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Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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Secretary: Halena Estep

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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 December 13, 2015



Our Lady Of Guadalupe



Mass Intentions

Dec. 12	4:30 pm	Charles Parkhurst by Parkhurst Family
Dec. 13	7:30 am	Charles Parkhurst by Joe & Carole Hepner
	9:00 am	Helen & Roger Fabris by Val & Kaye Pescatore
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy & Greg Bohman & Edna O'dell
Dec. 14		NO MASS
Dec. 15	12 :05pm	Henrietta Stein by George & Jane Bohman
Dec. 16	7:30 am	Mary Rogers by Carol Wong
	6:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Penance Service
Dec. 17	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Ginger Osborne
	6:00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Penance Serv.
Dec. 18	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Nancy Truitt
Dec. 19	4:30 pm	Marie Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
Dec. 20	7 :30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Nancy Huber by Sharon Skaggs
	10:30am	Special Intentions of the Rees Family



Ministry Schedule

December 19-20, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Karen Sanders
	USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower
	COMMUNION MIN: Celeste White, Jack Stanley, Mike Dorn
	SERVERS: Xavier Brown, Jeff Hermann, +Halle Gower
	GIFTS: Baird Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Linda Sikorski
	USHERS: Stewart Schutte, Kathy Harris
	COMMUNION MIN: Shari Eckert, Jack & Marilyn Stanley
	SERVERS: Sarah Rynke, Matthew Jenkins
	GIFTS: Mike Uptmor Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Keith Wirey
	USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson
	COMMUNION MIN: Keith Matson, Nellie Schalasky
	SERVERS: George Schalasky
	GIFTS: Matson Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: April Sexton
	USHERS: Karen Free, Ken Deters
	COMMUNION MIN: Matt Hartrich, Eileen Hartrich, Carol Wong
	SERVERS: Evan Ferris, Emily Ferris & +Kifer Stevens
	GIFTS: Ron & Janet Mitchell
Collection Counters: <i>December, 2015 Ellen Rees, Kaye Pescatore, Don Brown</i>	



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:
 Patti Ackerman, Roberta Bowman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Roger Burton, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Linda Dudine, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Debbie Goodwin, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Debbie Henry, Judy Hester, Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes, Charlie Hryniewicz, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Jordyn Koester, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Grover Michl, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Angie Rhoten, Mary Rogers, 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, Zachariah Waxler, Shari Weber, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.

PSR

PSR on **Wed. Dec. 16, 2015** at 6:30 pm.



Project Rachel

If someone you know suffers because of an experience with abortion, please encourage him or her to talk to a priest or contact a Project Rachel volunteer at 1-877-RACHEL-5. Pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God's infinite mercy. Safe, supportive, confidential gathering of post-abortive women, 1st Tues. of the Month at 7:00 pm, Springfield Right to Life (323 E. Monroe St.). Come break the silence and heal from the wounds of your experience.

Advent Nursing Home Project

All tags & unwrapped gifts must be returned before **Wednesday, December 16th**. All gifts will be wrapped and delivered this weekend. Any questions please call Geri Ezell (544-7910) or Patti Buercklin (544-8704).

Confirmation



Confirmation will be from **6:00 pm-8:00 pm** at the Parish Center on **Sunday, December 13, 2015**.

Youth Christmas Party



There will be a Youth Christmas Party at the Parish Center on **Sunday, December 20, 2015** from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

Zephaniah's main message is about the day of the Lord. His opening oracles describe this day as one of cleansing. God must thoroughly sweep creation clean because the people of the world refuse to serve heaven. Through the prophet Zechariah, God announces it will take a completely fresh start to bring about the ideal bond between God and the people of this world. Perhaps the most famous lines related to this theme can be found in Zeph 1:15-17. These verses were the inspiration for the traditional Latin hymn *Dies Irae*. But in this reading, the prophet describes the day of the Lord as a day of joy. Humble service to God has made all the difference.

Once the people learn to value the things of God, they will be far stronger than before. They will no longer be vulnerable to the influence of others who sought only to exploit them rather than nourish them. They will have no fear of injury or harm. They will no longer need the incentive of divine judgment to awaken them to the truth.

The reading begins with the prophet inviting Jerusalem/Zion to sing a song of joy. With its prideful ways now in the past, the great city can at last enjoy the blessings God always held in store for it. Human pride was the obstacle to that joy. But David's royal city now serves its true King, the Lord God. In the final

verses of the reading, God sings a joyful song. God and Jerusalem rejoice together because at the people of Israel have finally become a model of faith for all others to follow.

Because of John's preaching and his way of life, there were many who no doubt thought he was the Messiah to come. All the Gospels have John vigorously denying any messianic claim. His role is to prepare the way and point to one mightier than he who is coming and who will be the Messiah. Lk has gone to great effort to make sure that the contrast between John the Baptist and Jesus is strong and clear. He did this in the annunciation stories and in the birth stories. John the Baptist is in all ways surpassed by Jesus.

