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Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep
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Parish Outreach Volunteer: Eileen Hartrich
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 21, 2016
Second Sunday of Lent



While He was praying His face changed in appearance & His clothing became dazzling white.

Luke 9:29

The New American Bible—Saint Joseph Edition



Mass Intentions

Feb.20	4:30 pm	Gene & Barbara Dix by Larry & Debbie Dix
Feb.21	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Mildred Hinterscher by Jerry Smith Harry Wong by Rebecca Roth Nightingale
Feb.22		NO MASS
Feb.23	12:05pm	Mary Rogers by Steve & Geri Ezell
Feb.24	7:30 am	Mary Rogers by the Lunch Bunch
Feb.25	7:30 am	Michael Ndeaneafu by Fr. Aloy
Feb.26	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Larry & Debbie Dix
Feb.27	4:30 pm	Florence Huss by Anonymous
Feb.28	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Francis & Annie Begley by Francis & Anne Schalasky Ed Halter by Anonymous



Ministry Schedule

February 27-28, 2016

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White USHERS: Mark Grimm, Dennis Carroll COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marilyn Stanley, Mike Dorn SERVERS: Abby Mullins Ty Mullins GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Jim & Shari Eckert SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, David Jenkins GIFTS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Lori Davis USHERS: Richard & Anita Kocher COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping SERVERS: Kayla Matson GIFTS: Richard Kocher Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Patti Buercklin USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell COMMUNION MIN: April Sexton, Carol Wong, Matt Hartrich SERVERS: Joe Quick, Gerardo Rios, *Kifer Stevens 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, Shari Weber, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.



PSR

PSR Wed. Feb. 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm



Operation Rice Bowl



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

Hungering For Opportunity

HUNGERING FOR OPPORTUNITY - Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

History of Black Catholics: Fr Clarence Joseph Rufus Rivers (1931-2004), the first Black priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, although not trained as a musician, composed music for liturgy. His first work, "God is Love", integrates traditional Black spirituals with Gregorian chant. Enjoy listening to the song at the following website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXqfh5KxqYs>

March Fellowship Dinner

The March Fellowship Dinner will be on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm**. We will be having Italian Night. We will also be presenting the checks from the Mardi Gras Silent Auction proceeds to the Crawford County food pantries. Please come out and join us. Last names A-M please bring a dessert and N-Z please bring a side dish to share.

**Please remember to
attend weekly Mass**

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

At this point in his faith journey, Abram is still struggling to trust fully in God's word. In this reading, he is still worried because he has no son to be his heir. This concern will dominate Abram's story until he at last demonstrates full trust in God in Gn 22.

God responds to Abram's worry that he will have no descendants by challenging him to count the stars in the sky. His descendants, God assures him, will be just as impossible to count. But Abram seeks further assurances. How can he be sure that, as God promised, he will possess the land?

To set Abram's mind at ease, God provides a ritual covenant ceremony, something the patriarch would have been very familiar with. In Abram's day, people used covenant rituals to secure agreements. The two partners in such agreements would walk between a halved animal to demonstrate how serious they were about the agreement. So God directs the patriarch to prepare a very elaborate ritual. He is to prepare not just one, but many animals.

As Jesus is transfigured, he is portrayed as being in conversation with Moses and Elijah. Moses symbolizes the Law while Elijah symbolizes the Prophets. The Law and the Prophets was the way of referring to the fullness of God's revelation. The transfigured Jesus is in the middle, symbolizing that he is the culmination of God's full revelation. The three figures are discussing Jesus' exodus. As

with Moses, the exodus was God's act of liberation and salvation. Such will be the case with Jesus as he journeys to Jerusalem. This journey will take 10 chapters in Lk's Gospel, beginning in Lk 9:51. Jesus is undertaking a new exodus of liberation and salvation. Peter seems to mistake what he sees as a reference to the feast of Booths, which commemorated God giving the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. People camped out in little booths or tents for several days commemorating the event. Peter's perception was wrong, but understandable.

The culmination of the whole episode is the mysterious voice that came from the shadow of a cloud. The voice is that of God speaking the true identity of Jesus. "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." The text is not clear about who in the story might have heard the divine voice or, if they did hear it, what they thought about it. What we do know, however, is that the reader or hearer of this Gospel "heard" the voice and now knows the real identity of Jesus. He is God's Son. Rereading the transfiguration story after having heard the divine voice, we can now make sense of the position of Jesus between Moses and Elijah. The reference to Jesus' exodus being accomplished in Jerusalem also makes sense. Jesus is truly the prophet like Moses.

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Mardi Gras 2016 Update & Thanks

The 15th Annual Crawford County Catholic Mardi Gras was held on Friday, February 5, 2016. Despite many other community activities being held on the same evening, we had 199 people in attendance and our Silent Auction raised \$3001.00 for the food pantries of Crawford County. We

would like to thank all those parishioners and local businesses who donated items to the Silent Auction. Because of their donations, the local food pantries can continue to feed the less fortunate in our communities. We would also like to thank Terry and Lynne Roche for their continued generosity in running the Big Divvy drawing. Many people came out to help decorate, clean up and lend support on the night of the party and for those we are also very grateful. And as always, without the support of Courtney Ferris and our parish secretary Halena Estep, we would not be able to organize and execute such a large fundraiser. We would also like to thank the members of the Mardi Gras committee for all the hard work and dedication that they put into making the event a success. Many of these members were first time members and in some cases new to the parish, and they jumped right in and helped wherever they were needed. The members of the Mardi Gras committee are as follows: Josh and Roselene Quick, Missy York, Kara Mosbey, Teresa Gower, Katie Aydt and Courtney Ferris. God has blessed our parishes abundantly and through those blessings we are able to bless those around us. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!



Our Sympathies

Our sympathies to the Fred Kirts family at the passing of his wife-Vera Kirts. Vera passed away on **Friday, February 12, 2016**. She was 85 years young. Please keep this family in your prayers.

2nd Sunday of Lent-Sun. Feb. 21, 2016

[**Second Sunday of Lent, Year C – 21 February 2016**] **Look at the night sky; don't pitch a tent.** So many stars! Too many to count. That is the un-numberable number of Abram's descendants – of which each of us is a part. God promised then, and promises still today in covenantal love and mercy to care for us, protect us, and be our only God. This Lent, let us go looking for descendant stars, people born of Abraham and Sarah and loved by God. Let us go looking for those who need embracing. Let us go looking for those who need some special care, some covenantal kindness, many kind words. Let us look. Then let us act.



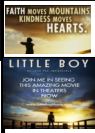
Lenten Stations of the Cross

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



Next Fish Fry Dates

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". Movie time will be 6:00 pm.

24 Hours for the Lord

24 Hours for the Lord. Pope Francis has set aside for this second year a two-day span in the heart of Lent to focus on the manifold presence of Christ the Lord in our midst. Go to your parish church some time during **Friday-Saturday, 4-5 March 2016** to think and pray. Note that the first day is both a First Friday and the World Day of Prayer. If the church is not open, find another good place. Make it holy by your desire and your prayer.

Upcoming Church Council Meetings

St. Elizabeth-Buildings & Ground Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm. **St. Elizabeth-Finance Meeting** on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on **Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes for St. Elizabeth.

FOCCUS Training

The diocese is going to host a FOCCUS training for marriage prep at St. Anthony Church Parish Center on **Sat. Mar. 5, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided. If your parish has any couples that would like to be trained as FOCCUS facilitators, please call Sara at St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129.

Catholic Relief Services

The Catholic Relief Services Collections will be on **Sunday, March 6, 2016-the 4th Sunday of Lent**.

Small Flock Chicken Care

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host Small Flock Chicken Care, from 1 to 5 p.m., on Saturday, March 5. Participants will learn how to keep and care for a small flock of chickens. Topics include basic chicken physiology, shelter needs, feeding and more. Cost is \$25. Register online at Events.WhiteViolet.org or by calling 812-535-2932 or emailing rmorton@spsmw.org.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **St. Elizabeth**
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$18,360.00 paid out of \$19,245.00 pledged amount.
Balance \$885.00 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
\$1,905.00 paid out of \$2,220.00 pledged amount.
\$315.00 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 14, 2016
Envelopes \$2,187.00 Loose \$250.00
Ash Wednesday \$447.00
Caritas \$15.00 Building Fund \$55.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$476.36
Rice Bowl \$292.00 Online 1 @ \$55.00
Total Deposit \$3,777.36

Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending Sunday, February 14, 2016
Envelopes \$495.00 Ash Wednesday \$213.00
Loose \$77.00 Caritas \$20.00 Rice Bowl \$50.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$121.00
Total Deposit: \$976.00
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.