

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

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June 16th, 2024

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Sacred Heart Church Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. closed for lunch 11:30 -12:30

Mass Intentions: You may mail the money and requested list to:

MAILING ADDRESS – Sacred Heart Church, P.O. Box 1620, Morrilton, AR 72110

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:

June 16th – Sunday 10:30 p.m. – Nancy Kaye Dold

June 19th – Wed. 5:30 p.m. Mass – Jerry York

Mass Times and Intentions:

June 23rd – Sunday 10:30 p.m. – Helen Greeson

June 26th– Wed. 5:30 p.m. Mass – Fr. Richard Davis

The Sacred Heart Bazaar committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Bazaar. A financial report will be released when available, but we are confident it was a successful event thanks to every sponsor, volunteer, and attendee!

Senior Saints -Come Play and Pray!

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday monthly at 10 am at the KC Hall in Morrilton. Ages 50 & up are welcome. Snacks, bingo, prayer and FUN! Next one is June 27th

Coordinators: Julie Session 501-977-6535 and Anna Woods 479-264-9983. Please call if you need a ride.

Searching for future ATU students: If you or someone you know will be attending Arkansas Tech University in Russellville in the fall, please contact our offices. St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish would like to reach out and inform you about our Catholic Campus Ministry. If you are in the Russellville area during the summer, please come by and visit our facilities located at [509 West “L” Street](#). We are open 10 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday and celebrate Sunday Masses at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM. We are our students “home away from home” while attending ATU. You can email the student’s contact information including their name, mailing address, and cell phone number to stleosatu@gmail.com or register on our website at www.stleosatu.org.

May 26, 2024	The Most Holy Trinity	June 2, 2024	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus Christ
Lector	Carol Zimmerman	Lector	Tim Zimmerman
Communion Min	Matt Zimmerman	Communion Min	Abby Parham
Altar Servers	Abby and Olivia White	Altar Servers	Rylee and Addi Widner
Offertory	Eric Noland Family	Offertory	Kerry Bottoms Family
Ushers	Frank Andrews, Matt Zimmerman	Ushers	Mike Palmer, Jeff Riedmueller
Greeters	Frank & Jeannie Andrews	Greeters	Bobby & Vivian Hoyt
June 9, 2024	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	June 16, 2024	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lector	Morgan Zimmerman	Lector	Julie Palmer
Communion Min	Carol Zimmerman	Communion Min	Matt Zimmerman
Altar Servers	Ansley Parham, Piper Noland	Altar Servers	Rylee Widner, Ealyn Parham
Offertory	Bobby & Vivian Hoyt	Offertory	Abby Parham Family
Ushers	Bobby Hoyt, Paul Hoyt	Ushers	Frank Andrews, Matt Zimmerman
Greeters	Sharon Hoyt, Paul Hoyt	Greeters	Steve & Peggy Granberry
June 23, 2024	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	June 30, 2024	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lector	Alisha Koonce	Lector	Carol Zimmerman
Communion Min	Abby Parham	Communion Min	Matt Zimmerman
Altar Servers	Brayden Parham, Ayden Zimmerman	Altar Servers	Abby and Olivia White
Offertory	John Widner Family	Offertory	Steve Granberry Family
Ushers	Mike Palmer, Jeff Riedmueller	Ushers	Bobby Hoyt, Paul Hoyt
Greeters	Frank & Jeannie Andrews	Greeters	Bobby & Vivian Hoyt

Dear parishioners,

On Monday I will begin my third week of six for my summer intensive studies at University of St. Mary of the Lake (USML) in Mundelein, Illinois. Last August, I explained a little bit about the academic program I was beginning, but I thought it would be good for me to repeat myself here and answer some of the questions that I have received through the year.

What is this program?

I am earning a Licentiate, or License, in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.). In most schools of theology, the three levels of higher education follow the normal cycle of *Baccalaureate—Master—Doctorate*. In schools like USML whose theology faculty was founded by papal charter, the three levels of higher education are *Baccalaureate—Licentiate—Doctorate*. A Licentiate could be thought of us as somewhere between a Master and a Doctorate.

As a priest, I hold a Master of Divinity, a four-year degree that incorporates both academic and pastorally-focused curricula requirements, but a licentiate is exclusively academic and provides a level of theological expertise so that one can be "licensed" to teach at the baccalaureate level.

What is the pastoral pay-off of this?

Generally speaking, a diocese has a responsibility to build up different kinds of expertise among its priests even after ordination. Our diocese is blessed to have many priests with Licentiates in Canon Law (J.C.L) and a few with Licentiates in Sacred Philosophy (Ph.L.). We also have many priests who have been trained in programs of spiritual theology and spiritual direction. There is only a single priest in our diocese, however--our homegrown Fr. Jason Tyler-- who has an S.T.L. My hope, then, is that my degree will give better balance among our diocese's priests and will assist our bishop and people as needed, especially in the teaching of theology.

My specific degree will have a focus in dogmatic theology. *Dogma* tends to be a bad word these days, but it is simply the Greek word for "teaching", something which Jesus did a lot of! Dogmatic theology focuses on the nuts-and-bolts of theology: the Trinity, the Incarnation, the merits of Christ's Death and Resurrection, grace, etc.

Who is paying for this?

Catholic Extension Society-- which has supported mission dioceses like our own since 1905--has a large scholarship endowment for seminarians or priests from mission dioceses to receive an STL from USML. I am extremely grateful for all that Extension is doing for me and all that they've done for our diocese for over 100 years!

What are the requirements and timeline of the degree?

A year ago, the Vatican granted approval for USML to enroll distance-students in their licentiate program. There are ten courses in total (plus the thesis and exams), and I must attend four of these on campus during the summertime: two in 2024 and two in 2025. During the spring and

fall semesters, I have taken/will take my classes live via video conferencing. By the end of this summer, I will have completed five of the ten courses; I hope to complete the program in the spring of 2026.

When will you be back?

My summer program ends the weekend of July 13th and 14th. After that, I hope to remain in the Midwest for a few days and then spend Wednesday the 17th through Sunday the 21st in Indianapolis at the National Eucharistic Congress, the first one in the U.S. in 83 years! I will return home on Monday, July 22nd.

I want to thank you all for your grace and understanding as I am away. As I mentioned in the masses last weekend, I know that you will be in good hands with Fr. Kiran, and please know that I am praying for you every day. Although I am physically elsewhere, I am still "plugged in", so please reach out by message or phone call if there's something I can do for you!

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen