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Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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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.

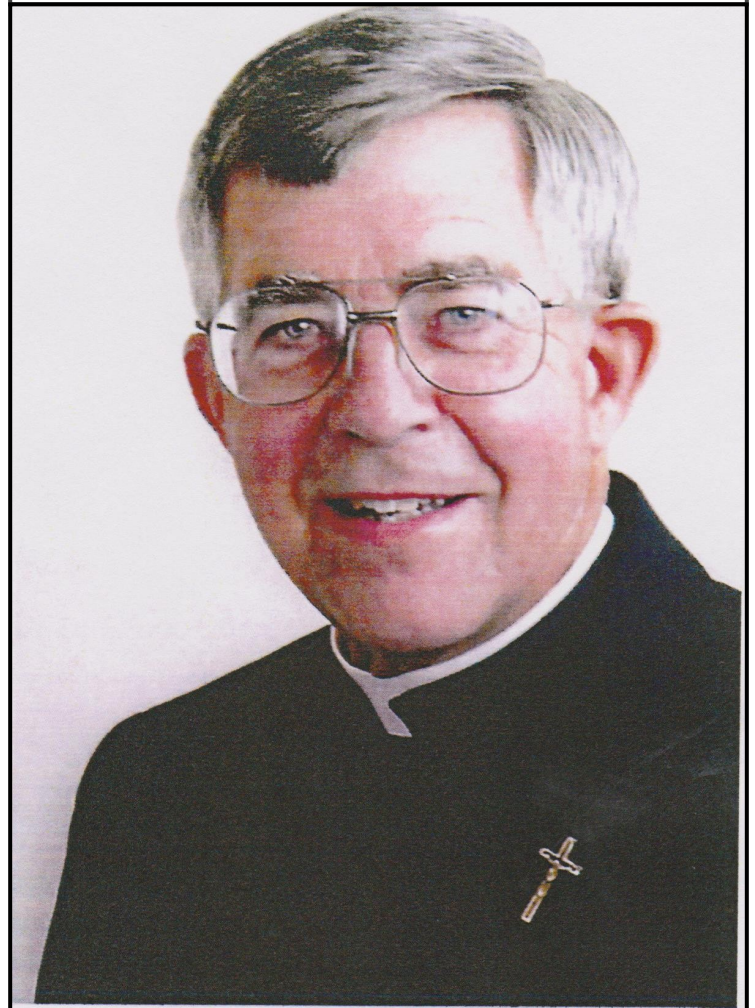
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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 3, 2016
Sunday of Divine Mercy



We welcome Fr. George
Knabb for our Parish
Mission this weekend.



Mass Intentions

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| Apr. 2 Apr. 3 | 4:30 pm | Mike & Judy Smolinski by K.Sanders |
| | 7:30 am 9:00 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Francis & Annie Begley by Francis & Anne Schalasky |
| Face of the Father's Mercy Parish Mission | 10:30am | Ira Inboden by Karen Sanders |
| | 5:45 pm 6:00 pm | Prelude: Chaplet of Divine Mercy MERCIFUL LOVE Ritual: Renewal of Baptismal Vows Refreshments (Optional) |
| Apr. 4 | 7:30 am | Mass, refreshments, talk: <i>The Greatest Commandment</i> |
| Apr. 5 No 12:05 pm Tues. Mass | 6:00 pm | GRACIOUS FORGIVENESS Ritual: Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| | 7:30am | Morning Prayer: refreshments, talk: <i>The Second Great Commandment</i> |
| | 10:00am To 4:00 pm 6:00 pm | Confessions are heard ea. hr. on hr. ALIVE AND WELL Ritual: <u>CELEBRATION OF MASS</u> Guided Holy Hour |
| Apr. 6 | | Announcement Plenary Indulgence |
| Apr. 7 | 7:30 am | Harry Wong by Anonymous |
| Apr. 8 | 7:30 am | Florence Huss by Tom Huss |
| Apr. 9 | 7:30 am | Gladys Lee Rooney by Anne Loy |
| Apr. 10 | 4:30 pm | Earl Mullins by June Mullins |
| | 7:30 am 9:00 am | Harry Wong by Anonymous George & Margaret Schalasky by Francis & Anne Schalasky |
| | 10:30am | For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy |



Ministry Schedule

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| | | <i>April 9-10, 2016</i> |
| 4:30 pm | LECTOR: | Mary Jo Bonham |
| | USHERS: | Gene & Teresa Gower |
| | COMMUNION MIN: | Jack & Marylin Stanley, Mike Dorn |
| | SERVERS: | Cody York, Braden Hatfield |
| | GIFTS: | Joel York Family |
| 7:30 am | LECTOR: | Dave Holscher |
| | USHERS: | Mike & Jona Uptmor |
| | COMMUNION MIN: | Kathy Harris, Jim & Shari Eckert |
| | SERVERS: | Jacob Eckert, Sam Eckert |
| | GIFTS: | Mike & Jona Uptmor |
| 9:00 am | LECTOR: | Lori Davis |
| | USHERS: | Keith Matson, Ethan Matson |
| | COMMUNION MIN: | Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson |
| | SERVERS: | Taylor Blank |
| | GIFTS: | Adam Davis Family |
| 10:30 am | LECTOR: | Roselene Quick |
| | USHERS: | Dennis Carroll, Steve Ezell |
| | COMMUNION MIN: | M. Hartrich, P.Inboden, C.Wong |
| | SERVERS: | Joe Quick, Gerardo Rios, *Liam Wirey+ |
| | GIFTS: | Steve & Geri Ezell |
| 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, Roger Burton, 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, Sonny Mann, 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 Wed. April 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Confirmation

Confirmation is **Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm.**

First Communion Interviews

The First Communion Interviews will be on Thurs. Apr. 14 at 4:00 pm & Fri. Apr. 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

First Reconciliation

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

We welcome Fr. George Knabb

THE PARISH MISSION IS NOW! We welcome Fr. George Knabb, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois who is preaching at all the Masses this weekend to urge us to be renewed in the life of Christ by participating in special services that begin as follows: **Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 4:30 pm**

Sunday, April 3, 2016 5:45 pm

Prelude: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:00 pm Merciful Love

Monday, April 4, 2016 7:30 am Mass, refreshments, talk: The Greatest Commandment

6:00 pm Gracious Forgiveness &

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7:30 am Morning Prayer, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm: Confessions

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

After their release from the high council, Peter and John return to the faith community and tell them what the religious leaders said to them about not speaking or teaching in the name of Jesus. At this news, the community prays to God, asking for strength boldly to continue their good work. They also ask that signs and wonders might be performed by the Lord's servants in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:29-30). God clearly answers their prayer in this reading.

1) Strength. The gospel has not been curtailed by the demands of the high council. The apostles continue working in the name of the Lord. They gather publicly at Solomon's portico, the very place where the authorities had arrested them after the healing of a cripple (Acts 3:11 and 4:3). But now no one dares to join them, it seems, unless with respect. This is not surprising, given what happened to Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). Sincere belief makes all the difference. And so, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the community grows now more than ever.

2) Healing. The influence of the apostles reaches well beyond the temple area. As Peter makes his way through the streets of Jerusalem, people bring the sick out to him. Mats bearing the ill and the lame clutter the streets. In fact, there are such crowds that people are content simply to see Peter's shadow pass over those in need. And it is not only the citizens of Jerusalem seeking the apostles. People from

surrounding villages do the same. Clearly, the city of Jerusalem is absolutely filled with signs and wonders. Three things are at work in this Gospel passage. First, the risen Lord appears to his frightened disciples, offering them his gift of peace. Second, Jesus commissions his disciples by breathing on them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Third, Jesus appears to Thomas.

Thomas was not present the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples. This means that he did not hear or see what the others did. Therefore, when the disciples declared that they had seen the Lord, Thomas was skeptical. He is not a doubter as such (the word "doubt" does not appear anywhere in the Greek text). His problem is that he has not had the same experiences of the risen Lord as the other disciples have. But a week later this all changes. The risen Lord appears to Thomas, offering him the same gift of peace that he has offered the others. The Lord invites Thomas to touch his wounds and believe, but Thomas has no need for proof. Immediately he confesses his faith in the risen Lord. Thomas finally experienced what the others had experienced, and he believed as they did. Believing without seeing is an ideal, but not one realized by those first disciples and Thomas.

