

# St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

89 St. Elizabeth Road  
Oppelo, Arkansas 72110  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**SACRAMENTS: BAPTISM:** By Appointment Call – 501-354-4181

**MARRIAGE:** Call 8 month prior to schedule date with the Church and to make appointment to consult with Pastor.

### Mass Times and Intentions:

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10:30 a.m. – Ben Donaldson by The Raymond Gunther Family

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – Charles Granberry by Peggy Granberry

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10:30 a.m. – George “Buddy” Riedmueller by Marilyn Riedmueller

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 5:30p.m. – Helen Ward by Marilyn Riedmueller

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 3:00 p.m. – George & Theresa Bost by Dan & Louise Hartman

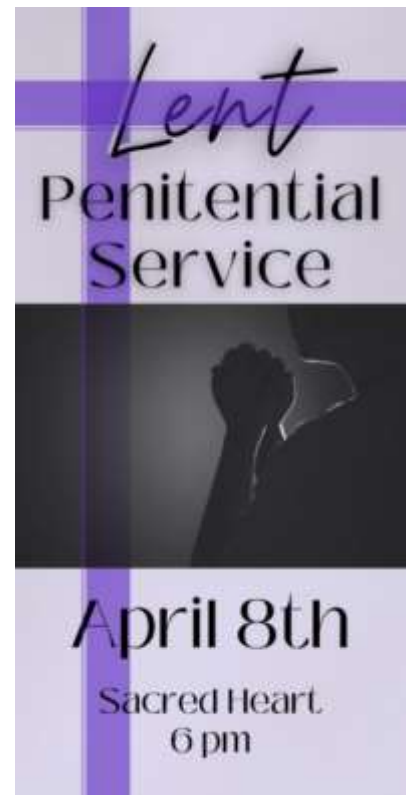
**Senior Saints -Come Play and Pray:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday monthly at 10 a.m. at the KC Hall in Morrilton. Ages 50 & up are welcome. Snacks, bingo, prayer, and FUN! Coordinators: Julie Session 501-977-6535 and Karen Welcher 501-472-3870. Please call if you need a ride.

**Praise and Worship Service:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly at 10 a.m. at the Family Mission.

**The Holy Thursday collection** will be for the diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Since 2009, this collection has raised over \$4 million to educate our future priests and helps offset the more than \$1 million needed each year to fund our seminarians' education. Thank you for your generosity, and please keep our 22 seminarians in your prayers.



There will be a devotional hour to  
the Lord's Divine Mercy  
on Sunday, April 27th,  
from 3 until 4 p.m  
at Holy Family Mission  
with refreshments served afterward.  
Come join with all the parishes of our  
local area as we praise the Lord Jesus  
for the gift of his infinite Mercy and  
pray for the needs of the world with  
hymns, reflections, prayers, and more!



**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday:**

6 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday:**

12 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday:**

8:15 p.m. - Sacred Paschal Vigil

**Easter Sunday:**

**NO MASS**

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*Date & Time*  
 March 19 - The Art of Communication  
 April 16 - Resolving Conflict  
 May 28 - The Power of Forgiveness  
 June 11 - The Impact of the Family  
 July 16 - Good Sex  
 August 6 - Love in Action

