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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.

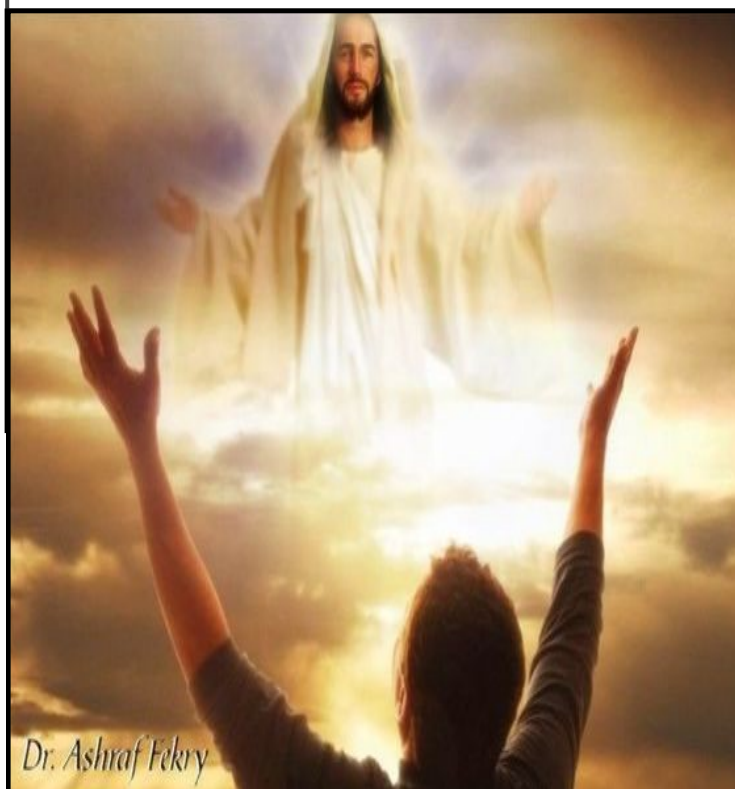
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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
February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent



Jesus said to him in reply,
"It is written: 'You shall worship
the Lord your God, and Him
alone shall you serve.'"

Luke 4:8



Mass Intentions

Feb. 13	4:30 pm	Earl Mullins by Ginger Osborne
Feb. 14	7:30 am	Gene & Betty Uptmor by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	Mildred Hinterscher By Mr. & Mrs. Harold Deimer
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
Feb. 15		NO MASS
Feb. 16	12:05pm	Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Feb. 17	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Carol Wong
Feb. 18	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Larry & Debbie Dix
Feb. 19	7:30 am	Earl Mullins by Ginger Osborne
Feb. 20	4:30 pm	Gene & Barbara Dix by Larry & Debbie Dix
Feb. 21	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Mildred Hinterscher by Jerry Smith
	10:30am	Harry Wong by Rebecca Roth Nightingale



Ministry Schedule

February 20-21, 2016

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Mark Grimm, Dennis Carroll
	COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marylin Stanley, Mike Dorn
	SERVERS: Owen Schmitt Ty Mullins
	GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Shari Eckert
	USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
	COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Jack & Marylin Stanley
	SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Matthew Jenkins
	GIFTS: Stewart Schutte Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Anita Kocher
	USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping
	COMMUNION MIN: Keith Matson, Nellie Schalasky
	SERVERS: Ethan Matson
	GIFTS: Jerry Ping Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Geri Ezell
	USHERS: Karen Free, Ken Deters
	COMMUNION MIN: Roselene Quick, Carol Wong, Patti Buercklin
	SERVERS: Emily Heidorn, Isabel Heidorn, Madalyn Myers
	GIFTS: Steve & Geri Ezell

Collection Counters: February, 2016 Josh & Roselene Quick, Janet Mitchell



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:
 Patti Ackerman, Roberta Bohman, Susan Bills, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Roger Burton, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, 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, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Jordyn Koester, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Grover Michl, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Debbie Nichols, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Angie Rhoten, 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 Wed. Feb. 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm

February Fellowship Dinner



The February Fellowship Dinner will be on **Wed. Feb. 17, 2016 at 5:30 pm. We will be having a taco night.**



Operation Rice Bowl



Operation Rice Bowl will begin on **Ash Wednesday** and continue through **March. Our goal is \$1,000.00.**

Happy Valentine's Day Sunday February 14, 2016



Happy Valentine's Day **Sunday, February 14, 2016** to everyone!
May God bless you all!

