



The Nuncio

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 March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



On Wednesday, March 9, 2016, Rev. Aloysius Ndeanaefo and members of the Crawford County Catholics Mardi Gras Committee presented a check for \$3001.00 to the food pantries of Crawford County. This donation was made possible due to the generosity of the community and the Mardi Gras 2016 Silent Auction.



Mass Intentions

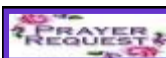
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| Mar.19 | 4:30 pm | Favorable Weather |
| Mar.20 | 7:00 am | Mary Beth Huss Culler by Tom Huss |
| | 9:00 am | Gene Huber by David & Shirley Dhom |
| | 10:30am | For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy |
| Mar.21 | | NO MASS |
| Mar.22 | | NO MASS CHRISM MASS SPRINGFIELD |
| Mar.23 | 7:30 am | Harry Wong by Anonymous |
| Mar.24 | 7:30 am | Earl Mullins- Robert & Beulah Bowen |
| | 7:00 pm | Margaret Ferris by Ferris Family |
| Mar.25 | 7:30 am | Jan Blankenbaker by Josh & Roselene Quick |
| Mar.26 | 8:00 pm | Jerry Pugh by Josh & Roselene Quick |
| Mar.27 | 7:30 am | Gene & Barbara Dix by Larry & Debbie Dix |
| Easter Sunday | 9:00 am | Martha Mills by Betty Boyd Hippler |
| | 10:30am | For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy |



Ministry Schedule

March 26-27, 2016

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| <u>8:00 pm</u> | LECTOR: Patti Buercklin USHERS: Jack & Marilyn Stanley COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Ginger Osborne Karen Sanders, SERVERS: Ty Mullins, +Abby Mullins+ GIFTS: Mullins Family |
| <u>7:30 am</u> | LECTOR: Dave Holscher USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, James & Shari Eckert SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Samuel Eckert GIFTS: Mike & Jona Uptmor |
| <u>9:00 am</u> | LECTOR: Keith Wirey USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson COMMUNION MIN: Keith Matson, Nellie Schalasky SERVERS: Kayla Matson GIFTS: Adam Davis Family |
| <u>10:30 am</u> | LECTOR: Josh Quick USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Carol Wong, Patti Buercklin SERVERS: Sarah Staller, David Staller, +Lauren Staller+ GIFTS: Steve & Geri Ezell |
| Collection Counters: <i>March, 2016</i> <i>Kay Pescatore, Ellen Rees, Karen Reinoehl</i> | |



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 Sonny Mann, 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. 23, 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 Flowers. Include name of your loved one on envelope. Thank you.

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.

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

In verses before and after this oracle, God assures the people of the deep love God has for them. There has been no divorce between God and Israel (Is 50:1-3) and, like Abraham and Sarah, they will have many generations of children (Is 51:1-3). Standing between these assurances of divine love, this oracle exhibits the convictions of a devoted Servant of God. This loyal Servant recognizes that the hardship of the exile taught God's people a valuable lesson and awakened them to their true purpose as God's chosen people.

The Servant has just the right message for a people weary with the consequences of sin and ignorance. Unlike so many others among his people, the Servant has not been distracted by the illusions of this world; unlike them, he has not rebelled against God's word. He has listened attentively to everything God has to tell him. As a result, he is more than equipped to give encouragement to others. The quality of the language and poetry of these verses is clear evidence of the Servant's skillfulness.

The Servant had to endure a great deal; he was subject to suffering and ridicule. Such hardships came with living as an exile in the land of their captors. But this Servant may also have endured persecution from some of his own people who still refused to take a lesson from their sinful past. But the Servant is not disheartened by adversity. The Servant finds all the confidence he needs in knowing that God is present to offer

strength and protection.

The passion narrative of Lk consists of five different episodes loosely woven together into the basic story of Jesus' final days. Those five different episodes are: 1) the last supper and Jesus farewell discourse to his disciples (22:14-38); 2) Jesus is arrested at the Mt of Olives (22:39-53); 3) denial, mockery, and trial (22:54-71); 4) Jesus before Pilate and Herod (23:1-25); 5) crucifixion and death (23:26-49).

On the surface, Lk's passion narrative seems similar to what we are familiar with from other Gospel accounts. However, a careful reading of Lk's account reveals a series of unique emphases that give it a special character. First, the suffering and death of Jesus are not random acts of fate. They are clearly Jesus' destiny and are understood to be motivated by divine necessity. Second, the passion of Jesus is presented in such a way as to be a model for discipleship. This will be exemplified in the Acts of the apostles with the death of Stephen (ch 7).

Third, throughout the passion, Jesus is rejected as God's innocent prophet. Pilate knows that Jesus is innocent and declares him as such three times (23:4, 14, 22). At the death of Jesus, the centurion standing guard over him declares, "Certainly, this man was innocent" (23:47). Fourth and finally, at his death, Jesus dies as God's royal Son (23:39-43). Excerpts from "Sunday Homily Helps", is used by permission of Franciscan



Lenten & Easter Special Services

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
am OLOL 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

Operation Rice Bowl Collection.

The Operation Rice Bowl Collection will be on Wed. Mar. 23, 2016.

Lenten Stations of the Cross



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

Holy Thursday—Thurs. Mar. 24, 2016



Foot Washing

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.



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

Holy Land Good Friday Collection

There will be the Holy Land-Good Friday Collection on Friday, March 25, 2016.

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

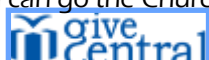
Timothy Retreat - A Timothy Retreat will take place at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman, Illinois on **Friday, April 22 from 7 pm start through Saturday, April 23 at SJV's 5 pm mass.** A Timothy Retreat is a junior high retreat presented by high school and college students. It is a sleepover at the 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.

No Tuesday 12:05 pm Mass

There will be the Chrism Mass in Springfield Illinois on Tues. Mar. 22, 2016 so there will not be a 12:05 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth.

Give Central

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. You can go the Church website to donate.



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

Total Deposit: \$889.00 Thank You. God bless you.

Please remember to
attend weekly Mass