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Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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Secretary: Halena Estep
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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.

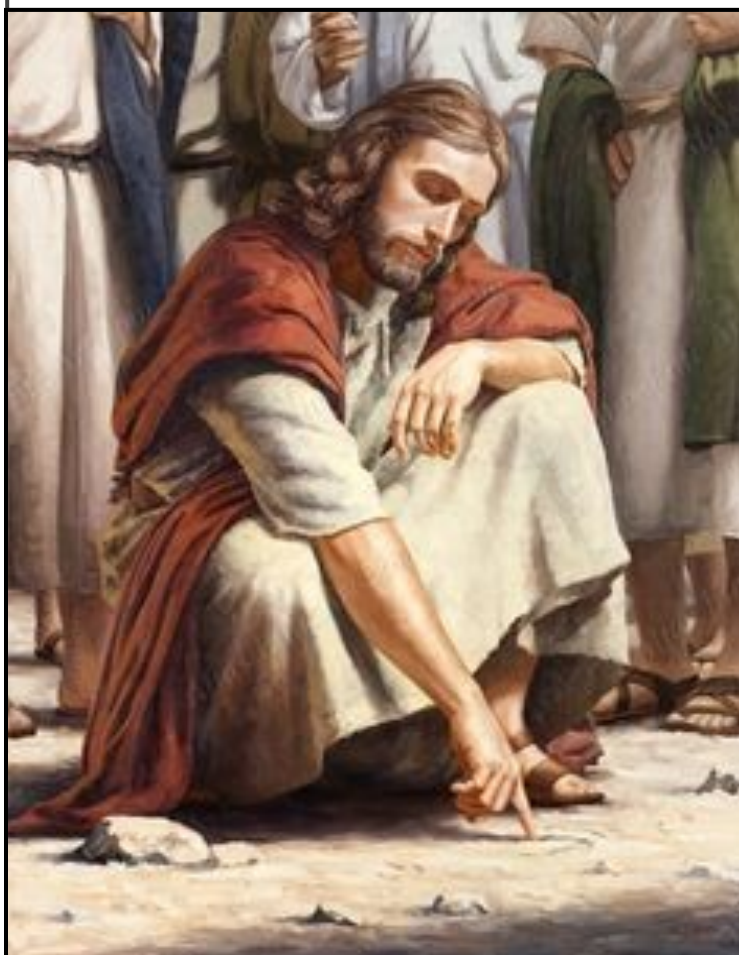
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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
March 13, 2016
Fifth Sun. of Lent



"Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at



Mass Intentions

Mar.12	4:30 pm	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
Mar.13	7:00 am	Judy Smolinski by Chad Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	Lloyd Shook from OLOL Ladies Group
Mar.14	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy NO MASS
Mar.15	12:05pm	Catherine Keolker by Steve & Geri Ezell
Mar.16	7:30 am	Madonna Kirts by Karen Sanders
Mar.17	7:30 am	Don Calvert by Larry & Debbie Dix
Mar.18	7:30 am	Mary Rogers by the Lunch Bunch
Mar.19	4:30 pm	Favorable Weather
Mar.20	7:30 am	Mary Beth Huss Culler by Tom Huss
	9:00 am	Gene Huber by David & Shirley Dhom
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

March 19-20, 2016

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marilyn Stanley, Karen Sanders SERVERS: Ty Mullins, +Abby Mullins+ GIFTS: Mullins Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Mike Uptmor USHERS: Stewart Schutte, Carol Zellars COMMUNION MIN: Jona Uptmor, James & Shari Eckert SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Samuel Eckert GIFTS: Eric Mosbey Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey SERVERS: Ethan Matson GIFTS: Bob Coffman Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Geri Ezell USHERS: Jessie & Roselene Quick COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Carol Wong, Patti Buercklin SERVERS: Sarah Staller, David Staller, +Lauren Staller+ GIFTS: Gene & Teresa Gower

Collection Counters: *March, 2016*

Kay Pescatore, Ellen Rees, Karen Reinoehl



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, 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. Mar. 16, 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.



