \$ 50.00

Mass Attendance – 137

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.

April 19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

Luke 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

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, April 19, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth Parishioners
Sunday, April 19, 10:30am-St. Andrew + Mary Geeslin
Monday, April 20, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth + Beatrice Schmaltz
Tuesday, April 21, 9:00am-St. Andrew Georgine Casement
Wednesday, April 22, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth + John Hanson
Thursday, April 23, 9:00am-St. Andrew Prayers of St. Anthony
Sunday, April 26, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth + Geneva Busko
Sunday, April 26, 10:30am-St. Andrew Parishioners

Bible Readings for this Week (April 20 – April 26)
Mon: Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
Tues: Acts 7:51—8:1a / Jn 6:30-35
Wed: Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40
Thurs: Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
Sat: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20
Sun: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

Liturgical Assignments for April 26

Altar Servers.....Penny Hanson
.....Ruby Hoover
Ministers of Holy Communion.....Deacon
..... Michelle Swenson, Kathy Bresee
Lectors.....Paul Svir, Julie Reno
Ushers.....Erik Jones, Chuck Breid
Giftbearers.....Erik & Amanda Jones
Music.....Ashton / Ava

All parishioners of St. Elizabeth's are invited to the Planning for Mission Prayer, Discernment and Feedback session sponsored by the Diocesan Planning Commission to be held on May 2nd from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Parishioners will hear the vision for mission from Bishop Cozzens via video, have time in Adoration to discern how the Lord is calling you to become a mission center and to provide suggestions to the Diocese for parish planning at St. Elizabeth's. We encourage everyone to attend to help us move from a maintenance mindset to becoming a missionary church. Thank you! Pam Johnson, Diocesan Planning Commission Member



What Are You Speaking Of?

If Jesus greeted you on your road today, could you answer without blushing the question, "What do you speak of?" Daily we travel our own road to Emmaus, traveling further and further from the day we learned about

Jesus' resurrection. Are we taking the story with us? Are we reminding ourselves and those around us that a miracle has taken place? Let's pray today that the Easter story becomes fresh and new to us every morning. That on the Lord's return He will find us on the road, ready to answer, "Yes, Lord, we are speaking of You!"

Save the Date

First Holy Communion

May 3, 2026 / 8:30am

Senior Sunday

May 17, 2026 / 8:30am

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal!

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Save the Date!

St Francis de Sales Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, April 22

11:00-1:00pm

Adults: \$14, Children 6-12: \$5

All you can eat salad buffet, bread, dessert and beverage

Attention: All Members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers

(St. Elizabeth's & St. Joe's)

We will gather at 1:00 pm on **Sunday, May 3**

to recite the rosary, install new members and have a short meeting.

(at St. Elizabeth's in Dilworth).

ALL members are invited to attend. Any questions, please contact Karen in the parish office. Coffee & Snacks will be provided.

Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Saint John Paul II Camp

Nazareth Retreat House / Crookston, MN

For youth entering Grades 7 & 8

First Session / July 19-23

Second Session / July 26-30

Contact Kaylie in the parish office if interested

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp

Nazareth Retreat House / Crookston, MN

For youth entering Grades 9 & 10

June 21- 25

Contact Kaylie if interested

Thank you for your generous donations to the 2026 CRS Rice Bowl Campaign. By donating to CRS Rice Bowl, you help provide lifesaving support to people around the world. But did you know your generosity also helps your local diocese? Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports vital Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. Thank you for your compassion and for making a profound difference globally and locally. If you have not already done so, there is still time to turn in your 2026 donation. Please drop off your donation along with your Sunday Mass offering.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Charismatic Praise & Worship followed by healing prayer at 6:30pm at St. Elizabeth's on the 2nd & 4th Thursday every month.

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

News from Knights of Columbus Council #4463:

The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner is Roger Durensky, April 12, 2026. Congratulations!

St. Anthony's is Hiring ! St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Fargo, is hiring for a Religious Education (RE) Coordinator (grades PK - 12) (24 hours/week). The purpose of the position is to coordinate all religious education (RE) classes and sacramental preparation for ages PK –12. Recurring activities, in addition to special RE/youth events include: Children's Liturgy of the Word, Wednesday night RE classes, annual sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation), Vacation Bible School, Holy House, Living Stations, and youth mission trips. For more information and a full job description, please contact Deidra at 701-237-6063 or via email at deidra@stanthonyfargo.org Thank you for your interest in joining our parish team!

