



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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Secretary: Halena Estep
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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.

April 19, 2015 Third Sunday of Easter



Pictured above from left to right: Stewart & Emily Schutte with baby William. Sponsors are: Morgan Westric and Chad Westric

Baptism
of
William Andrew Schutte
on
Saturday, March 28, 2015



Mass Intentions

April 18	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Mary Ella Whitmer
April 19	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Norma Fritz by Joe & Carol Hepner For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Missy Rees by Rees Family
April 20		NO MASS
April 21	12:05 pm	Harry Wong by the Lunch Bunch
April 22	7:30 am	Harry Wong by the Lunch Bunch
April 23	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Hugh & Celeste White
April 24	7:30 am	Joe Stein by George & Jane Bohman
April 25	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Sue Rother
April 26	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Ed Halter by the Matt Taylor Family For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Harry Wong by Kaye & Dave Holscher



Ministry Schedule

April 25-26, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR:	Karen Sanders
	USHERS:	Teresa & Gene Gower
	COMMUNION MIN:	Linda Reis, Celeste White Mike Dorn
	SERVERS:	Cody York, Ty Mullins
	GIFTS:	Joel & Missy York
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	David Jenkins
	USHERS:	Kathy Harris, Carol Zellars
	COMMUNION MIN:	Shari Eckert, Jona Uptmor, Jack Stanley
	SERVERS:	Melissa Jenkins, Sarah Rynke
	GIFTS:	Steve Jenkins Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR:	Lori Davis
	USHERS:	Keith Matson, Ethan Matson
	COMMUNION MIN:	Kourtney & Bob Coffman
	SERVERS:	George Schalasky
	GIFTS:	Davis Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	Sunny Veenstra
	USHERS:	Roselene Quick, Sam Quick
	COMMUNION MIN:	Phyllis Inboden, April & Sean Sexton
	SERVERS:	Chase Knoblett, Levi Dickerson
	GIFTS:	Karen Fre, Lulu Vega

St. Elizabeth Collection Counters
April: Rhonda Stone, Karen Reinoehl, Janet Mitchell

Please attend weekly Mass

Prayer Requests

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

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

PSR Wed. Apr. 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

First Communion Banner Workshop /Parent Meeting will be held on **April 19, 2015** from **3:00-4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. The cost per banner is \$15.00 and checks can be made payable to St. Elizabeth.

First Communion is **May 3, 2015.**

The annual "**Graduation Mass**" to honor all high school seniors will take place on **May 24, 2015** during the **10:30 am** Mass at St. Elizabeth. If you have a child that is graduating from high school this year, please contact the Parish Center to add his or her name to the list of those being honored.

The last PSR class for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on **May 6, 2015**. The annual PSR Bash will be held on **May 13, 2015**. Please continue to check the bulletin for details.

Mother's Day Pictures

The Youth Group plans to offer free family pictures after every mass the weekend of Mother's Day. The pictures will be uploaded to an online photo service such as Snapfish and families can purchase the photos through that website.



Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

In our first reading, Peter and John healed a crippled man through the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 3:6). This physical healing becomes the occasion for the apostle to offer spiritual healing to many others. Peter begins by correcting the thinking of those standing around. He declares that neither he nor John can take credit for the healing. All the credit belongs to the very same God who led the patriarchs along the journey of faith. A crippled man can now walk because the God of their fathers has given glory to "his servant Jesus."

Out of ignorance, the people of Israel handed this ideal servant of God over to Pilate. He wanted to release Jesus, but the crowd insisted he be crucified; they refused to recognize Jesus as God's own servant. Peter makes his point even more dramatic with a series of striking contrasts. First of all, they rejected the very person God regarded as "the Holy and Righteous One." In the second place, they put to death "the author of life." In the final contrast, they put Jesus to death, but God raised him from the dead. Peter's aim is not to condemn, but to awaken the people to the terrible mistake they made in the past. But they are not prisoners of the past.

The two disciples whom Jesus had accompanied on their journey to Emmaus and to whom he had revealed himself in the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread were quick to tell others about this unique experience. In the midst of this recounting, Jesus appears in their midst. Again, the response is one of fear and consternation. They have no idea what they are looking at, who he might be, and how he got in their midst. They conclude that this

must be some kind of disembodied spirit or a ghost. Even when he offers them his wounded hands and feet to demonstrate continuity between the Jesus who was crucified and the Lord who has been raised from the dead, they are incredulous.

