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Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep
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Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis, Our Lady of Lourdes
Custodial Care: Katrena Burton, 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.

Sun. Aug. 23, 2015
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

**LORD,
TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE
WORDS OF
ETERNAL LIFE.**

JOHN 6:68

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Mass Intentions

Aug. 22	4:30 pm	Ira Inboden by Carol Wong
Aug. 23	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Ira Inboden by Robert & Karla Birkofer For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Sue Carroll by Bob & Karla Birkofer
Aug. 24		NO MASS
Aug. 25	12:05 pm	Florence Huss by Clarence & Arlene Schutte
Aug. 26	7:30 am	Annette Barszcz by Donnie & Michelle Nash
Aug. 27	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Dave & Kaye Holscher
Aug. 28	7:30 am	Augustine Pescatore by Val & Kay Pescatore
Aug. 29	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Charles & Judy Eckert
Aug. 30	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Samuel Lopiccolo by lone Lopiccolo For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Ralph Wagner by Carol Wong



Ministry Schedule

August 29-30, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White USHERS: Mark Grimm, Dennis Carroll COMMUNION MIN: Eileen Hartrich, Mike Dorn, Jack Stanley SERVERS: Lukas Baird, Logan Baird GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Jim & Shari Eckert SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Matthew Jenkins GIFTS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Stacie Matson USHERS: Keith Matson, Ethan Matson COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey SERVERS: George Schalasky GIFTS: Schalasky Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: April Sexton USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell COMMUNION MIN: Sean Sexton, Carol Wong, Roselene Quick SERVERS: David Staller, Evan Ferris GIFTS: Steve & Geri Ezell

Collection Counters: *August, 2015*

Karen Reinoehl, Janet Mitchell, Don Brown

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Karla Birkofer, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Roger Burton, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Linda Dudine, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Judy Hester, Mildred Hinterscher, Jared Holmes, Nancy Huber, Charlie Hryniewicz, George Inboden, Kevin Kirk, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Rev. Dennis Kollross, Emma Kocher, Cindy Lewis, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Chuck Reinoehl, Angie Rhoten, Mary Rogers, Pete Rosenski, Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs, Sharon Skaggs, Judy Smolinski, 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.

PSR

PSR Registration forms need to be completed and payment needs to be made by **August 31, 2015**. Forms were distributed in last week's bulletin, via email and via the Crawford County Catholics Facebook page. Forms are also available in the Parish Center during regular business hours.

Youth Pilgrimage Update

On September 19, 2015, Bishop Paprocki will travel to Robinson to celebrate the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth and to bless the "Welcoming Jesus" statue. He will also be blessing the pilgrims who are going to see Pope Francis in Philadelphia. The Youth and pilgrims will be departing from Robinson in the early evening on Thursday, September 24, 2015 and arriving in New York City on Friday, September 25, 2014. On Friday, they will see historic landmarks such as St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ground Zero and Ellis Island. They will continue sight seeing on Saturday, September 26 and travel to Philadelphia on Sunday for the Mass with Pope Francis. This mass will be held on Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Following the mass, the Youth and pilgrims will return to Robinson and will arrive early in the morning on Mon. Sept. 28, 2015.

Thank You to those that helped with Ramblin' Rose

On Friday, August 14, 2015, the Ramblin' Rose Bus sponsored by Catholic Charities visited Robinson at St. Elizabeth. Fifty-seven families and one hundred forty-eight children were served.
Many thanks to Carol Zellars, Halena Estep, Zoey Martin, Charles and Ginny Hryniewicz and Patti Buercklin for their help with this event.

Thank you from the Wirey & Hinterscher Family

Our most sincere & heartfelt thanks to all who sent condolences, prayers, gifts or gave of their time & talent during the funeral of Mildred Hinterscher.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

After many years of service, Joshua knows his leadership is coming to an end. He is very concerned that, once he is gone, the tribes of Israel will weaken in their faith and in their loyalty to God. Already the tribes are less unified. Some tribes have chosen to make their homes on the east side of the Jordan River. But God dramatically established that river as the eastern boundary-line of the promised land by closing it up after all 12 tribes have crossed over into the promised land (see Jos 4:18).

To give the tribes every advantage to remain loyal to God, Joshua calls for a dramatic assembly of all Israel at Shechem. He chose Shechem because, in that place, they will bury the bones of Joseph, son of Jacob. This burial appropriately brings to a close the Egyptian episode of Israel's history. Of course, Egypt will remain a temptation for the people. But at this point, Joshua is doing all he can to help the people resist such temptations.

Joshua boldly announces that he and his household will serve the Lord God of Israel. He invites the rest of the tribes to follow his example. He cannot coerce their loyalty to God, but he does make it obvious that any other so-called god is an illusion. The people insist that they will follow Joshua's lead and serve God. They promise they will never forsake the Lord to honor other divinities. They recognize how God has saved them

and protected them all through their journey to the promised land.