Help Wanted for Fish Fry



We are still in need of workers for the Fish Fry coming up on **Friday, February 19th, 26 & March 4th.** Please contact **Lindsey Ippolito** at 618-562-8946 if you could help with this. Thank you.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

As he nears the end of his days as leader, Moses has an opportunity to speak to the people about what lies ahead for them. He is concerned that, once they enter the Promised Land, their reliance on God may begin to fade. In an effort to make this less likely, Moses gives them very specific directives such as the one exhibited in this reading.

In the Promised Land, the people will enjoy an abundance of gifts from God, including rich harvests. Moses describes how things should proceed when they offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving for such bounty. When they present a basket of produce to the priest, he will place it before the altar of God. Then the worshipper is to rehearse before God the peak moments in the history of their relationship with God. It begins with the wandering of the patriarchs, who left the land of Canaan because of their lack of total trust in God. They went down to Egypt which could provide for them many earthly resources, but could never nourish them spiritually. They lived as aliens there and endured hardship. But protected by God, they grew strong and numerous. Eventually, they cried out to God for deliverance, and God brought them out of Egypt.

The story of Jesus being tempted by the devil makes several important theological points. First, Jesus is the Spirit-empowered Son of God. Just as God led the Israelites for 40 years in the desert, so the Spirit leads Jesus for 40 days in the desert. Second, Israel failed in its fidelity to God during their 40-year sojourn in the desert. Israel was rebellious, she readily compromised her commitments to YHWH, and she consistently put God to the test. Jesus does not fail in his fidelity to God while being tested by the devil. After each

temptation, Jesus quotes Dt 8 and reaffirms his deep sense of mission and commitment to God. Third, the real temptation in all three attempts by the devil is to have Jesus prove his Messiahship according to the traditional expectations that cannot adequately express who Jesus really is. Jesus refuses each time.

The temptation scene presupposes that the devil somehow has rule over the kingdoms of the present age. How this happened is not disclosed. However, this situation puts the devil in a position to tempt Jesus with promises of power, and in some cases, power to do good. The issue is always for the devil to convince Jesus of the need to prove he is the Messiah. Many commentators think that these three temptations represent the kind of challenges that confronted Jesus throughout his entire earthly ministry. The devil stresses Messianic recognition through extraordinary signs of proof. Jesus stresses Messianic recognition through faithfulness to God's plan.

This Gospel passage ends with a very important detail that is often missed. "When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time." The devil will not reappear until the end of Jesus' ministry. He will show up in the person of Judas. As Jesus and his disciples are preparing to celebrate the Passover, we are told, "Then Satan entered into Judas . . ." (Lk 22:3). The conspiracy against Jesus thus begins. However, in the time between the temptations of the devil and Judas' conspiracy, no one can harm Jesus. He is under the protection of the Holy Spirit proclaiming the good news of God.

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Free Services Available to Combat Vets

Free services available to combat vets for: Post War Adjustment/ Readjustment counseling, PTSD, Substance Abuse/Assessment, Suicide Prevention Referrals, Military Related Sexual Abuse Counseling, and Bereavement Counseling. Individual, couple, family and group counseling services are offered. Call the Vet Center at 1-877-WARVETS



Our Sympathies

Our sympathies to the Larry Kirts family at the passing of his wife-Madonna Kirts. Madonna passed away on **Monday, February 8, 2016**. She was 74 years young. Please keep this family in your prayers.



It is no use saying that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ. Nor will those who live at the end of the world have been born too late. Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts. But now it is with the voice of our

contemporaries that he speaks; with the eyes of store clerks, factory workers, and children that he gazes; with the hands of office workers, slum dwellers, and suburban housewives that he gives. It is with the feet of soldiers and tramps that he walks, and with the heart of anyone in need that he longs for shelter. And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it, is giving it to Christ. Dorothy Day Pope Francis. To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.