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Second Sunday in Easter—Apr. 3, 2016

We cannot hide. No out-of-the-way room, no locked door keeps the Risen Christ away from us. He finds the way to us day after day. We recognize him, both in his repeated Easter greeting ("Peace be with you.") and in his badges beyond death (resurrected wounds in hands and side). We recognize him in bread and wine transformed. We recognize him in those who gather with us – those near, those across the room, those in between. Jesus is seen on Sunday. And we are seen by him, with him, in him. Like Doubting-to-Believing Thomas, we put our fingers and hands on him. And like the disciples, he breathes on us mercy and forgiveness. Who needs mercy and forgiveness this week? Who needs **my** merciful forgiveness? Perhaps it is someone I love. Perhaps it is someone I don't.

Parish Mission Announcement

MAKE TIME FOR CHRIST. As Christians, we are disciples of Jesus & apostles of the gospel. Yet our daily lives are so full that we sometimes forget "who we are & whose we are." A parish mission is a time of listening to God's Word, remembering what Christ has done & reenergizing our true selves. Set aside the dates of Sat. Apr. 2-Wed. Apr. 6th "Face of the Father's Mercy", a renewal program conducted by Fr. George Knab, O.M.I. Make plans to be there!

Immigration Project-Citizen Workshop

Immigration Project – Citizen Workshop - Immigration Project is offering a Citizenship workshop, **Thurs. Apr. 7th**, Normal, IL. See the following website for further information: www.immigrationproject.org or call Immigration Project at 309-829-8703.

A Photographic Journey

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host "In the Light of Providence Retreat: A Photographic Journey," from **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, April 9**, in the Providence Hall conference room. Persons attending will view photography of nature, take photos, hear from a National Geographic photo journalist and more. Cost is \$40, which includes lunch. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

"Sunday With A Saint"

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are inviting persons of all faith traditions to learn more about Saint Mother Theodore Guerin's unwavering trust in God during "Sunday with a Saint," **scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Sunday, April 10**. Cost is \$25, which includes Sunday Brunch in the O'Shaughnessy Dining Room. The registration deadline is April 4. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.



Life Line Screening

St. Elizabeth will not have Life Line Screening here this year at our facility but it will be at the Community Ctr. on **Wed. Apr. 13, 2016** instead.

Please watch the Robinson Daily Newspaper for times. Those that have registered will be receiving information in the mail at the new place and time.

Mass for the Deaf Community

Mass for the Deaf Community: Sat. Apr. 16 4:30 pm, Our Saviour Convent, 453 E. State St, Jacksonville. **Celebrant – Father Tom Coughlin, O.P. Miss.** Potluck dinner to follow. For more information, email Christine Lansaw at christine.lansaw@yahoo.com.

Quilting at the Parish Center

Please see bulletin insert if interested.

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 Collection will be on **Sunday, April 24, 2016.**

Skirting Party

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, is looking for volunteers to help clean alpaca fiber during a Skirting Party, **scheduled for April 25-29.** After the alpacas have been sheared, the sisters will throw a party with food, music, fellowship and skirting – which is removing the undesirable vegetable matter from the alpaca fleece. Training is included for those who have never skirted. For more info. or to volunteer, call 812-535-2878 or email rkeller@spsmw.org.

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

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.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for St. Elizabeth
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$18,785.00 paid out of \$20,095.00 pledged amount. Balance \$1,310.00 of the pledged amt.

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for Our Lady of Lourdes
The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$2,873.00
\$2,090.00 paid out of \$2,220.00 pledged amount.
\$130.00 balance of the pledged amt. Updated 03-16-2016

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

Week ending Sunday, March 27, 2016

Holy Thursday Envelopes \$197.00 Loose \$97.00
Total: \$294.00
Good Friday-Holy Land Collection \$287.00 Loose \$104.00 Total: \$391.00
Envelopes \$1,752.00 Loose \$957.50
1@ \$55.00 Youth Pilgrimage \$35.00 Rice Bowl \$40.75
Easter Flowers \$85.00 Easter Offering \$1,784.00
Seminarians \$583.00
Total Easter Day Offering \$5,292.25
Total Deposit \$5,977.25

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, March 27, 2016

Envelopes \$645.00, Loose \$63.35, Easter Offering \$245.00, Operation Rice Bowl \$15.00 Youth Pilgrimage \$20.00, Holy Thursday \$65.00 Good Friday \$75.00 Seminarians \$162.00 Catholic Communication Campaign \$25.00
Total Deposit: \$1,315.35

Thank You. God bless you.

Victim Assistance

If you or someone close to you have been a victim of abuse by priest, deacon or individual representing the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, you or they are encouraged to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator-Patricia Kornfeld at 1-217-321-1155.