*Location*  
 St. Elizabeth Parish Hall  
 89 N St. Elizabeth Rd, Oppelo, AR

**COUPLES Wine & Cheese Tasting**

Friday, April 25, 2025  
 4:00 - 8:00 PM

*SCAN TO REGISTER*

<p><b>April 13, 2025</b></p> <p>Lector Communion Min Altar Servers Offertory Ushers Greeters</p>	<p><b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>Tim Zimmerman Joseph Dold Parker and Landon Dold Abby Parham Family Matt Zimmerman, Paul Hoyt Paul Hoyt, Sharon Hoyt</p>	<p><b>April 17, 2025</b></p> <p>Lector Communion Min Altar Servers Offertory Ushers Greeters</p>	<p><b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b></p> <p>Alisha Koonce Matt Zimmerman Abby and Olivia White Matt Zimmerman Family Mike Palmer, Jeff Riedmueller Frank &amp; Jeannie Andrews</p>
<p><b>April 18, 2025</b></p> <p>Lector Communion Min Altar Servers Offertory Ushers Greeters</p>	<p><b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</b></p> <p>Becky Dold Carol Zimmerman Ansley Parham, Rylee Widner Joseph Dold, Frank Andrews Steve &amp; Peggy Granberry</p>	<p><b>April 19, 2025</b></p> <p>Lector Communion Min Altar Servers Offertory Ushers Greeters</p>	<p><b>Easter Vigil</b></p> <p>Carol Zimmerman, Julie Palmer Becky Dold Brayden Parham, Ayden Zimmerman Kevin Koonce Family Bobby Hoyt, Dan Hartman Bobby &amp; Vivian Hoyt</p>
<p><b>April 27, 2025</b></p> <p>Lector Communion Min Altar Servers Offertory Ushers Greeters</p>	<p><b>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</b></p> <p>Morgan Zimmerman Abby Parham Addi Widner, Ealyn Parham Joseph Dold Family Matt Zimmerman, Richard Dold Paul Hoyt, Sharon Hoyt</p>	<p><b>May 4, 2025</b></p> <p>Lector Communion Min Altar Servers Offertory Ushers Greeters</p>	<p><b>Third Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p>Becky Dold Joseph Dold Ansley Parham, Margo Zimmerman Kerry Bottoms Family Mike Palmer, Jeff Riedmueller Steve &amp; Peggy Granberry</p>



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## Lenten Penance Service – Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Important things to remember:

- **The inviolability of the seal:** Under no circumstances can the priest, by word or gesture, communicate to a third party a specific sin as connected with a specific person. Priests are willing to die rather than to break the seal, even if under pressure from civil authorities. Most priests receive the blessing of not remembering particulars on anyone.
- **The purpose of confession:** it is primarily to confess our sins. If we are needing counsel for a situation of our present or past, it is probably best to schedule an appointment with a priest to speak outside the seal of confessional. This allows him to confidentially follow up with us in the future in a way that he cannot do if spoken to under the seal.
- **No judgment:** Priests themselves are sinners and know what it means to seek the Lord's reconciliation sacramentally. Priests rejoice to help penitents unburden themselves of sin.
- **It's okay to feel nervous:** No really! It's normal. So make a "laundry list" on paper, as nervousness tends to wipe our brains when we go into confession
- **The nature of forgiveness:** it is not a feeling; it is a decision of the will to lay aside any claim of vengeance against another and place the matter in God's hands; it is congruent with love because it wills the good for those who have offended us.
- **The difference between guilt and shame:**
  - 1) **Guilt** – it comes from the Holy Spirit because it puts us back in right relationship with God and each other. It is the recognition:
    - "I have done wrong"
    - "I need to amend my ways"
    - "I need to apologize or compensate" if applicable.
  - 2) **Shame** - it comes from the evil one who uses lies to *isolate* us
    - "I'm terrible; I'm dirty; I'm horrible"
    - "It will never get better"
    - "I'm an idiot for doing the same thing over and over"
    - "If people only knew..." or "I'm the only one who struggles with this"
  - 3) "The devil's end game is not our sin; it's our despair" – *Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville*
- **A few things that we can be tempted to skip over:**
  - 1) Missing Mass on Sundays and holy days without sufficiently serious reason.
    - **Serious reasons:** Emergencies, sicknesses, caring for the sick who can't care for themselves, impassable roads, etc.
    - **Not serious reasons:** Sports, hobbies, trips, or other social commitments.
  - 2) Sacrilegious Communion. If we are aware of serious sin, such as missing Sunday Mass without a serious reason, we abstain from Holy Communion until going to confession lest we commit another serious sin of sacrilege against the Eucharist (CCC #2120)
  - 3) Presumption. This is when we sin, not through weakness, but because we calculate it against the opportunity of later confession. It is an abuse of God's mercy.
  - 4) Rationalizing the abuse of alcohol or driving under the influence

# **An Examination of Conscience**

*Based on a version at <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience>*

**1<sup>st</sup> Commandment:** “I am *LORD* your God, you shall not have strange gods before Me.”

Have I denied God? Have I been ashamed of or denied my faith in front of others? Have I ridiculed the teachings or practices of the Church? Have I neglected my prayers? Have I used witchcraft, Wicca, or other Occult practices? Have I practiced various forms of superstition such as fortune tellers, mediums, ouija boards, tarot cards?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment:** “Do not take the name of the Lord in vain.”