Big Divvy Winners



The Big Divvy was drawn at Mardi Gras Friday, February 5, 2016 at Quail Creek Country Club.

Congratulations to all the Big Divvy Winners!

1st place-\$7,500.00 Mark Ghering

2nd place-Wilmer Wilson-\$1,500.00

3rd place-Preston Jones-\$500.00

4th place-Andrea Rich-\$400.00

5th place-Stewart Schutte-\$300.00

6th place-Matt Brown-\$200.00

7th a-place-Bruce Peters \$100.00

7th b-place-Jona Uptmor \$100.00

Jerry Smith sold the most tickets at 83

Justin Aydt sold the winning ticket

The Silent Auction raised \$3,000 for the food pantries.

A big thank you to all for making this a big success!

Catholic Charities Collection



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

The Catholic Charities Collection will be on the Second Sunday of Lent-Sunday, February 21, 2016.



Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 15, 2016** in honor of Presidents' Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Thank you.

Thank You

A big thank you to George Bohman & Tony Madlem for the pulpit/lecturen for both Parishes. They will be for the food pantries collection for both.



St. Valentine's At The Villa

St. Valentine's At the Villa: Why not celebrate the joy and humor of Christian married love with your sweetheart this St. Valentine's Day? **Sun. Feb. 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** Dinner, Drinks and Entertainment \$50.00 per couple. Entertainment provided by comedian C.J. Harlow. Open to all married, engaged and dating couples. Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712 - For registration visit- <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>



A Healing Heart

Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for "A Healing Heart," from **6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 19,** in the Chapel in the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin. Join others for a time of quiet healing, and find out how important healing is in life. There is no cost to attend, but freewill donations will be accepted. For more information, call 812-535-2952 or email jfrost@spsmw.org



Lenten Stations of the Cross

Fri. Feb. 12, 2016	OLOL 5:30 pm	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth
Fri. Feb. 19, 2016	OLOL 5:30 pm	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth
Fri. Feb. 26, 2016	OLOL 5:30 pm	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth
Fr. Mar. 4, 2016	OLOL 5:30 pm	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth
Fri. Mar. 11, 2016	OLOL 5:30 pm	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth
Fri. Mar. 18, 2016	OLOL 5:30 pm	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth
Fri. Mar. 25, 2016	OLOL 5:30 pm	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth

Fish Fry Dates



Fri. Feb. 19th from 4-7pm, Fri. Feb. 26th from 4-7 pm Fri. Mar. 4th from 4-7 pm at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. If you would be interested in helping with the fish fry, please sign up to do so. Forms are available at the front of the Church and/or the Parish Hall.

Dinner & A Movie



We will be having "Dinner & a Movie" at the Parish Center on **Sun. Feb. 21, 2016.** We will be watching the movie, "Little Boy". See bulletin insert.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **St. Elizabeth**
The goal for St. Elizabeth is **\$19,666.00**
\$17,815.00 paid out of **\$19,245.00** pledged amount.
Balance **\$1,430.00** 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**
\$1,780.00 paid out of **\$2,220.00** pledged amount.
\$440.00 balance of the pledged amt.
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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 Church
Week ending Sunday, February 7, 2016
Envelopes \$3,922.00 Loose \$281.00
Catholic Times \$ 60.00 Ash Wednesday \$10.00
Caritas \$55.00 Building Fund \$85.00
Church in Latin America \$5.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$20.00
First Offering \$ 30.00 Easter Flowers \$30.00
Total Deposit \$4,498.00

Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending Sunday, February 7, 2016
Envelopes \$700.00
Loose \$113.00 Building Fund \$50.00
Easter Flowers \$20.00
Total Deposit: \$883.00
Thank You. May God bless you.



Give Central

To make an online donation to St. Elizabeth, you can go to Church website www.crawfordcountycatholics.com and click on donate. All monies are donated to St. Elizabeth and you can click on what donation you wish to contribute to.

Victim Assistance

If you or someone close to you have been a victim of abuse by a 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 217-321-1155.