You're Invited to the event of the year! St. Joseph's School invites you to our **24th Annual Dinner Dance Auction!** The evening will begin with Mass, followed by a wonderful night of fellowship and fun - including a silent auction, live auction, raffle games, dancing, and so much more. It's a special opportunity for our community to come together while supporting the students and mission of St. Joseph's School. Visit the school website for event details and registration: www.stjoeshmhschool.com/dda. **April 25, 4-11pm.** Avalon Events Center, Fargo.

Join us at **St. Joseph's School** for a summer full of faith, fun, friends, and hands-on learning! For more information, please visit www.stjoeshmhschool.com/summer-program.

Join us for the next **Catholic Man Night** on Tuesday, **April 28th** at 6:00 pm at St. Benedict's (8547 Front Street, Horace). 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 Dave Richman – NDSU Basketball Coach, including a short discussion. Eat, pray, and socialize with the guys—come and bring a friend!

Volunteers needed at Women's Care Center! Use your talents while supporting moms and babies! To learn more or apply, call 701-237-6530 or email chloe@wccnd.com

"Springtime at the Lakes Tabletop Luncheon"

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church – Detroit Lakes, MN
Saturday, **May 16, 2026** – 10:30 a.m. Table Viewing
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Entertainment – \$20.00
Featuring: Jayme Littlewolf (playing piano)
& R.N. Tertainment

Host Families Needed

Oak Grove Lutheran School is seeking caring families willing to open their homes and hearts to international high school students for the 2026-2027 school year (August-May). Hosting is an opportunity to share everyday life, create lasting memories, and make a meaningful difference in a young person's journey. Host families receive a stipend of \$800 per month to offset costs. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Kristi Kegel at kristi.kegel@oakgrovelutheran.com or (701) 373-7115. Together, we can provide a home away from home!

St. Mary's Cathedral Spring Celebration!

Saturday, May 2nd from 5:30 to 8 PM—enjoy Knights of Columbus burger baskets, live and silent auctions, and an opportunity to bid on a special dinner for eight with Bishop Folda. Stay for live music and dancing at 8 PM.

Sunday, May 3rd from 11 to 1:30—join us for our famous Swedish Meatball Dinner, a kids' carnival, raffle drawing, and more. All are welcome!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 26, 2026

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. On this day, the Church responds to the Lord's invitation to "*pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We ask all the faithful to pray that young men and women will generously hear and respond to God's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, and secular institutes.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026

Clarification

May 2nd Meeting

Some have expressed confusion about the focus of the All Parish Meeting on May 2, 1-3pm.

This is NOT a meeting to discuss the Spaghetti Dinner.



The Meeting on Saturday May 2nd is an essential part of the *Planning for Mission* work of the Diocese.

To learn more use the QR code below and watch the video from Bishop Cozzens

New Life



Through the Tender Compassion of Our God

How can I encourage my children to participate in Mass?



ASK A PRIEST

FATHER STEVEN WIRTH

Pastor

St. Augustine, Fessenden; St. Boniface, Esmond; and St. William, Maddock

My three parishes are blessed to have a good number of young families with little children. It is not uncommon for my homily to be interrupted by a crying or screaming child. I am so grateful that these families are making the effort to bring their children to Mass. And from the altar I can see that it is an effort indeed. I can't tell you how many times I wish I could do something to aid them and to make them feel more welcomed. This is why I am so glad you asked this question.

How you encourage your children to participate during Mass depends on their age. For infants, you just bring them and attend to their needs. Toddlers are curious. Sitting towards the front will help them to see what is going on in Mass. This will play towards their curiosity. However, the downside of curiosity is that they are going to want to explore. They are not going to be happy that they have to sit in the pew.

As a child reaches preschool years, he or she can start learning little things. You can point out things like the altar, the statues, the art work, or the priest in his colorful clothes. Maybe you can teach your children to sing some of the Mass parts like the Alleluia and the Great Amen (especially if your parish uses the same musical setting for every Mass). This can also help the child to learn the basic flow of the Mass: learning what comes next and giving an answer to that dreaded question, "are we almost done?"

As your child reaches school age, he or she can really start learning. Consider buying an illustrated children's Mass book. I remember having such a book as a child. From the pictures in the book, I could tell how far along Father was in the Mass, which helped me learn what was happening and avoid the "are we almost done?" question.

As your child enters third grade, take an active role in his or her preparation for First Communion. Teach him or her about the truth and importance of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist, and maybe learn more yourself. Also, teach your children the importance of genuflecting. It's not just a secret Catholic code. It shows real reverence to Jesus who is really present in the Eucharist.

As your child ages, perhaps consider reading the Sunday Readings beforehand, or learning more about the special Sundays of Advent, Lent, Easter, and so on. Maybe your child can become an altar server. For a teenager, maybe there is another role he or she could play, perhaps as a reader or an usher. Talk to your pastor about the possibilities.

What if the child misbehaves? Do I take him or her out of church? That's the million-dollar question! We do want our churches to be distraction-free places of prayer. However, that's simply not possible. Our parishes are the places where the family of God meets, and that family includes children! Thus, I tend towards not taking kids out of the church. I know it can be embarrassing to have the loud kid in Mass, but you will have plenty of time to be the embarrassing mom or dad later as the kid grows older (insert maniacal laughter).

There does come a point when a child goes from a distraction to a disruption. And, yes, maybe at that time you might do something. But I caution you not to accidentally reward your child for being disruptive. Older toddlers and pre-K kids don't understand right and wrong; they understand action and consequence. If a child screams and then is given a toy to play with or food to placate him or her or gets to go to the gathering space where there are fun couches to crawl around on; he or she will learn that misbehavior leads to a reward. Getting pulled out of Mass should not be more fun for the child than staying in the church.

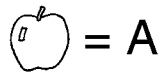
But maybe consider intentionally rewarding your child's good behavior. I've been considering implementing a reward system in my parishes in which a child gets one sticker for coming, another for behaving, and a third if he or she can tell Mom or Dad one thing about the Mass. Get enough stickers on your card and you get a little reward.

You can also establish a Sunday routine. Maybe it's a special treat or activity after Mass. Or maybe a group of families can get together after Mass, and the kids can spend time with other kids or friends (and you can get some adult company for yourself). Not only can these rewards be withheld for bad behavior, but they also make Sunday more enjoyable. Sunday Mass is not supposed to be a chore. It's supposed to be life-giving. If you can do additional things to make Sunday more fun, then do it! Oh, and this might work even better for grandparents who routinely spoil/bribe their grandkids.

Bringing children to Mass is hard! And some periods of life are harder than others. But it is absolutely worth it. Habitual Sunday Mass attendance teaches our children that God is the most important part of our week and our lives.

All at once, the men knew it was Jesus.
 What did the men tell the disciples?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters?



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Children's Worship Bulletin™



Ages 3+

April 19, 2026 • Luke 24:13-35

On the Road to Emmaus

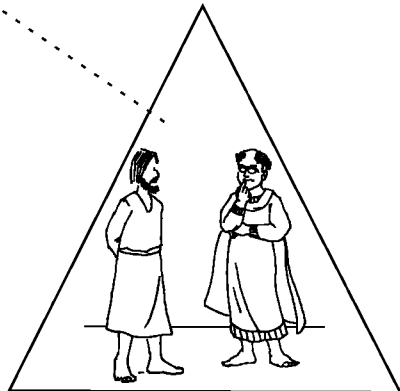
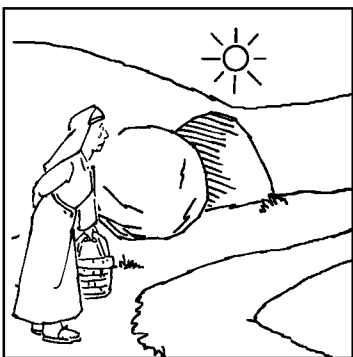
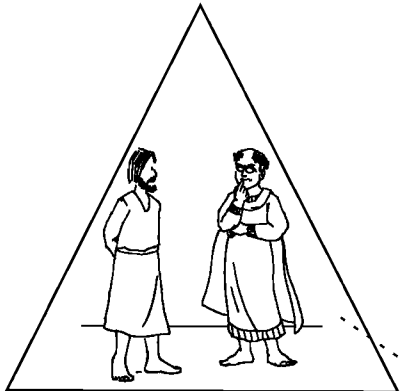
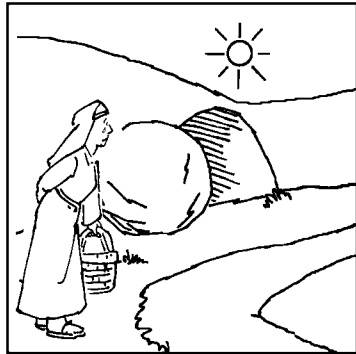
Two men were walking
 along a road. Someone else joined them.
 They did not know it was Jesus.

