

NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME! We are very happy to have you as new members of our Parish family at St. Elizabeth's. Forms for registration are available in the entry of church. Please fill out and return to the Parish Office. As your parish staff, we look forward to meeting you and your family and welcome your involvement in the parish. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself at any convenient opportunity.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Life Coordinator for scheduling Baptism. Parents are asked to participate in a Baptismal Preparation. These will be held through scheduled appointments. Please call the Parish Office to inform us when you will be attending.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who anticipate marriage are to contact the Parish Life Coordinator six months in advance of the anticipated wedding. The couple will use this time to participate in marriage preparation.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

For emergencies, please call Sr. Rose anytime. Ministers of Care are available for Communion and visits to the sick. If you will be having surgery, we invite you to receive the Sacrament of the Sick after Mass on the Sunday before surgery.

BUILDING USE

PLEASE schedule meetings and facilities through the Parish Office. Thank you!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesdays, 12:00 Noon.

Please submit in writing by emailing, faxing, or dropping by the office. **Please send in marriage, baptism, & death announcements to the office if you would like them published in the bulletin.** This is very important to our parish family.

PRAYER CHAIN

A vital part of the spirituality of our church is the "Prayer Chain". This network is comprised of parishioners who pray for the concerns of our parish families and individuals. To request a prayer to be added to the chain or to join the chain, please contact Ardath Forgy at 823-1584 or Evelyn Peterson at 668-2396 or the parish office.

STEWARDS OF HOPE PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, confident in the presence among us of your Son, we, the people of the Salina Diocese, continue to expand on what our ancestors established through selfless love in building our faith communities.

As we go forward in hope, help us to give ourselves selflessly in love to our brothers and sisters and so strengthen the body of Christ. Help us, through your Holy Spirit, to grow in holiness and follow your will so that we can face the challenges before us with confidence. Help us to walk together, sharing each other's burdens and joys, so that we may leave a vibrant legacy of faith, hope and love for future generations. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DID YOU KNOW..

Father Michael J. McGiveny, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, has been pronounced a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, the first in a three step process to sainthood.

To find out more, please visit www.kofc.org or call your K of C Grand Knight, Charles Schroder (wife Terri) at 785-823-8903, schrods@cox.net or Financial Secretary, Kelly Streeter (wife Michele) at 785-825-1953, kelly_streeter@cox.net.

NEXT EVENT - JAN 8 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT

MISSION MESSAGE

If you are baptized, you are a missionary. Please go to <http://salinadiocese.org/propagation-of-the-faith> and click on the arrow under Mission Lessons for this week's mission message.

WHILE THEY WERE SLEEPING

It was an evening like any other. Ordinary men were doing an ordinary job. Shepherds were "keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:8). Was it chilly? Were they tired? When angels appeared with news of a Savior, had the shepherds been talking about their trouble or sharing a good joke?



How quickly, how mysteriously, how unexpectedly an ordinary night became the turning point of human history. How remarkable that God chose to set his great rescue plan in motion when only a young couple was paying attention and only a few shepherds were awake.

God's work is sometimes so secret we may wonder if he's here or if he cares. The Christmas story tells us that God works out breathtaking plans for our lives in the dark, often while we're sleeping or going about our ordinary routines.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 31st, 2011 & January 1st, 2012

| SATURDAY, 5:30 PM | SUNDAY, 8:30 AM | SUNDAY, 10:30 AM |
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| LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Volunteer LECTORS: Volunteer Volunteer CANTOR: Volunteer ORGANIST: Volunteer ALTAR SERVERS: Volunteer Volunteer GIFT BEARERS: Volunteers E.M.E.'s: Volunteers GREETERS/USHERS: Volunteers DILLONS CARDS: None | LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Volunteer LECTORS: Volunteer CANTOR: Volunteer ORGANIST: Volunteer ALTAR SERVERS: Volunteer Volunteer GIFT BEARERS: Volunteers E.M.E.'s: Volunteers GREETERS/USHERS: Volunteers DILLONS CARDS: None | LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Volunteer LECTORS: Volunteer Volunteer CANTORS: Volunteer ORGANIST: Volunteer ALTAR SERVERS: Volunteer Volunteer GIFT BEARERS: Volunteers E.M.E.'s: Volunteers GREETERS/USHERS: Volunteers DILLONS CARDS: None CHILDREN'S LITURGY: None MONEY COUNTERS: Volunteers |