Do I use God’s name carelessly, in anger, or in surprise? Have I called down evil upon anyone or anything?

**3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment:** “Keep holy the Sabbath Day.”

Have I, through my own fault, failed to come to Mass each Sunday and every Holy Day of Obligation? Do I arrive at Mass late or leave early without good reason? Do I allow myself to be distracted at Mass?

**4<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** “Honor your father and mother.”

Have I disobeyed my parents or treated them with disrespect? Am I disrespectful, impolite, or discourteous toward my family? Have I neglected my work or my studies? Have I been helpful in my home? Have I failed to study seriously and with diligence? Have I missed an exam at school because of laziness? Am I disrespectful toward the elderly? Am I disobedient to the civil law or to those in authority such as the police?

**5<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** “You shall not kill.”

Do I act violently by fighting or hitting others? Have I had thoughts of hatred toward another? Did I have an abortion or help another to have an abortion? Have I mutilated my body or another’s body? Did I attempt suicide or seriously consider thoughts of suicide?

Do I drink beer or other alcoholic beverages in excess? Have I taken illegal drugs or abused prescription drugs? Have I sold or distributed illegal drugs? Do I neglect to take proper care of my body? Do I eat too much, or sleep too much? Have I allowed myself to become intoxicated? Am I too concerned about my health or appearance?

Do I deliberately harbor unkind and revengeful thoughts about others? Have I taken revenge? Have I used harsh or abusive language toward another? Do I act rudely, impolitely, or ridicule others? Have I been guilty of the sin of racism? Am I cruel to animals?

**6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Commandments:** “Do not commit adultery..[nor] covet your neighbors wife.”

Have I desired or done impure things? Have I taken pleasure in entertaining impure thoughts or desires?

Have I read impure material, listened to music with impure lyrics, or looked at pornography, whether in photos or on television or in movies or on the Internet? Have I aroused sexual desire in myself or another by impure kissing, embracing, or touching?

Have I committed impure actions alone, i.e., masturbation? Have I committed homosexual acts or other unnatural acts? Do I use artificial contraception whether surgical, barrier or chemical methods? Have I dressed immodestly or been too concerned with the way I look? Do I use vulgar language or tell or listen to impure jokes or stories?

**7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments:** “You shall not steal...[nor] covet your neighbor’s goods.”

Have I taken anything that was not my own? Have I damaged private or public property or defaced it by vandalism? Have I been guilty of shop-lifting? Have I accepted or bought stolen property or helped someone to steal? Have I bribed someone? Do I gamble excessively? Have I borrowed something without the owner’s permission? Have I failed to return something I borrowed? Do I waste money or spend it extravagantly? Have I harbored a greed for money or worldly possessions? Have I made of money, or any possession, a false god? Do I waste goods or food? Have I cheated on tests or schoolwork? Have I cheated in games or sports?

**8<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Have I lied deliberately? Have I sworn to do something sinful or illegal? Have I slandered others by attributing to them sins they did not commit or of which I had no evidence? Do I gossip about others or listen to gossip? Have I told a secret I was asked to keep? Have I betrayed someone’s trust? Have I criticized anyone uncharitably? Do I make rash judgments and harbor false suspicions about others? Have I deliberately misled or deceived anyone? Have I refused to forgive someone or held a grudge against him or her? Have I failed to apologize or make amends to someone I offended?

**Other considerations:** Am I greedy or selfish or do I indulge in self-pity? Am I proud or vain or do I show off? Am I superficial and worldly? Do I desire to be praised by exaggerating my success? Am I touchy and hypersensitive? Do I magnify the least oversight or thoughtlessness into an insult or deliberate slight? Have I been boastful? Have I been arrogant with others? Have I obstinately defended actions which are sinful, either my own or other’s? Am I rebellious? Have I spent useless time planted before the TV when I could be doing more constructive things? Am I envious of someone’s possessions and do I inordinately desire them to be my own? Do I take delight in the misfortunes of others?