



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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Secretary: Halena Estep
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Custodial Care: Marylin Stanley for St. Elizabeth
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Music Director : Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Parish Office

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:
Tuesday - 12:05 pm
Wednesday—Friday 7:30 am
Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes 9:00 am
Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth 7:30 and 10:30 am

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome!
You may register in person or by calling the Parish Center.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:45 pm
Or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Center for registration and reservation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Aloy no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Aloy.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

March 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Lent



“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”



Mass Intentions

Mar. 14	4:30 pm	Kevin Murray by Terry & Lynne Roche
Mar. 15	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Ray Halter, Chris Evans, and Carol Waters
Mar. 16	9:00 am	Edith Smith by Anne Schalasky
	10:30 am	For All Parishioners by Fr. Aloy NO MASS
Mar. 17	12:05 pm	Harry Wong by Anonymous
Mar. 18	7:30 am	Patrick Goda by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 19	7:30 am	Samuel Lopiccolo by Ione Lopiccolo
Mar. 20	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Ray Halter, Chris Evans, and Carol Waters
Mar. 21	4:30 pm	Florence Huss by Dave & Kaye Holscher
Mar. 22	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Ray Halter, Chris Evans, and Carol Waters
	9:00 am	For All Parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	10:30 am	Ed Halter by Mike & Susan Emmerich



Ministry Schedule

March 21-22, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Mary Jo Bonham
	USHERS: Amanda & Randy Mullins
	COMMUNION MIN: Linda Reis, Celeste White, Jack Stanley
	SERVERS: Cody York, Xavier Brown
	GIFTS: Baird Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Kathy Harris
	USHERS: Brad Schutte, Stewart Schutte
	COMMUNION MIN: Marylin & Jack Stanley, Jona Uptmor
	SERVERS: David Jenkins, Matthew Jenkins
	GIFTS: Steve Jenkins Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Stacie Matson
	USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson
	COMMUNION MIN: Kourtney & Bob Coffman
	SERVERS: J. Hermann
	GIFTS: Davis Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Geri Ezell
	USHERS: Brad Sexton, Logan Sexton
	COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Patti Buercklin, Carol Wong
	SERVERS: Chase Knoblett, Shara Coffman
	GIFTS: Lisa & Matt Hartrich

*St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for March
Alan Maddox, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka*

Please attend weekly Mass

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers:
Sherri Murray, Angie Rhoten, Judy Smolinski, Daniel Hatfield, Nancy Huber, Billy Skaggs, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Mildred Hinterscher, Cherie Stewart, Mark Wagner, Arlene Schutte, Jane Brown, Patti Ackerman, Emma Kocher, Kevin Boyd, Mary Rogers, Jason Genta, Sherry Mitchell, Lorraine Snerecky, Dr. John Newlin, John Skaggs, Sam Mitchell, Lori Brown, Jared Holmes, George Inboden, Theresa Bowen, Bobbie Cheesman, Amie Cornwell, Ben Curtis, Daniel Ferguson, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Hartrich Family, Judy Hester, Ira Inboden, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Val Pescatore, Kristi Rawlings, Brice Reed & family, Levi Richardson, Jason Richardville, Ellis Sanders, Marian Scott, Mike & Judy Smolinski, John Stedelin, Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Linda Stewart, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Bertha Taylor, Becky Van Schoyck, Ginny Varner, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Bill Wilson, & the men & women in armed forces.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

PSR Wed. Mar. 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

The Youth Group will be selling Beef House rolls through **March 18, 2015**. Rolls will be \$8.00 per dozen & will be delivered in time for Easter dinner. See a Youth Group member to order your rolls or contact Courtney Ferris. There is also an order form in the back of the Church.

The Fellowship Dinner will be **Wed. Mar. 18** from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. We will be having chili & chicken & noodles. Last names A-M bring a side & N-Z bring a dessert. This is last Fellowship Dinner until May 29, 2015, so please try to join us.

The Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt will be **Sat. Mar. 29** from 2:00 pm -3:00 pm. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at OLOL. Donations of candy are now being accepted.

Rice Bowls for "Operation Rice Bowl" will be collected until **April 1**,

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi



Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is discord, union; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, Grant that we may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

This reading from the closing chapter 2 Chronicles begins with a critical assessment of Judah's spiritual health. The people have been so unfaithful to God they will have to endure the ultimate hardship of exile from the Promised Land. Moses had warned their ancestors of this before the people ever crossed the Jordan River. Even the chronicler, who typically recasts the history of the Israelites in the most positive light, must include this unfortunate outcome. Every level of society was unfaithful, from the royal house down to the lowest servants. Even the Lord's temple in Jerusalem is polluted by the sins of the people.

God provided the people with plenty of spiritual advantages. As the chronicler says, God communicated with them "early and often." In other words God did not delay placing agents of life in their midst to steer them away from the dangerous path they were on. And God sent these agents many times. Prophetic books often begin with a brief listing of the kings during whose reign messengers like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Hosea preached the word of God. At times the careers of the prophets even overlapped, so intense were God's efforts to protect the people from spiritual harm.

To their peril the people of Judah dismissed the prophets altogether, even scoffing at their message. In the end, as the chronicles say, "there was no remedy." The kingdom collapsed. But the reading ends on a promising

note, as

Cyrus takes steps to bring the people back to rebuild their temple.

In speaking to Nicodemus Jesus makes reference to Moses lifting up the serpent in the desert so that all who looked at it would not be subject to lethal serpent bites (Nm 21:8-9. The Greek verb "lifted up" (*hupsoo*) can also mean "exalted." Based on that understanding the Son of Man being lifted up on the cross also implies his exaltation. This exaltation now makes eternal life possible for all who believe in him. And for John, eternal life is not some form of immortality which will be available in a future existence.. Eternal life means living here and now in the presence of God.