Lenten Regulations

1. Abstinence-Everyone 14 yrs. Of age & over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wed. & all Fridays of Lent. 2. FAST-Everyone 18 yrs. Of age & under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wed. & Good Fri. On these two days of fast & abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two days should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk & fruit juices are allowed. 3. To disregard completely the law of fast & abstinence is seriously sinful.

Easter Flowers Memorial



Please make sure to have your money into the Parish Office before Monday, March 21, 2016 in order to get your loved ones name in Memorial Bulletin. If you did not receive a special envelope "Easter Flowers", just mark on a plain white envelope-this offering for Easter

Annual Catholic Service Appeal Need

Balance of \$1,206.00 St. Elizabeth. OLOL balance \$968.00



Parishioner Update Cards

Please fill out a new parishioner update card so that we may have your address & phone number current in our system. These are in the bulletin this week. Leave in basket when completed.

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

The second portion of this book is filled with oracles of comfort for the exiled people of Israel. This reading, for example, comes from a section in which God challenges any other nation to come up with witnesses who could testify that their gods can really do something. At the same time, God declares that the people of Israel can certainly bear witness to all the God of Israel has done for them.

Most prominent among God's deeds for Israel in the past was the exodus from Egypt. These verses describe the great miracle of God's leading the people through the waters of the sea. They walked on dry land from one shore of the sea to the other, from oppression in Egypt to freedom on the other side. Pharaoh's army presumed to overtake them along the same dry path. Egypt's chariots and cavalry advanced towards the people. But then the waters closed in on them; they were snuffed out like the flame of a burning candle.

The deliverance at the Red Sea was unforgettable. But God announces in this reading that the people of Israel can forget about that great miracle of the past because God is about to do something even grander. It is something entirely new, and God invites them to take note of it. God is preparing a way in the wilderness between Babylon and the Promised Land. All along the way, there will be water to drink. Even wild beasts will be grateful to God for such life-giving bounty. How much more

grateful God's own people should be! After all, as God's chosen people, they will have plenty of reason to sing praise to the Lord.

Our gospel story this weekend is a story about the morality of adultery, this controversy story presents the scribes and Pharisees as attempting to undermine Jesus' credibility with a question aimed to trap him. The story shows Jesus' relationship with the law and his rapport with his own religious officials. Jesus is a grand master at negotiating these tests, as the story makes clear. He also has a deep compassionate care for the oman who has been used almost as a prop by the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and the Pharisees demonstrate a serious ignorance about the law. They have no witnesses verifying the truth of their claim against this woman; two witnesses were required by law. They make it seem like only the woman was liable in cases of adultery. In fact, both the man and the woman were liable in adultery issues. More scrutiny was given to a guilty man since family property rights were involved, and he could lose what belonged to the family. Again, all this shows that the real issue is not adultery, but how to discredit Jesus' teaching authority. Excerpts from "Sunday Homily Helps", is used by permission of Franciscan Media. www.FranciscanMedia.org. ©2016. All rights reserved

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Class will be held on **Sun. Mar. 13, 2016 from 6-8 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

Confirmation students are expected to attend Parish Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth. Confirmation Interviews will be held on Apr.3, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. in Parish Center.



Holy Week Retreat

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the upcoming Holy Week Retreat. The event will take place from **7 p.m., Fri. Mar. 18, to 1:30 p.m., Sun. Mar.20**, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The retreat will offer a time to reflect on the Good Friday liturgy, and will conclude with the Liturgy of Palm Sunday, followed by brunch at the O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall. Cost is \$200, which includes meals and lodging. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org

Stewardship Council Meetings-OLOL

Stewardship Meeting~ for Our Lady of Lourdes at 6:00 pm on Thurs. Mar. 17, 2016 at OLOL Parish Hall.

Protecting God's Children Class



There will be a Protecting God's Children Class at the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall on **Thurs. Mar. 17, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** Please see Courtney Ferris if you are need of this class.