Since the wounded hands and feet did not seem very persuasive, Jesus moved on to Plan B, eating in the presence of the disciples. Disembodied spirits and ghosts do not eat baked fish or anything else. We note that, just as he had blessed, broken, and shared bread with the Emmaus disciples, he now eats baked fish in their midst. While he does this, he also instructs the disciples about the Scriptures, showing how the Christ must suffer, be raised up on the third day, and how repentance of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all nations.

Lk's Gospel will be followed by a second volume called the Acts of the Apostles. Here we will watch the disciples of Jesus take up this divine commissioning and begin spreading the gospel to all nations. In the midst of all this, it is important to understand just how shocking and difficult it was for those first disciples to grasp the reality that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Even when they saw him in his resurrected form and could see his wounded hands and feet, they were not overwhelmingly convinced. All of these stories show that there is no such thing as proof for the resurrection. Acceptance of this mighty act of God can come about only through faith and the risk it requires.

Divorced and Separated Koinonia Retreat Weekend

Divorced and Separated Koinonia Retreat Weekend for Divorced or Separated Catholics and other Christians, **Friday, April 24 – Sunday, April 26, 2015** at Todd Hall Retreat Center, 320 Todd Hall Center Drive, Columbia, IL 62236; Cost \$110 includes room, double occupancy, and six meals. Call Jean at 314-704-1870 or Carol at 314-775-1253 for brochure and registration.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place **April 26**. One way that this appeal works to strengthen home mission dioceses in the United States is by funding seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Thank you for your generosity to this collection. God bless.

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.

Workshop for Financial Planning

Financial Peace University is a nine-week workshop designed to help you understand the forces behind financial stress, teach you how to create a budget, set financial goals, and make things right for you and your family. Tuesday nights, beginning **May 5, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** At the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 W. Washington, Springfield, Illinois. Cost: \$75 per family. To register or for more information, contact Jonathan Leonard (217) 415-8978 or email: leonard31@gmail.com.



CCW Garage Sale

The Annual C.C.W. Garage Sale will be held on **Friday, May 22nd, 2015 at 8:00 am—4:00 pm & Saturday, May 23rd from 8:00 am—12 noon** at the Parish Hall. This is our major fundraiser as well as service to our community. We will accept items for the sale beginning Thursday, May 7th. Items should be clean, in working condition or gently used. Clean your closets, basement and garage, your “stuff” could be

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.**

Father Son Holiness Adventure & Pilgrimage

Father Son Holiness Adventure and Pilgrimage - Want to meet Fr. Barron, go canoeing, go-carting, play laser-tag, learn about WWII fighter planes and eat at a Brazilian steakhouse? How about visit an apparition site of Our Lady or a chapel where many prayers for healing have been answered? The registration deadline is **May 31, 2015**. Reserve your spot by going to: <http://dio.org/familylife/events.html> before all the seats are filled up!

Marriage Challenges? Retrouvaille

(a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems & crises, even couples who are separated and divorced. The next program begins with the weekend of **June 5-7, 2015**.

For further information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Fortnight for Freedom

Please mark your calendars and save the date to join Bishop Paprocki at the Springfield Capitol for a prayer service during the Fortnight for Freedom on **Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 12:00 noon**

Mom's Group meets on
Friday's 9:00 am — 10:30 am

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2014 Parish Goals

St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$22,520.00
Amount pledged to date: \$23,863.00
Amount paid to date: \$20,613.00
Pledge balance: \$3,250.00

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: \$2,110.00
Pledge balance: \$190.00

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This information current as of 04-09-2015 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 ~ Sunday, April 12, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$3,221.00

Easter Offering ~ \$175.00

Loose Offering ~ \$253.00 Caritas ~ \$40.00

Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$180.00 Online ~ \$50.00

Seminarians ~ \$125.00 Building Fund ~ \$50.00

Rice Bowl ~ \$25.00

Total Offering ~ **\$4,119.00**

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ April 12, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$560.00

Easter Offering ~ \$205.00

Loose Offering ~ \$145.00

Holy Thursday ~ \$20.00 Good Friday ~ \$30.00

Operation Rice Bowl ~ \$35.00

Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$45.00

Seminarians ~ \$163.00

Total Offering ~ **\$1203.00**

May God bless each and every one of you.

www.GiveCentral.org or go to the Church Website and click on **Donate**

You can donate to whatever collection you would like to.
All monies donated go directly to St. Elizabeth.