Circle 7 differences in the 2nd picture.



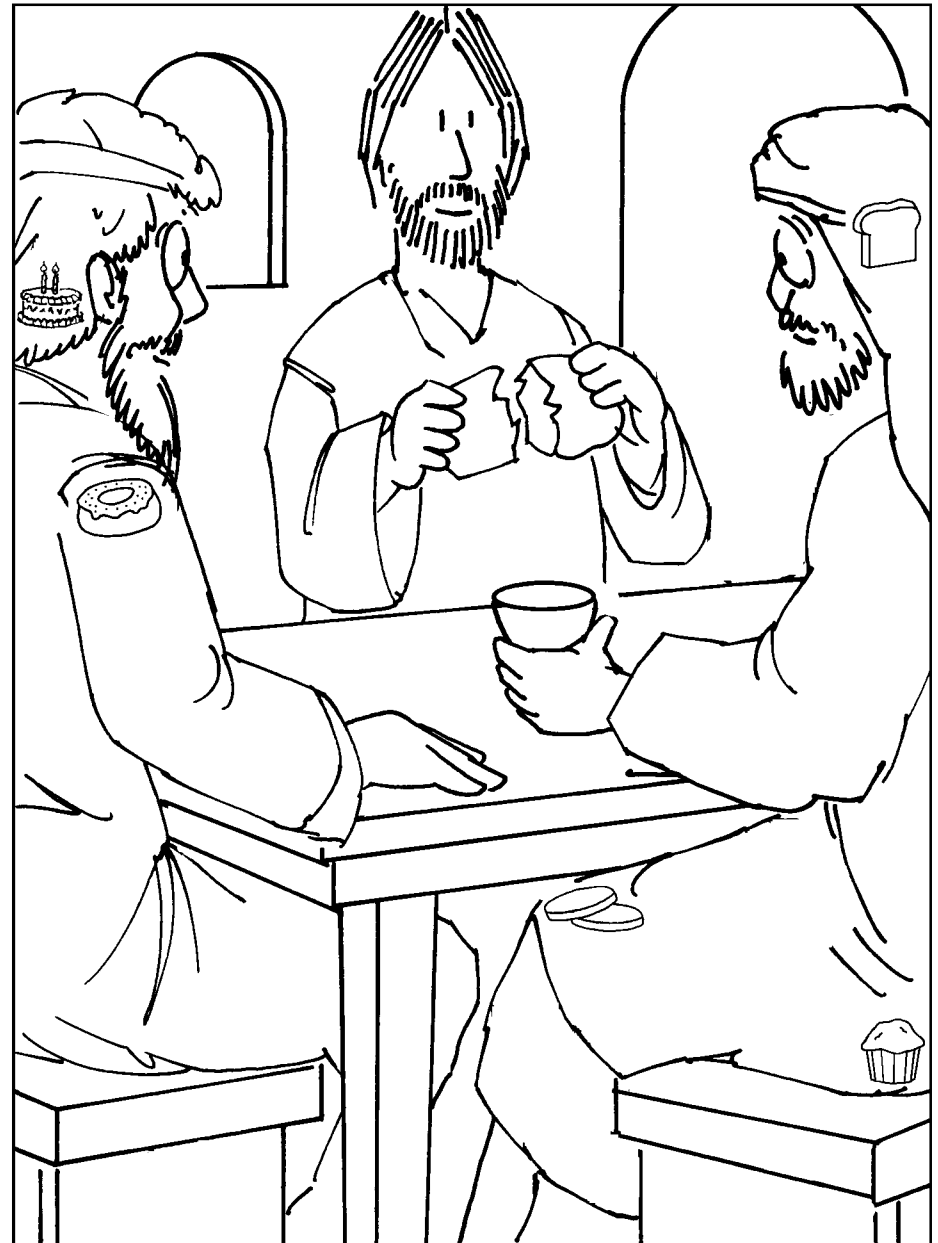
Jesus told what the Scriptures said about Him.

Match the shapes below.



Jesus took bread and gave thanks to God.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.



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