This concluding section of Jn 6 falls into two parts. The first part (Jn 6:60-65) focuses on the doubt and rejection of Jesus by some of his disciples. The second part narrows the perspective to the positive response of the Twelve. The responses to Jesus on the part of his followers are very diverse. They include grumbling, disbelief, betrayal, rejection, and confession of faith. These responses are in reaction to the whole bread of life discourse of chapter 6 and not simply the eucharistic focus of Jn 6:51-58.

Many of Jesus' disciples found what he said in chapter 6 very difficult to accept. Jesus questions how they might react to the whole saving event of death, resurrection, and ascension. It is almost as if Jesus is saying, "You have not seen and heard anything yet." The disciples seem to be hung up on Jesus' various references to the flesh. What is important is Spirit and life, and these are what his words are really emphasizing. Of course, in typical Johannine fashion, Jesus already knows who will accept him and who will not. Following Jesus faithfully presupposes the initial grace of God. Without that, no one can persevere. Many of his disciples left Jesus and returned to their former ways of life.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Rich who were married this past **Saturday, August 15th**.

Sympathy Correction

Our sympathy to the **Keith & Rita Wirey** Family at the loss of Rita's mother-Mildred Hinterscher. Mildred passed away on Friday, August 7th and was 88 years young. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Welcoming Jesus Statue Update

There have been a total of \$18,869.00 of donations for the "Welcoming Jesus Statue" to date. There is a balance of \$17,431.00 that will totally pay off the statue project. Thank you to all who have donated on this project.. If anyone wants to help us in paying off the balance, we will appreciate your help. If your name is listed on the base and is not to your liking, please advise the Parish Office and let us know so that we can resolve this. If you have recently purchased a brick spot or granite spot, please check your name on the sheet for statue donations and sign beside same if your inscription listed is exactly like you want.

Life-Line Screening

Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on **Wednesday, August 26, 2015 from 9:30 am–5:00 pm**. Protect your health by registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment for \$79. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners to schedule your appointment. Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.

Second Collections

There will be a Second Collections for the Youth Pilgrimage on **Saturday, August 29–Sunday, August 30, 2015**.

"Retreat in Daily Life"

You are invited to take part in a "Retreat in Daily Life," with the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. The retreat is an eight-month focus on everyday prayer for people of all faith traditions. The retreat is facilitated by Sister Mary Moloney. It will begin in October. Cost to participate is \$60.00 per month, plus a one-time \$40.00 supply fee. **August 31st** is the deadline for registration.

For more information or to register, call Jeanne Frost at 1-812-535-2952 or email jfrost@spsmw.org.

First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL

The first Friday of the month Mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:30 pm on Friday, September 4, 2015.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on **Mon. Sept. 7th** for the Labor Day Holiday. The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Catholic Camporee

Scouts & their families are invited to our fall Camporee celebrating "duty to God" for all scouts on **Sept. 11-13, 2015** at Camp Illinek in Springfield. Details are available on the Catholic Committee on Scouting website at <http://scouts.dio.org>. Kyle Holtgrave at 217-698-8500, ext. 154.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on **Sun. Sept. 13 from 10:30 am–2:30 pm at the Effingham Knights of Columbus**. See back of Church bulletin board for more information.

Annual Catholic Service Appeal

The Annual Catholic Service Appeal will be the weekend of **Saturday, September 19– Sunday, September 20, 2015**.

26th Annual Family Camp/Renewal

Families are invited to come & share the fun of the 26th Annual Family Camp/Renewal Days for family & friends of persons with special needs. **Sept. 26-27, 2015** at Lake Williamson Christian Center, Carlinville, Illinois. Information & registration forms are available at the (dio website) dio.org. Early registration is due by August 1st. Some financial assistance or sponsorship monies are available upon request. For information contact: Elaine Vonderheide at 217-342-2718.

Taizé at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for an ecumenical Taizé Prayer gathering from **7-8 p.m., on the second Tuesday of each month**. The prayer gatherings will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The 2015 theme is "For the life of the World: The many virtues of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin." The focus for September, October and November are: **Sept. 8 – acceptance; October 13 – prayerfulness and faith; and Nov. 10 – gratitude**.

Retrouaille for Marriage Challenges

Retrouaille is 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. The Retrouaille program starts with a Friday-night thru-Sunday "Weekend" & includes six follow-up meetings over the next three months. The next program begins the weekend of **Sept. 18-20, 2015**. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for
St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$2,873.00
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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, August 16, 2015

Envelopes \$1,342.00 Loose \$205.68

Caritas \$30.00 Youth Pilgrimage \$195.00

Online thru Give Central \$50.00 1 @ \$50.00

Assumption of Mary \$268.00

Total Deposit \$2,090.68

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday, August 16, 2015

Envelopes \$580.00 Loose \$33.00

Youth Pilgrimage \$50.00 Caritas \$5.00

Assumption of Mary \$90.00

Total Deposit \$758.00

Thank you. May God bless you.

Give Central

To make a donation to St. Elizabeth, you can go to the Church Website www.crawfordcountycatholics.com and click on **Donate**.

All monies go directly to St. Elizabeth.

Mom's Group

Mom's Group meets at 9:00 am–10:30 am on Fridays during the school year.