While John makes it clear that he is not the Messiah and that his role is only to prepare the way, he does not indicate that he knows who the real Messiah might be. He knows that the Messiah will be greater than he is and that he will exercise a Baptism that is different from what John administered. The Messiah's Baptism will be with the Holy Spirit and fire. This is probably a reference to the Pentecost experience of Acts 2. Excerpts from "Sunday Homily Helps", is used by permission of Franciscan Media. www.FranciscanMedia.org. ©2015. All rights

Third Sunday of Advent



Third Sunday of Advent-The Gospel today is very clear! Everyone is asking John the Baptist: "What should we do?" (See Luke 3:10-18.) That is the perfect question as we wait for Jesus Christ to come the second time.

Let us be found doing the **Corporal Works of Mercy**: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the prisoners, burying the dead, and giving alms to the poor.

- Who needs my second coat or blanket or boots?
- Who needs a tithe of my food budget, of my time, of my conversation?
- Who needs to hear good news? How can I proclaim to by word and by deed?



Thank You

Thank You to George & Jane Bohman for all their work in painting and weeding out the flowers and setting up the Nativity Scene out in front of the Parish Building. God bless you both.

Mom's Group



Mom's Group meets on Fridays from 9 am—10:30 am during school.

Effingham Deanery Pilgrimage

In honor of the Year of Divine Mercy, you are cordially invited to the Effingham Deanery Pilgrimage starting at Immaculate Conception Church, 320 N. 21st St., Mattoon. It will be held **Sun. Dec. 13, 2015, at 3-4 pm** with a Holy Hour and Sacrament of Reconciliation, and followed by a social hour.

Retirement Fund For Religious



Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to

today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

Catholic Children's Home Collection

The Catholic Children's Home Collection will be on **Fri. Dec. 25, 2015**. Thank you in advance.

Parish Office Closings



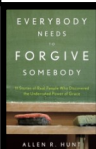
The Parish Office will be closing at 12 noon on Thurs. Dec. 24 to celebrate the Christmas Day Holiday on Fri. Dec. 25. Also, will be closing on Thurs. Dec. 31st at 12 noon to celebrate the New Year's Day Holiday-Fri. Jan. 1,

Divorced?



The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group begins **Wed. Jan. 6th, 2016 at 7 pm** in the St. James Parish Center, (112 North 6th St., Riverton, IL. 62561). There is no cost. Free will offerings will be accepted to defray the cost of the program materials & light refreshments each week. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Sorry, no child care available. For more information, email marruffjohn@gmail.com or call John at 217-494-3366.

New Book Study



We will begin a new book study on "Everybody Needs To Forgive Somebody" on **Wed. Jan. 6, 2016** at 6:00 pm. We will meet for 7 wks. so that we will be done by Ash Wed.

Retrouvaille of St. Louis



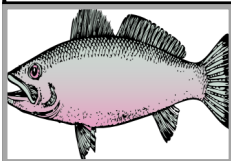
YOU Can Help Your Marriage-25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of **January 29-31,**

Living in Love—Retreat Weekend



Provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect. Designed to energize romance. **January 30-31, 2016** at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Retreat Center, Springfield, Illinois. The cost is \$150.00 per couple. Scholarships are available. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night. RSVP or 217-321-1139. For more information or to register online, please go to www.dio.org/familylife/events.

Fish Fry Dates



The Dates for the Fish Fry will be on:
Friday, February 19th from 4:00-7:00 pm
Friday, February 26th from 4:00-7:00 pm
Friday, March 4th from 4:00-7:00 pm
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **St. Elizabeth**
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$13770.00 paid out of \$16,770.00 pledged amount.
Balance \$3,000.00 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
\$1,305.00 paid out of \$1,945.00 pledged amount.
\$640.00 balance of the pledged amt.
Updated 11-23-2015

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 December 6, 2015
Envelopes \$ 3,683.00 Loose \$252.00
Online 1@\$50.00 Christmas Flowers \$70.00
Christmas Offering 1@\$5.00
Immaculate Conception \$115.00
Campaign for Justice \$5.00
Caritas \$65.00 Building Fund \$85.00
Total Deposit \$4,330.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending December 6, 2015
Envelopes \$ 840.00 Loose \$41.10
Building Fund \$60.00 Immaculate Conception \$55.00
Total Deposit: \$996.10

Thank You. May God bless you.

Advent Mass Schedule Special Services



St. Elizabeth

Wed. Dec. 16, 2015-Christmas Penance Service at 6:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 24, 2015-Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 pm
Fri. Dec. 25, 2015-Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am

Fri. Jan. 1, 2015-New Year's Day Mass at 9:00 am

Our Lady of Lourdes

Thurs. Dec. 17, 2015-Christmas Penance Service 6:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 24, 2015-Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 31, 2015-Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm