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Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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PASTORAL STAFF

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 January 3, 2016 The Epiphany of the Lord



Then they opened their
treasures and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and
myrrh.

Matthew 2:11



Mass Intentions

Jan.2	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Mary Etta Whitmer
Jan.3	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Michael Kirts by Kirts Family
	10:30am	Harry Wong by Anonymous
Jan.4		NO MASS
Jan.5	12 :05pm	Harry Wong by Anonymous
Jan.6	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Anonymous
Jan.7	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Anonymous
Jan.8	7:30 am	Harry & Jeanne Constantin by George & Jane Brown
Jan.9	4:30 pm	Lillierose Myers by Katrena Burton
Jan.10	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Anonymous
	9:00 am	Mildred Hinterscher by Sharon Skaggs
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

January 9-10, 2016

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower
	COMMUNION MIN: Ginger Osborne & Jack & Marylin Stanley
	SERVERS: Ty Mullins, Abby Mullins, +Braden Hatfield
	GIFTS: Joel York Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher
	USHERS: Kathy Harris, Jim Eckert
	COMMUNION MIN: Mike & Jona Uptmor, Jack Stanley
	SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert
	GIFTS: Carol & Joe Hepner
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Lori Davis
	USHERS: Richard & Anita Kocher
	COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman
	SERVERS: Taylor Blank
	GIFTS: Adam Davis Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Geri Ezell
	USHERS: Karen Free, Ken Deters
	COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marylin Stanley, & Phyllis Inboden
	SERVERS: David Staller, Sarah Staller, & Lauren Staller
	GIFTS: Ron & Janet Mitchell

Collection Counters: January, 2016

Don Brown, Kaye Holscher, Carol Zellars



Mom's Group

Mom's Group meets on Fridays from 9:00 am to 10:30 am during the school year.



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

Fellowship Dinner

There will be the First Fellowship Dinner of the new year on **Wed. Jan. 13, 2016 at 5:30 pm.**

Catholic Times Envelopes

The Catholic Times Envelopes will be distributed the weekend of **Sat. Jan. 9-Sun. Jan. 10, 2016.**

Souper Bowl of Caring



The Souper Bowl of Caring will begin on **Wed. Jan. 13, 2016** See Courtney Ferris for details.

Youth Group Ringing Bells



In two hours of bell ringing the Youth Group collected \$500.

Mass Stipends

We are in need of Mass Stipends for the New Year for 2016 for the 7:30 am morning Mass times as well as other services in the year. Thank you.

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

Isaiah's oracles often described Jerusalem as enveloped in darkness. Blinded by earthly interests, the kings and people of David's royal city consistently ignored the invitation to faith extended to them by prophets like Isaiah. In the end, the kingdom failed and many of its people were exiled to Babylon. But things have changed dramatically by the time the prophet spoke the words in this first reading.

Isaiah invites the royal city to rise up from its ruins. The city is at last free from the darkness of sin and ignorance that once surrounded it and still surrounds other nations. Made wiser by the experience of exile, the people of Jerusalem have grown closer to God and stronger in their faith. Spiritual light prevails; the glory of God shines down on the city. In later verses (Is 60:19-20), the prophet announces that the city no longer needs the light of the sun or the moon; the light that comes from faith surpasses them. The surrounding nations will benefit from Jerusalem's example. Now they will realize the advantages of walking the journey of faith. And as Jerusalem looks all around, she sees her people returning from exile; they carry their children in their arms, the promise of generations to come.

By land and by sea, the nation's express their

gratitude to Jerusalem by gifting her with the bounty of their resources. The prophet mentions specifically gold and incense, valuables that will enhance the worship of God in the Jerusalem temple. All the nations recognize that the greatest treasure of all is a right relationship with God.

The large overall picture Mt is painting with this story about the magi coming from the east to pay homage to Jesus as the newborn king of the Jews and King Herod rejecting any such notion symbolizes the Jewish rejection of Jesus as the Messiah and the radical acceptance of him by the gentile world.

Much piety has grown up around these magi, who most likely were eastern astrologers. The text does not designate how many there were, nor are they given names. They are guided along their journey by a star, which could well be a Midrash on the Balaam narrative of Nm 22-24 (esp. 24:17). These magi are confident about why they came and the identity of him whom they came to see, "the newborn king of the Jews."

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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. For more information, email marruffojohn@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.

Senior Citizens Annual County Party

It is time for our Annual County Party for Senior Citizens on **Sat. Jan. 9th at 2:00 pm at the Robinson Community Center**. We are asking Church members for cookies so that we may serve refreshments. We are asking in advance so that when your members are doing their holiday baking, if they will put a few dozen cookies in their freezer for later use at the party. Can we count on your Church for around 20 dozen cookies? Cookies should be brought to the Community Center the morning of the party from 9 am to 10 am. We truly appreciate your help due to many of our seniors have few opportunities for socializing outside their homes during the long winter months. Thank you.

Dance of the Spirit

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are inviting persons of all faith traditions to join them for "Dance of the Spirit: Women's Spirituality," **from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 9**. The workshop will take place in the Providence Hall Conference Room. Participants will explore the steps of the dance and then reflect and explore the practices to center and focus steps while moving to their truest selves. Cost to attend is \$40, which includes lunch. The registration deadline is Jan. 4. For more information or to register, call 812-535-2952, email jfrost@spsmw.org or log on to events.sistersofprovidence.org.

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**.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

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

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 **Saturday, January 30, 2016**. See bulletin insert for details.

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.

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>

Our Sympathies

Our sympathies to the Carol Wong family at the loss of Carol's sister -Mary Rogers. Mary passed away on December 25, 2015-Christmas Day. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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.
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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 December 27, 2015
Envelopes \$3,292.00 Loose \$252.00
Dependent Children \$718.50
Christmas Offering \$2,386.64
Online 1@ \$50.00 **Total Deposit \$6,699.14**

Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending December 20, 2015
Envelopes \$570.00 Loose \$47.00
Dependent Children \$60.00
Total Deposit: \$677.00
Week ending December 27, 2015
Envelopes \$445.00 Loose \$111.00
Christmas Offering \$512.00
Dependent Children \$151.00
Total Deposit \$1,219.00
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.