Why does the priest wash feet of boys and girls, women and men on Holy Thursday? That in imitating Jesus' humble service, we remind ourselves today to be like him. No task is unworthy, no service is beneath the dignity of the Christian. This **mandatum, this **command** to act in love is in our baptismal DNA. We carry this action further this night. The Mass rubrics (rules) remind us that the entire collection taken during the Evening Mass is given to the poor. This **mandatum** and collection prepares us for the **meal** of the Lord.**



Lenten Stations of the Cross



Friday, March 18, 2016
Our Lady of Lourdes 5:30 pm
St. Elizabeth 7:00 pm

Friday, March 25, 2016
Our Lady of Lourdes 1:30 pm
St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm

Please remember to
attend weekly Mass



Way of the Cross for Justice

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the annual Way of the Cross for Justice event, scheduled for **10 to 11 a.m., on Friday, March 25**, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Spend an hour recalling Jesus' road to the cross and unite it with the justice struggles of today.

There is no cost to attend, but freewill offerings will be accepted. Freewill offerings will support justice efforts in the Wabash Valley. For more information, call 812-535-2952 or email

A Photographic Journey

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host "In the Light of Providence Retreat: A Photographic Journey," from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, April 9, in the Providence Hall conference room. Persons attending will view photography of nature, take photos, hear from a National Geographic photo journalist and more. Cost is \$40, which includes lunch. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org

Godspell Production at LTC

Please see bulletin insert for information on this.

Life Line Screening



St. Elizabeth will not have Life Line Screening here this year at our facility but it will be at the Community Center in Robinson, Illinois on **Wed. Apr. 13, 2016** instead. Please watch the Robinson Daily Newspaper for times. Those that have registered will be receiving information in the mail at the new place and time.

Timothy Retreat

Timothy Retreat - A Timothy Retreat will take place at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman, Illinois on **Friday, April 22 from 7 pm start through Saturday, April 23 at SJV's 5 pm mass**. A Timothy Retreat is a junior high retreat presented by high school and college students. It is a sleepover at the SJV Activity Center. Kids should bring toiletries and a sleeping bag, etc. Kids are fed breakfast and lunch. Snacks are shared. A t-shirt is given to each participant. \$25 covers the cost of the t-shirt, meals, and supplies. For more information, contact SJV Youth Coordinator John Barrett at 496-2452 or email jnkab@hotmail.com.

Thank You



Thank you to Tony Madlem of T-Graphics for the reusable "giant check" that the Parishes can now use for their charitable donations.

Give Central is an on-line resource where you can make online donations to St. Elizabeth. You can choose to give to whatever donation you would like to. Please see bulletin insert for more information.



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. Updated 02-17-2016

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, March 6, 2016

Envelopes \$3,187.00 Loose \$303.00

Caritas \$15.00 CCW \$10.00 Online 1 @ \$55.00 Catholic Relief Services \$472.00 Easter Flowers \$65.00 Building Fund \$70.00 Seminarians \$20.00 ACSA \$100.00 Youth Pilgrimage \$30.00 **Total Deposit \$4,327.00**

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, March 6, 2016

Env. \$645.00 Loose \$103.00 Building Fund \$30.00

Catholic Relief Services \$145.00 Rice Bowl \$40.00

Total Deposit: \$963.00

Thank You. May God bless you.

Lenten & Easter Special Services



Wed. Mar. 16, 2016-5:30 pm OLOL Parish Reconciliation. **Sat. Mar. 19, 2016** Palm Sun. Vigil **3:00 pm -4:00 pm** Reconciliation & 4:30 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth

Sun. Mar. 20, 2016-Palm Sun. 7:30 & 10:30 am St. Elizabeth & 9:00 am OLOL

Tues. Mar. 22, 2016-Tuesday of Holy Week-No Morning Mass
Chrism Mass at Springfield, IL.

Wed. Mar. 23, 2016-11:00 am Mass St. Elizabeth Reconciliation to follow **6:00 pm**-St. Elizabeth Reconciliation
Thurs. Mar. 24, 2016-Thurs. of Holy Week
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Elizabeth Adoration until 10:00 pm

Friday, Mar. 25, 2016-Good Friday 10:00 am Server Practice St. Elizabeth 1:30 pm Stations OLOL Reconciliation to follow & 3:00 pm Stations St. Elizabeth 6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy for all at St. Elizabeth, Reconciliation to follow

Sat. Mar. 26, 2016-Holy Saturday 10:00 am server practice at St. Elizabeth. No scheduled Reconciliation.

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Elizabeth

Sun. Mar. 27, 2016-Easter Services 7:30 am St. Elizabeth 9:00