



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep
Youth and Religious Education Coordinator: Courtney Ferris
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 January 10, 2016 The Baptism of the Lord



Baptism of Hayden Annalise Dix

on December 12, 2015

Fr. Aloy holding Hayden Annalise Dix,
Parents-Daniel & Holly Dix,
Godparents-Ethan Holscher, Carly O'Rourke



Mass Intentions

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| Jan.9 | 4:30 pm | Lillierose Myers by Katrena Burton |
| | 7:30 am | Harry Wong by Anonymous |
| Jan.10 | 9:00 am | Mildred Hinterscher by Sharon Skaggs |
| | 10:30am | For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy |
| Jan.11 | | NO MASS |
| Jan.12 | 12 :05pm | Mary Rogers by Steve & Geri Ezell |
| Jan.13 | 7:30 am | Judy Smolinski by Arkenberg Family |
| Jan.14 | 7:30 am | Mike Smolinski by Arkenberg Family |
| Jan.15 | 7:30 am | Michael Ndeaneafu by Fr. Aloy |
| Jan.16 | 4:30 pm | Harry Wong by Anonymous |
| Jan.17 | 7:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy |
| | 9:00 am | George & Margaret Schalasky |
| | 10:30am | By Francis & Anne Schalasky |
| | | Kara Hartrich |
| | | by Matt & Lisa Hartrich |



Ministry Schedule

January 16-17, 2016

4:30 pm

LECTOR: Karen Sanders

USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower

COMMUNION MIN: Celeste White, Linda Reis, Jack Stanley

SERVERS: Cody York
Xavier Brown

GIFTS: Jack & Marylin Stanley

7:30 am

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Carol Zellars, Stewart Schutte

COMMUNION MIN: James & Shari Eckert, Mike Dorn

SERVERS: Sarah Rynke, Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: James & Shari Eckert Family

9:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Ping

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: George Schalasky

GIFTS: Dan Schalasky Family

10:30 am

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: Karen Free, Ken Deters

COMMUNION MIN: Matt Hartrich, Carol Wong, Roselene Quick

SERVERS: Emily Heidorn, Isabel Heidorn, Madalyn Myers

GIFTS: George & Jane Bohman

Collection Counters: *January, 2016 Don Brown, Ed Reis, Carol Zellars*

Project Rachel



If someone you know suffers because of involvement with abortion, please encourage her or him 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.



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 resumes on Wed. Jan. 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm



Confirmation Class

01/10/2016--Confirmation Class 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Center.



Fellowship Dinner

01/13/2016-- We will have our first Fellowship Dinner of 2016 at 5:30 pm. Our theme will be "Soup for Supper." I am in need of volunteers to bring soups and sandwiches. Please let me know if you are available to help.



Souper Bowl of Caring

We will also begin collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring on 01/13/2016. Last year the students collected 1000 canned goods and I took a pie to the face. This year, I am challenging the students to collect 1500 cans. there will be a reward for this, but unfortunately, I will not be taking a pie to the face. You can all ask Geri how that went...

Pre-Jordan

There will be a Pre-Jordan class on **Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 3:00 pm** at the Parish Center. Please contact Courtney Ferris for more information.

Mass Stipends

We are in need of Mass Stipends for the new year. Please call or come into the Parish office to schedule.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

Midway through his book, the oracles of Isaiah turn to the theme of service. This is a dramatic change from the first half of the book in which the prophet made every attempt to awaken king and people to the disadvantages of seeking security in earthly resources rather than in God. Human pride got in the way, preventing Isaiah's audience from hearing his message. As a result, the kingdom collapsed and many were exiled to Babylon.

The Servant is God's chosen people Israel (Is 41:8). Enlightened by the experience of exile, they are now ready to serve the Lord. Gifted with the Spirit of God, they will show the way for the rest of the nations. They will proclaim their message by example rather than by raised voices in the streets. Their lesson will restore what is bruised and fan into flame what is only smoldering. They will not stop until the earth is filled with the kind of justice that comes only with a right relationship with God.

God holds the right hand of Servant Israel. As long as the people remain so close to God, they are assured of success in their mission. God's plan is that they will become a beacon of light for the rest of the nations, illuminating the path they are to follow. Those blinded by misguided interests will be able to see their way clearly. Those held prisoner by earthly concerns will be set free. Those who once stumbled about in the darkness of sin and ignorance will walk free. Earlier verses described the nations still preoccupied with the

making of idols, imagining that the illusions of the world would bring them the security that they sought so desperately.

All of the Gospels strongly counter such an idea by clearly presenting Jesus as far superior to John the Baptist and having John himself proclaim this. John the Baptist baptizes with water, but Jesus who is mightier than John will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus' baptism has a strong sense of purification, indicated by the presence of the Holy Spirit and fire. Lk will again show this purification aspect in the Pentecost experience in Acts 2. Everything about Jesus surpasses John the Baptist.

