



The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep
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Parish Outreach Volunteer: Eileen Hartrich
Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis, Our Lady of Lourdes
Custodial Care: Katrena Burton, St. Elizabeth
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.

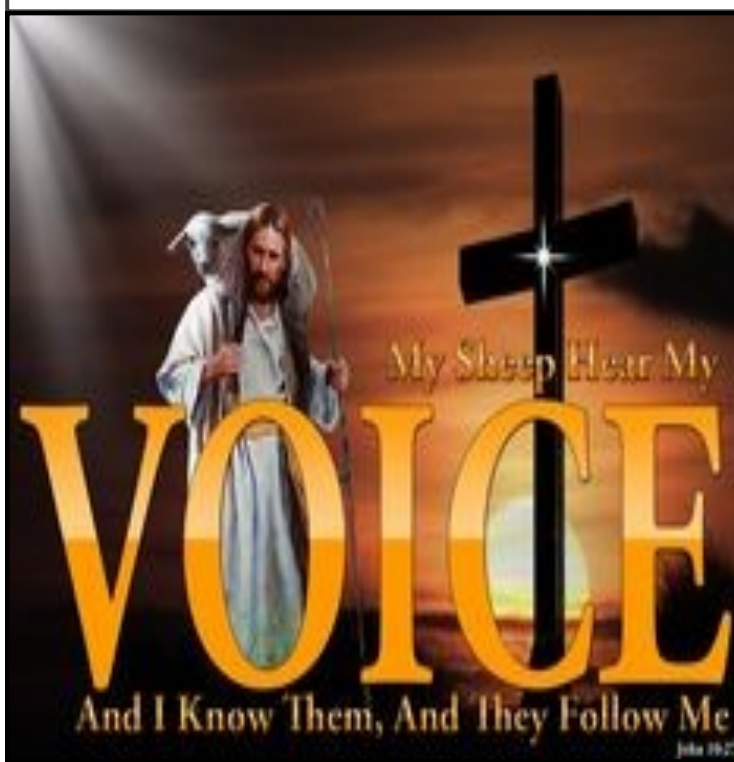
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.

Sunday
April 17, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Easter



My sheep hear my voice
and I know them, and they
follow Me. John 10:27



Mass Intentions

Apr. 16	4:30 pm	Clarence & Elizabeth Andersen By Karen Sanders
Apr. 17	7:30 am 9:00 am	Favorable Weather Francis & Stephen Begley by Francis & Anne Schalasky
Apr. 18	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy NO MASS
Apr. 19	12:05pm	Catherine Keolker by Steve & Geri Ezell
Apr. 20	7:30am	Madonna Kirts by Karen Sanders
Apr. 21	7:30 am	Charles Parkhurst by Karen Sanders
Apr. 22	7:30 am	Joe Stein by George & Jane Bohman
Apr. 23	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann by Karen Sanders
Apr. 24	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Francis & Stephen Begley By Francis & Anne Schalasky Harry Wong by Anonymous



Ministry Schedule

April 23-24, 2016

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marylin Stanley, Mike Dorn SERVERS: Jared Hermann, Jeff Hermann GIFTS: Ken & Carol Bergbower
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Jim & Shari Eckert SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Sam Eckert GIFTS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Stacie Matson USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping COMMUNION MIN: Keith Matson, Nellie Schalasky SERVERS: Kayla Matson GIFTS: Jerry Ping Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: April Sexton USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell COMMUNION MIN: Carol Wong, Eileen Hartrich, Phyllis Inboden SERVERS: Lauren Staller, David Staller, Sarah Staller GIFTS: Keith & Patti Buercklin
Collection Counters: <i>April, 2016 Joshua & Roselene Quick, Chris Tylka</i>	



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Linda Dudine, Charles Ferguson, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Debbie Goodwin, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Debbie Henry, Judy Hester, Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes, Charlie Hryniewicz, Kimberly Knapp, Jordyn Koester, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Grover Michl, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Debbie Nichols, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Pete Rosenski, Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs, Linda Sparks, John Stedelin, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Mike & Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Terry Stevens, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Linda Stewart, Cherie Stewart, Bertha Taylor, James Tyler, Mark Wagner, Becky VanSchoyck, Ginny Varner, Shari Weber, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.



PSR

PSR on Wed. Apr. 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation is **Wed. Apr. 20, 2016 at 6:45 pm.**
Each student needs a parent present.

Our Sympathies



With our deepest sympathy

Our sympathies to
Brian & Katrena Burton & Family at
the loss of
Brian's father-Roger Burton.
He passed away on
Thursday, April 7, 2016.
He was 66 years of age.
Please keep this family in your prayers.

Upcoming Church Meetings

There will be a Finance Meeting for St. Elizabeth on
Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Hall.
There will be a Finance Meeting for Our Lady of
Lourdes on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the
Parish Hall.

New Appointment for Fr. Aloy

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki has appointed Father Aloy to serve as the Pastor of St. Michael in Hume and Sacred Heart in Villa Grove. This appointment is effective July 1, 2016. Father James Flach, who is currently Pastor at Holy Angels Parish in Wood River, Illinois, has been appointed as Pastor of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes effective July 1, 2016.

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the gospel in Antioch of Pisidia, a key city in the Roman province of Asia. Their initial experience was very positive; the congregation even invited them to return the next Sabbath. But during this second visit, the presence of so many gentiles creates a problem.

Paul and Barnabas will not be silenced by the resistance they encounter from some of the Jews, jealous that the apostles address their message to gentiles also. The apostles challenge their detractors to reflect on what they are doing. They appeal to a passage from the prophet Isaiah, anticipating that one day the ideal Israel, Servant of God, would become a light to the gentiles and thus extend the message of salvation to people from the ends of the earth (Is 49:6). Paul and Barnabas want their opponents to understand that this anticipated day has arrived. If they reject the message, they make themselves unworthy of eternal life.

