



# St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

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March 8, 2026

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**MASS TIMES:** Sunday 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

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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 Intentions:

Sun. March 8th + Nancy Kaye Dold by her family

Wed. March 11th + Ben Donaldson by David & JoEllen Dunlap

Sun. March 15th + Margaret Stance by Fran Donaldson

Wed. March 18th + Amanda Caplette by David & JoEllen Dunlap

## MINISTERS

**March 15, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Lector- Julie Palmer

Communion Minister- Carol Zimmerman

Altar Servers- Abby and Olivia White

Offertory- Susie and Tommy Mooney

Ushers- Bobby Hoyt, Dan Hartman

Greeters- Frank & Jeannie Andrews

**March 22, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Lector- Becky Dold

Communion Minister- Carol Zimmerman

Altar Servers- Ansley Parham, Margo Zimmerman

Offertory- Mike and Julie Palmer

Ushers- Richard Dold, Joseph Dold

Greeters- Paul Hoyt, Sharon Hoyt

**March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**

Lector- Alisha Koonce, Tim Zimmerman

Communion Minister- Joseph Dold

Altar Servers- Parker and Landon Dold

Offertory- Abby Parham Family

Ushers- Bobby Hoyt, Dan Hartman

Greeters- Frank & Jeannie Andrews

The annual Fish Fry for the **Knights of Columbus in Morrilton** will be **Friday, March 13** at the hall on North Cedar Street from 5:00 until 7:00, dine-in all you can eat fried catfish, fries, homemade hush puppies, slaw, homemade dessert, and a drink for \$20.00 adults, \$10 for children age 5-10, and children under 5 - free. Take-out boxes also available for \$20 from 5:00 to 7:00. For more information call or text (501) 977-4585.



The **Knights Columbus Council 10908 in St. Vincent** is sponsoring their annual catfish supper on Friday **March 20th** starting at 5:00 p.m. Fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw and dessert will also be served. Price is \$25.00 per person, \$10.00 for children 6-12 years old and children 5 and under eat free. Take-out meals will be available for \$20.00. If you need any other information, please call 501-504-4701.

## HOLY WEEK

**Holy Thursday**, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**, April 3, Stations, 12:00 Noon  
(outside weather permitting )  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday**, Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

## Parishioner Pilgrimage Prayers



From March 17th to 26th, parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth, together with Fr. Stephen and other pilgrims, will visit the sites of St. Elizabeth's life in central Germany and the place of St. Margaret Mary's visions of the Sacred Heart in eastern France. On the table in the vestibule will be a box with slips of paper. **Please write your prayer requests on the slips of paper** and Fr. Stephen will carry them with him on the pilgrimage and lay them on the altar at every mass they celebrate.



## Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm

Fridays during Lent

Soup Supper afterward

**Penance Service**  
**March 31st 6:00 pm**  
**at Sacred Heart**



## MEN OF FAITH

Tuesdays at 6 a.m.  
KC Hall



**Laetare**  
*Sunday*  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 15th

## Grace Marriage Session focused on “Intentional Investment in Marriage”



Let's take this step together to  
invest in our marriages

Take some time to **Stop, Listen and Share** with each other to grow closer and connect more deeply without life's busyness and distractions.

Marriage is a gift, but thriving in it requires intentional effort. When couples devote time, energy, and creativity to their relationships, they can transform it into something truly life-changing.

Date

**Friday, March 13**

Time

7:00 to 8:30 PM (6:30 - Doors Open)

Location

Orenwood Hall - 313 E. Commerce, 72110

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TO REGISTER



As our **Confirmation candidates** prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we invite our parish family to keep them in your prayers. This is a sacred and important step in their journey of faith, as they open their hearts more fully to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May our encouragement and prayers strengthen them as they prepare to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.



### **A Prayer for Our Confirmation Candidates**

Heavenly Father,  
Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon our Confirmation candidates.  
Fill them with wisdom, understanding, courage, and peace.  
Help them to grow ever deeper in their love for You and for Your Church.  
May they boldly live their faith and reflect the light of Christ in the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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### **Statement on the use of military power from Bishop Taylor**

My Brothers and Sisters,

Now that we find ourselves unexpectedly in a war that our own government initiated, it is important that we keep in mind Church teaching regarding the strict conditions that need to be in place for defense by military force to be morally legitimate, as follows:

#### Just War Doctrine

- The “just war” doctrine of the Catholic Church as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2309, lists four strict conditions for “legitimate defense by military force”: the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;
- all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
- there must be serious prospects of success;
- the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated (the power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition).

In the paragraphs that follow, the Catechism elaborates not only on the *ius ad bellum* (the legitimate conditions for going to war), but also on the *ius in bello* (right conduct within a war). In other words, even if the initial use of defensive military force is morally legitimate, not all actions thereafter are necessarily morally permissible.

This analysis often comes down to prudential judgments, on which Catholics may be able to reasonably disagree depending on the facts and circumstances. However, as your bishop, I have an obligation not only to remind you of the conditions for the use of defensive military force, but also to share my deep concerns that the necessary conditions for so-called “just war” do not appear to be met in the present conflict between the United States and Iran based on the information publicly available.

The current conflict is even more troubling given the inherent instability of that region and the real possibility of use of nuclear weapons. From Pope Saint John Paul II on, our Popes have spoken repeatedly about the moral dangers of even possessing nuclear weapons. Over time, the Church has moved away from accepting the deterrence effect of nuclear stockpiles, and towards a position of abolition. Indeed, the Vatican was the first nation-state to sign and ratify the United Nations’ “Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.” None of this, of course, means that we should not be supportive of the members of our armed forces and their families, who sacrifice so much for our nation’s safety and security. We certainly can and should hold them in our prayers.

But let us also pray for the leaders of our country, that their hearts might be softened on resorting to the use of military force—and that their resolve for peace might be steeled. As Pope Leo recently warned us all: “Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one’s own dominion.” In order for our leadership to once more seek peace as a gift and a good in and of itself, that change must start within our own hearts, our own families, and our own circles of influence. Jesus’ first greeting after his resurrection was, “Peace be with you.” I pray that we all follow Jesus’ lead and seek to spread peace, rather than to impose our own will.

Pope Leo’s remarks at last Sunday’s Angelus Address apply directly to the situation in which we find ourselves today. He said: “I am following with deep concern what is happening in the Middle East and in Iran during this tumultuous time. Stability and peace are not achieved through mutual threats, nor through the use of weapons, which sow destruction, suffering, and death, but only through reasonable, sincere, and responsible dialogue.

Faced with the possibility of a tragedy of immense proportions, I make a heartfelt appeal to all the parties involved to assume the moral responsibility of halting the spiral of violence before it becomes an unbridgeable chasm. May diplomacy regain its proper role, and may the well-being of peoples, who yearn for peaceful existence founded on justice, be upheld. And let us continue to pray for peace.”

Sincerely in Christ,  
+Anthony B. Taylor, Bishop of Little Rock