Almost all commentators and exegetes agree that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Seemingly, Jesus wanted to show his allegiance to the message of John the Baptist and the need to prepare for God's coming. Lk does not get involved in that question, nor does he describe the actual baptism of Jesus himself. Lk focuses on what happened immediately after the baptism. First of all, Jesus was praying. Prayer sets the context for what Jesus sees and what he hears. Secondly, Jesus sees and hears some remarkable things. What he sees are the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descending upon him in bodily form like a dove. What he hears is the heavenly voice affirm, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

Baptism of the Lord



Baptism starts things off. After his Baptism in the Jordan, Jesus became very public. So, too, for each us. We are saved, surely, in Baptism. But we are also sent. The clarity we have today is that we are sent to be missionary disciples – sent to proclaim mercy, sent to be justice. Sent. Maybe sent to my family or neighborhood, maybe sent to where I work, maybe sent to my school, maybe sent to.... • How will I behave this week as one who is both saved and sent?

Upcoming Parish Meetings for Finance/Bldg.&Ground

There will be the Finance Meeting for St. Elizabeth on **Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm.** There will be the Finance & Buildings & Ground Meeting for Our Lady Of Lourdes on **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm.**

Office Closings

The Parish Office will be closed for the Martin Luther King JR. holiday on **Monday, January 18, 2016.** We will re-open on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016.**

January Mass in Sign Language

Sat. Jan. 23, 2016 – Please join us for Mass in American Sign Language with Father Tom Coughlin, O.P. Miss. Our Saviour Convent, 453 E. State Street, Jacksonville, IL. 62650. Mass starts at 4:00 pm with a potluck dinner to follow. For more information, email Christine Lansaw at christine.lansaw@yahoo.com.

Culture of Life

Join thousands of Catholics across the nation January 16-24, as we pray for a Culture of Life. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to receive novena prayers by text message, App, email, or on-line. **Sunday, January 17, 2016** – March for Life - Chicago. 2:00-4:00 pm, Federal Plaza, 50 W. Adams St, Chicago.

Friday, January 22, 2016 – 43rd Anniversary of Roe v Wade – National March for Life, Washington, D.C. Diocesan Pilgrimage – Jan 20-24. **Pray outside the abortion clinic in Granite City or outside a Planned Parenthood in your community.** Here is a link to Pro-Life Rosary Intentions for use while praying: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/pro-life-rosary-prayer-intentions.cfm>. For information

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children



January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

"In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

- January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- January 22: Leader Resources (choices of readings, homiletics, pro-life petitions, and more)
- Pro-Life Prayers

Sunday With A Saint

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are inviting persons of all faith traditions to attend "Sunday with a Saint," from **9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016** at the Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. Learn about Saint Mother Theodore Guerin's unwavering trust in God and pray at her shrine. Then, celebrate Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, followed by Sunday Brunch in the O'Shaughnessy Dining Room. Cost to attend is \$25, which includes brunch. For more information or to register, call 812-535-2952, email jfrost@spsmw.org or register online at events.sistersofprovidence.org

Church in Latin America Collection

The Second Collections for the Church in Latin America will be on Sun. Jan.24,2016.



Retrouvaille of St. Louis

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 **Jan.29-31, 2016**. Kevin & Stacy Minden



Living in Love—Retreat Weekend

Provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect. Designed to energize romance. **Jan. 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.

A Night In Venice

Catholic Charities Benefit Dinner Dance 2016 on **Sat. Jan. 30, 2016**. See inside Church bulletin board for details.

Free Aquinas Institute Lecture

Free Aquinas Institute Lecture with Fr. Michael Joncas. He will give this 33rd annual lecture, "Sing to the Lord. Announce his Salvation: Music, Preaching & Worship" on **Sunday, 31 January 2016 at 3:00 PM**. St. Francis Xavier College Church Ballroom. Free and open to the public. Complimentary parking in the Laclede Garage by St. Louis University, St. Louis MO. Use this direct link: <http://www.ai.edu/outreach/community-programs.aspx> for poster and other outreach information for Aquinas Institut of Theology.

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>

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
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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 January 3, 2016
Envelopes \$1,677.00 Loose \$250.00
Dependent Children 1 @ \$10.00
Retirement Fund For Religious 1@ \$100.00
Christmas Offering \$80.00 Catholic Times \$60.00
Solemnity of Mary \$394.05 First Offering \$270.00
Online 1@ \$50.00 Building Fund \$80.00
Total Deposit \$2,971.05

Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending January 3, 2016
Envelopes \$775.00 Loose \$77.00
Building Fund \$110.00 First Offering \$140.00
Solemnity of Mary \$173.75
Total Deposit: \$1,275.75
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.

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. See flyer for details.