By contrast, the gentiles accept the message and thereby prove worthy of the gift of eternal life. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the word of God reaches even the territory surrounding Antioch. Still, some of God's chosen people reject what they see happening and succeed in winning several prominent men and women to their side. As a result, Paul and Barnabas are expelled. But rejection of the apostles

does not halt the spread of the gospel. Paul and Barnabas simply proceed to the next town, filled with joy. As they leave, they shake the dust from their feet, reminding those who resist that they are mortal and are putting in jeopardy the invitation to life extended to them.

Today's Gospel requires a context for it to be adequately understood. That context is an ongoing dispute between Jesus and some of the Jewish religious officials. They accuse Jesus of keeping them in suspense regarding whether or not he is the Messiah. They demand that he speak plainly on this issue. Jesus claims that he has told them what they want to know, but they have refused to believe. He then uses the imagery of sheep and shepherd to confront further his Jewish opponents.

Jesus uses shepherd imagery to express how those who believe in him also belong to him. It is all about hearing his voice, knowing him, and following him. There is a certain paradox in all this. In order to believe in Jesus, one must first be called by God. The Gospel expresses it this way. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him up on the last day" (Jn 6:44).

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Quilting at the Parish Center



We will have a "sew & chat" quilting gathering at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall on **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm**. Bring your sewing machines, supplies, projects and whatever you are working on. Don't forget to invite a friend! All are welcome. For more information, please contact Kitty Platt at 618-421

Divorce Ministry

Divorce Ministry - St. Agnes Parish will present the 12 week program "**The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide**" starting at 6:30 pm on **Thursday, April 21, 2016** in the parish hall. All faiths are welcome to attend the program. The program incorporates **Theology of the Body** principles into all topics and is faithful to the teaching Magisterium of the Catholic Church. There is no fee for the program; however, free will donations will be accepted. If you or someone you know is struggling because of divorce, whether it is a current or past situation, this program not only gives you valuable information for all areas of your life, but also a support group that lets you know you are not alone. Join us to start on your journey to peace and joy after divorce.

Timothy Retreat

Timothy Retreat - A Timothy Retreat will take place at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman, Illinois on **Fri. Apr. 22 from 7 pm start to Sat. Apr. 23 at SJV's 5 pm Mass**.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week on Sun. Apr. 24th. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes.

Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

Project Rachel

Trust in the mercy of God's love. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5. Pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God's infinite mercy.



Special Thank You

The **Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries** would like to thank parishioners for attending Life Advocacy Day on April 6. It was a successful day of building relationships with legislators. Thank you again for your support & dedication.

Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry

Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry will be at St. Elizabeth on **Sat. May 7, 2016**. More details in next bulletin.

Healing Service

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host "A Healing Service," at **7 p.m., on Wednesday, May 4**, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The service will reflect the belief that God's purpose for everyone is a life of wholeness, as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The service is open to persons of all faith traditions. There is no cost, but freewill offerings will be accepted.

For more information, call 812-535-2952 or email jfrost@spsmw.org.

Diocesan Second Collection



There will be the Catholic Communication Campaign Collection on **Sunday, May 15, 2016** & also the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection.

Song of My Heart Retreat

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for "The Song of My Heart Retreat: Love Cannot be Silenced," scheduled for **7 p.m., Friday, May 20, to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22**, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The retreat will incorporate music, meditation, movement and shared prayer. Cost to attend is \$200, and the registration deadline is May 13. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org, or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

Family Faith Retreat

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host a "Family Faith Retreat," from **7 p.m., on Friday, June 10, to 11 a.m., on Sunday, June 12**, at the North Campus Lodge, located at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Renew the family and share faith together during the retreat. The weekend will conclude with Mass. The registration deadline is June 6. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org, or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

Flyer of the Lyke Conference

Flyer of the Lyke Conference - All are invited to attend the Lyke Conference, July 5-9, 2016, San Antonio, TX. This conference focuses on worship and the rich cultural traditions of Black Catholics. This year's theme: Black Catholics - Fully Functional.

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Wisconsin

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Wisconsin - The Marian Shrines of Wisconsin are privileged to make available to pilgrims during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* the gift of encountering the mercy of God by means of entering the Holy Doors at each Shrine. Pilgrims gain plenary indulgences by visiting each of the Marian Shrines during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. **Friday, July 29 - Monday, August 1, 2016**. Reservations & Questions: contact Vicky Crye, 217-899-6737

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for St. Elizabeth
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$19,760.00 paid out of \$20,355.00 pledged amount.
\$595.00 balance of pledged amount.

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for Our Lady of Lourdes
The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$2,873.00
\$3,275.00 paid out of \$3,350.00 pledged amount.
\$75.00 balance of the pledged amt. Updated 04-07-2016

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 Church

Tuesday, April 5, 2015
Parish Mission \$868.00

Week ending Sunday, April 10, 2016
Envelopes \$2,787.00 Loose \$304.25
1@ \$55.00 Caritas \$55.00 Building Fund \$55.00
Total Deposit \$4,124.25

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, April 10, 2016
Envelopes \$770.00 Loose \$29.75
Caritas \$25.00 Oblong Food Pantry \$152.90
Total Deposit: \$977.65

Thank You.

God bless you.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Give Central

Give Central is an on-line resource where you can make online donations to St. Elizabeth. You can choose to give to whatever donation you would like. You can go the Church website to donate. Www.crawfordcatholics@rocketmail.com