The point of the passage is to stress that God gives Jesus in love to all people. Whoever believes in this wonderful gift will receive eternal life. All the emphasis here is on the possibility of eternal life. There is mention of condemnation but it has to be understood correctly. Condemnation is understood to be the result of non-belief. It is not something imposed by God based on divine judgment. It is the result of being confronted by the incarnate Word and choosing not to believe. This means that judgment is in reality self judgment. God desires that all people be believers but that is not what happens. Incarnation is about the possibility of new life, eternal life, and not about judgment.

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Lenten Stations of the Cross

St. Elizabeth

Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 20, 2015 5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 20, 2015

7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 27, 2015 5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 27, 2015

7:00 pm Fri. Apr. 3, 2015 5:30 pm Fri. Apr. 3, 2015

Fish Fry Dates

The date for the last fish fry is as follows:
Friday, Mar.20, 2015 from 4 pm-7 pm.



Sympathy

Our sympathy to Debbie & Larry Dix at the passing of Debbie's father-Ed Kinchen. Ed passed away on Thurs. Mar. 5, 2015. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Thank You

We would like to thank the following for their support of the First Annual Chili Cook Off: Ellen Rees for donating the lovely trophy, the seven cook off participants, Roselene Quick, Nancy Berty, Lynn Knoblett, Janet Jenkins, Teresa Gower, & April Sexton for their help in the kitchen. Dorothy & Dan Kocher-parents of Roselene Quick for their help with the Youth and the quilt. Sean Sexton, Mark Hermann, Steve Jenkins and Josh Quick for helping in any way needed and the Youth for their work ethic and positive attitude. I am constantly amazed at their willingness to help and work hard.

Chili Cook off Winner



Josh Quick is the winner of the 1st Annual Chili Cook Off. He is shown here with his trophy. Congratulations Josh!

Pie in the Face



Courtney Ferris shown here getting a pie in the face from Geri Ezell. This is for the collection from the PSR class of canned goods several weeks ago meeting their quota. Good job PSR class! Picture taken: 03-10-2015

Chrism Mass

The Annual Chrism Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 31, 2015 at 6:30 PM**. At this Mass, three Holy Oils are blessed for use throughout the next 12 months. **Oil of Catechumens** is used to strengthen by prayer the RCIA candidates in formation. **Oil of the Sick** is used to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sweet smelling **Sacred Chrism**, which takes its name from Christ himself, is used in Baptism and Confirmation and Ordination.

Operation Rice Bowl Collection

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for Operation Rice Bowl will take up their collection on **Easter Sun. Apr. 5th**. This collection helps those in Africa during the Lenten Season. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

Mid-Life Singles

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on **April 17-19, 2015**. Cost is just \$185 for meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details

Up-coming Meetings

St. Elizabeth will be having the regular quarterly meeting-the **Pastoral Council Meeting** on **Thurs. Apr. 30, 2015 at 5:00 pm**. at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Confirmation of Catechized Catholics

Confirmation of Catechized Catholics, **May 24, 2015** - Following the directives established by Bishop Paprocki, adult Catholics who are catechized but not confirmed are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.**

Mom's Group

Mom's Group moved to Friday's 9:00 am-10:30 am.

Youth Pilgrimage

Included in March's offertory envelopes you will see a grey envelope marked "Youth Pilgrimage." Over the next few weeks, there will be students speaking at all the masses to inform the Parishes of the details of our trip to see Pope Francis. This is an optional offering.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2014 Parish Goals

St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$22,520.00
Amount pledged to date: \$20,913.00
Amount paid to date: \$20,138.00
Pledge balance: \$775.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$3,799.00
Amount pledged to date: \$2,300.00
Amount paid to date: \$1,995.00
Pledge balance: \$305.00

Updated 03-11-2015 02-25-2015

This information current as of 03-09-2015 Parish Master Report

Liturgical Ministry Contacts

St. Elizabeth Parish

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251
Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526
Art & Environment: Robb Sparks 546-5606
Usher: Ron Mitchell

Our Lady of Lourdes

Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Keith Wirey 592-4179
Music & Liturgy: Dorla Shook 592-3893
Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526

Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth week of Sat. Feb. 28, 2015 (no masses held on Sun. Mar. 1, 2015)
Envelopes~\$1,515.00~25=\$60.60
Loose Offering~\$65.00 Building Fund~\$20.00~3=\$6.67 ea.
Easter Flowers~\$65.00~4=\$16.25 ea.
Youth Pilgrimage~\$95.00~6=\$15.83 ea.
1 online @\$50.00 CCW dues collected: 1@\$10.00
Total Deposit for 02-18-2015 \$1,810.00

March 8, 2015

Envelopes-\$2,783.00~82=\$33.93
\$235.00~23=\$10.21 Youth Pilgrimage
Caritas-\$35.00~3=\$11.66 Building Fund-\$60.00~5=\$12.00
Operation Rice Bowl-1@\$20.00
\$70.00~4=\$17.50 ea. Easter Flowers
Catholic Relief Serv.-\$50.00~2=\$25.00 ea.
Ash Wednesday-1@\$25.00
Online-1@\$50.00
Loose-\$355.00
Total Deposit: \$3,683.00

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Envelopes-\$950.00~30=\$31.66 ea.
Loose: \$51.00
Caritas-1@\$5.00 Building Fund-\$55.00~4=\$13.75
Youth Pilgrimage-\$45.00~3=\$15.00
Easter Flowers \$20.00~2=\$10.00
Operation Rice Bowl-\$20.00~2=\$10.00
Total Deposit: \$1,146.00