NOTES TO LITURGICAL MINISTERS

When serving in the Liturgical service, PLEASE report to the Liturgical Assistant so they know YOU are present. If YOU are unable to fulfill your scheduled ministry assignment for a particular date or time, PLEASE find your replacement and then contact the church office with the information. Thank you!

USHERS & GREETERS: PLEASE clean out bulletins, etc. from the pews after each Mass. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: IF YOU are scheduled as a EME for the first time, PLEASE call Sr. Rose for training. PLEASE clean out the cups after each Mass.



July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

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| AVERAGE MONTHLY BUDGET | \$46,500.00 |
| Last Week's Collection: | \$ 7,035.56 |
| Previous Week's Collection: | \$ 8,615.25 |
| December Totals: | \$ 23,879.47 |

Interest & Debt Reduction / mth: \$ 7,500.00

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| Church Principal Debt: | \$1,044,910.89 |
| Cemetery Principal Debt: | \$ 14,912.12 |

Thank you for your stewardship of treasure. Pray that everyone embraces the stewardship way of life. What have you that you have not received? And if you have received, do you return the first and best to the Lord?



ST. ELIZABETH'S STEWARDSHIP



I GIVE HIM?

THIS WEEK INTENTIONS

NATIVITY OF THE LORD-CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS VIGIL DEC 24 - #778

CHRISTMAS DEC 25 - #781

Saturday, Dec 24th

5:15 pm Mass +Barbara Schenwies

Sunday, Dec 25th

8:30 am Mass For the Parish
10:30 am Mass +Nick Charvat

Monday, Dec 26th

No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 27th

7:50 am Morning Prayer
8:00 am Mass +Irene Morse

Wednesday, Dec 28th

7:50 am Morning Prayer
8:00 am Mass +Bob Bradshaw

Thursday, Dec 29th

7:50 am Morning Prayer
8:00 am Mass +Marie Mueting

Friday, Dec 30th

7:50 am Morning Prayer
8:00 am Mass +Joe Prusa

Saturday, Dec 31st

5:15 pm Mass +Rita Martin

Sunday, Jan 1st

8:30 am Mass For the Parish
10:30 am Mass Lv & Dec Members of Walters' Family

PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday Dec 27th

8:40 am Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group
7:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday Dec 2th

NO Relig Education Grades 1-6

Thursday Dec 29th

Bloodmobile

Wednesday Jan 4th

6:35 & 7:55 pm Parking Lot: Mendee & Marty
Kramer and Joe & Nancy Stein

6:45 pm Relig Education Grades 1-6

Saturday Jan 7th

5:00 pm Epiphany Party POTLUCK

Sunday Jan 8th

7:30 - 12:30 pm KofC Birthright Breakfast @ St. E's
8 - 11:00 am Social Concerns Breakfast @ St. Mary's

Monday Jan 9th

5:00 pm Salvation Army Meal
Servers: Linda Davis & VOLUNTEER

Tuesday Jan 10th

8:40 am Shepherds of Christ Prayer Group
5:00 pm Salvation Army Meal
Servers: Jackie & Ron DeVolder
7:00 pm Bible Study



AROUND THE PARISH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Please volunteer to serve at the New Year's Masses. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the back of the Church.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Day of Mary, Mother of God / New Year's

Sat, Dec 31 - 5:15 pm

Sun, Jan 1 - 8:30 & 10:30 am

ADOPTED FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

St. Elizabeth's Women's Group would like to thank all who helped a family of seven children for this Christmas season. The parish participation to help this family is greatly appreciated.

BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to all who have given to Birthright this Christmas season. Items benefit the girls, women, & babies throughout the year and are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Paver's for always doing such a wonderful job in clearing the church grounds of snow and ice!!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Dec 26, 30, and Jan 2. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

FAITHFUL FAMILIES ROSARY

The Mother's Rosary sponsored by Faithful Families, a tri-parish mother's ministry, is the 1st Monday of each month - **Jan 2nd at 7 pm at St. E's.**

EPIPHANY PARTY - POTLUCK

Bring you family and enjoy the traditions of the "3 kings" and "gift giving". **Saturday, Jan 7, 5 pm**, at St. Elizabeth's parish hall. Potluck - bring a couple of your favorite dishes. Also bring a "white elephant" gift if you want to participate in the gift giving. Family fun and fellowship for all. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America.

ST. ELIZABETH'S WOMEN'S GROUP

The next meeting is **Weds, Jan 11 at 7 pm** in the parish hall. For 2012, meetings are scheduled the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

MORE AROUND THE PARISH

SOCIAL CONCERNS BREAKFAST - JAN 8

Breakfast will be served at St. Mary's from 8 to 11 am, Sunday, Jan 8. The menu will include biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. Meal proceeds will benefit Sunflower Adult Day Care. Sponsored by the St. Elizabeth's and St. Mary's Social Concerns Commission. Please come and enjoy a good breakfast and support a great cause!!

BIRTHRIGHT BREAKFAST - JAN 8

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Birthright on Sunday, Jan 8, serving from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, at St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall.

SALVATION ARMY - JANUARY 2012

Again this year, we will be serving evening meals at the Salvation Army with St. Mary's in the month of January. We'll be doing weeks 2, 4, and 5. We need two servers each evening and we are responsible for 10 meals. Please sign up to help on the schedule in the back of church. This community service is both fun and easy.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - MEMBERS NEEDED

Parishioners are needed to join the joint Social Concerns Commission with St. Mary's OR establish a St. Elizabeth's Social Concerns Commission. Anyone interested in serving please call the parish office. **“And the King will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’** Matthew 25:40

SPIRITUAL READING

Our study of the Matthew Kelly book, Rediscovering Catholicism will continue **Monday, Jan 16**. Please come at noon for a light lunch and discussion. Please bring your books and study guides. RSVP to Marlene Bonilla at 825-4842.

AROUND THE CITY

SACRED HEART BUSINESS OFFICE

The SHJSHS Business Office will be closed December 23 & 26. The SHJSHS Business Office will be open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm December 27-30, and resume normal business hours on Jan 3. Merry Christmas from Sacred Heart Jr. Sr. High School!

ANNUAL RUNNIN' REVS GAME

Come welcome our seminarians home from school, Tues, Dec 27th, at 6 pm. (time is one hour earlier this year). Come out and see Fr. Jarett and the seminarians take on local high school boys in the annual Runnin' Revs basketball game at the Sacred Heart High School gym. Any high school boy who is not playing for their school can play. Shoot for bottles of pop at halftime. Also, Fr. Jarett's prize giveaways at halftime. Free pizza after the game to socialize with the seminarians.

PRAYER

FAMILY PRAYER FOR

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY-DEC 30

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of family. We acknowledge that our image and name as family come from You.

We believe that within our family lies a home-made holiness. We affirm that it is in this household of faith that we experience Your presence, Your forgiveness and Your love.

We are family. We give thanks to You for the many joys and blessings that have come to us through our family.

As family, we sometimes feel pain. And so we offer to You our disappointments, frustrations and hurts. Help us to forgive those members of our family, including ourselves, who have caused pain.

We pray for the strength to be a light within our family. May we open our hearts, our eyes and ears and carry our light to those in need.

God, Creator of the earth and all its people, help us to be mindful that, as members of one global family, we are equal in Your eyes. Help us to continue to appreciate the diversity of persons in our homes and in our world. As members equal in human dignity, may we build a better world and proclaim our willingness to be the holy people You call us to be.

Amen.

(1992 National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers)