



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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Secretary: Halena Estep
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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.

Sunday January 17, 2016 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



This, the first of his miraculous signs,
Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee.
He thus revealed his glory, and His
disciples put their faith in Him.

John 2:11



Mass Intentions

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
		By Francis & Anne Schalasky
	10:30am	Kara Hartrich
		by Matt & Lisa Hartrich
Jan. 18		NO MASS
Jan. 19	7:30 am	Communion Service
Jan. 20	7:30 am	Mary Beth Huss-Culler by Tom Huss
Jan. 21	7:30 am	Michael Ndeaneafu by Fr. Aloy
Jan. 22	7:30 am	Jennifer Diane Rich by Tom Huss
Jan. 23	4:30 pm	Kara Hartrich by Anonymous
Jan. 24	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Tom Huss
	9:00 am	Mildred Hinterscher by
		Bill Hinterscher
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

January 23-24, 2016

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Jack Stanley
	USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower
	COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders, Ginger Osborne, Celeste White
	SERVERS: Owen Schmitt Ty Mullins
	GIFTS: Ken & Carol Bergbower
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Shari Eckert
	USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
	COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marylin Stanley, Joe Hepner
	SERVERS: David Jenkins, Sarah Rynke
	GIFTS: Jenkins Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Stacie Matson
	USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson
	COMMUNION MIN: Keith Matson, Nellie Schalasky
	SERVERS: Ethan Matson
	GIFTS: Keith Matson Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: April Sexton
	USHERS: John Grimm, Ed Reis
	COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Carol Wong, Jane Bohman
	SERVERS: Evan Ferris, Emily Ferris
	GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis

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

Weather Policy

Please be sure to listen to WTAY-WYTE for closings due to adverse weather for Masses.



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. Jan. 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Mass Change

There will be no 12:05 pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 but Communion Service at 7:30 am.

Confirmation

We will have confirmation on **Sun. Jan. 31, 2016 from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm** at the Parish Center.

Men's Fellowship Night

We will be having a meeting of the Men's Fellowship Group on **Mon. Jan. 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. We will be playing cards & discussing the future plans of the group. Please bring a snack to share.

Office Closings



The Parish Office will be closed for the **Martin Luther King JR. holiday on Mon. Jan. 18, 2016. Re-open Tues. Jan. 19th.**

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

At this point in the book, oracles mount up one after the other, describing the wonderful change for God's people. In the past, faithless kings had led the kingdom to ruin. Now a brighter future lies in store for the kingdom, thanks to God's merciful ways.

God wants all the nations to see what Jerusalem has become. The holy city has put aside its limited ways and, in their place, embraced total service to the ways of heaven. God describes the new city as the dawn of a new day and a burning torch in the night. By the light of Jerusalem's service to God, the nations will have a beacon of light to help them find the right path to follow. God is so pleased with Jerusalem's progress that God cannot remain silent. Instead, God must make sure all the world hears the news of Jerusalem's transformation in faith.

The contrast between past and present is reflected in the new titles God bestows upon the city. The title Forsaken is replaced by "My Delight"; the title Desolate is replaced by "Espoused." Translation cannot do justice to Isaiah's poetry. These titles in Hebrew sound much more alike, drawing even more attention to the wondrous change that has taken place. Furthermore, the new names for Jerusalem express the intimacy of her relationship with God. She is a bride; God is her groom. This imagery contributes to the family theme so prominent in Isaiah's oracles. God's faithful children will

now become stronger and more numerous. God is truly "your Builder," who will build up the kingdom. Our Gospel reading episode begins with a description of who is in attendance, including the mother of Jesus as well as Jesus and his disciples. A critical problem soon emerges in that the wine for the feast has run short. This would be embarrassing and shameful for the host. The mother of Jesus brings this situation to his attention, but he replies in a very ambiguous way, "Woman, how does this concern affect me?" The Greek text is not as clear as the English rendition. He then refers to his "hour" not yet having arrived. Normally in Jn, the "hour" refers to the death of Jesus or his final moment.

Jesus, however, does have six large stone jars used for Jewish purification rituals filled with water. Next, he has some drawn off the top and taken to the headwaiter. What the headwaiter tastes is not water, but a very choice wine. He has no idea of its origin. The text does not focus on how the water became wine—only that it did. Important here is the symbolism of replacing the water used for Jewish purification rituals with an abundance of choice wine. Wine in abundance often symbolized salvation. The sign points to Jesus himself. He is the abundance of salvation. It is Jesus who brings salvation, not Jewish purification rituals.

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2nd Sun.in Ordinary Time Jan.17 "My Delight"

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 Jan. 2016] "My Delight." Not "Forsaken". Not "Desolate". God says it long ago to Israel and says it still today to each of us: You are my Delight! This is the endearing language of personal relationship. This is the lasting language of covenantal love. In the Gospel today, Jesus, in a first public act, has compassion on the bridal party and their guests at Cana. Good wine, saved to last. No one is forsaken. Who are the desolate ones? Who are the forsaken ones who are near? How can I act with compassion?

Public Witness

The following are opportunities for parishioners to be public witnesses for life. Please inform your Pro-Life Chair of these events and encourage parishioners to participate in one of the activities:
Sun. Jan. 17, 2016 – March for Life - Chicago. 2:00-4:00 pm Federal Plaza, 50 W.Adams St, Chicago. **Fri. Jan. 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 contact Donna Moore, 217-321-1161.

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.

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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." □ Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children □ Jan. 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 Sun. 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

Church in Latin America Collection

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. In Peru, the 14 villages of Chazuta, in Moyobamba, are all located away from the city center, with the most remote only accessible by boat. The faithful in these communities do not have access to catechetical formation, and members often feel separated from the life of the universal Church. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the religious congregation of the Missionaries of Jesus was able to provide faith formation, spiritual retreats, and workshops to nearly 250 people. Upon completion, participants were better equipped to help others deepen their faith and answer questions. The program also renewed their sense of commitment to their parishes and created stronger bonds within their own families. Through this program, members of the Chazuta villages felt the love and support of the universal Church. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week's collection. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-

Retrouville of St. Louis

The next program begins the weekend of **Jan.29-31, 2016**.

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 **Sun. 31 Jan. 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 Institute of

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for St. Elizabeth
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$17,215.00 paid out of \$18,745.00 pledged amount.
Balance \$1,530.00 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
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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 10, 2016
Envelopes \$ 1,727.00 Loose \$336.00
Dependent Children 1 @ \$50.00
Christmas Offering 1 @\$200.00 Catholic Times \$509.00
Solemnity of Mary \$30.00 First Offering \$60.00
Building Fund \$10.00 Caritas \$40.00
Total Deposit \$2,962.00
Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending January 10, 2016
Envelopes \$535.00 Loose \$ 53.00 First Offering \$20.00
Solemnity of Mary \$10.00 Christmas Flowers 1 @\$20.00
Catholic Times \$239.00 Youth Pilgrimage \$11.00
Caritas \$15.00 **Total Deposit: \$903.00**



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.

Mardi Gras 2016

The 15th Annual Crawford County Catholic Mardi Gras will be on **Fri. Feb. 5, 2016** at Quail Creek Country Club. Party tickets are \$25 and include dinner. Starts at 6:00 & dinner will be at 6:30. Big Divvy tickets are also being sold & are available in the Parish Center or thru any Mardi Gras committee member. Big Divvy tickets are \$25 & first prize is \$7000.



Fish Fry Dates

Fri. Feb. 19th from 4-7:pm, Fri. Feb. 26th from 4-7 pm, Fri. Mar.4th from 4-7:pm. St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.