



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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Secretary: Halena Estep
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Parish Outreach Volunteer: Eileen Hartrich
Custodial Care Volunteer: Marilyn Stanley, St. Elizabeth
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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.

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Mark 14:1-15:47



Mass Intentions

Mar. 28	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Ed & Linda Reis
Mar. 29	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Florence Huss by Tom Huss For All Parishioners by Fr. Aloy In Thanksgiving for all People who helped out with Mardi Gras & Big Divvy to make it a big success
Mar. 30 Mar. 31		NO MASS NO MASS (Chrism Mass in Springfield)
Apr. 1	11:00 am	Michael Ndeanaefo by Fr. Aloy
Apr. 2	7:00 pm	Harry Wong by Karen Sanders
Apr. 3	6:00 pm	The Holy Land
Apr. 4	8:00 pm	RCIA Candidates
Apr. 5	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Florence Huss by Tom Huss Friends & Family of Francis Anne Schalasky by Anne Schalasky For All Parishioners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

April 4-5, 2015

8:00 pm	LECTOR: Keith Wirey, Patti Buercklin USHERS: TBA COMMUNION MIN: Jack Stanley, TBA SERVERS: TBA GIFTS: RCIA Candidates
7:30 am	LECTOR: Dave Holscher USHERS: Marilyn & Jack Stanley COMMUNION MIN: Jona Uptmor, Shari & Jim Eckert SERVERS: David Jenkins, Matthew Jenkins GIFTS: Mosbey Family
9:00 am	LECTOR: Anita Kocher USHERS: D. Fitzmaurice, S. Fitzmaurice COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey SERVERS: Ethan Matson GIFTS: Kocher Family
10:30 am	LECTOR: Josh Quick USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell COMMUNION MIN: Carol Wong, April & Sean Sexton SERVERS: Sam Quick, Joe Quick GIFTS: Justin & Rachele Tuel Family

St. Elizabeth Collection Counters

March: Alan Maddox, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka

April: Rhonda Stone, Karen Reinoehl, Janet Mitchell

Please attend weekly Mass

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers:
 Sherri Murray, Angie Rhoten, Judy Smolinski, Daniel Hatfield, Nancy Huber, Billy Skaggs, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Mildred Hinterscher, Cherie Stewart, Mark Wagner, Arlene Schutte, Jane Brown, Patti Ackerman, Emma Kocher, Kevin Boyd, Mary Rogers, Jason Genta, Sherry Mitchell, Lorraine Snerecky, Dr. John Newlin, John Skaggs, Sam Mitchell, Lori Brown, Jared Holmes, George Inboden, Theresa Bowen, Bobbie Cheesman, Amie Cornwell, Ben Curtis, Daniel Ferguson, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Hartrich Family, Judy Hester, Ira Inboden, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Val Pescatore, Kristi Rawlings, Brice Reed & family, Levi Richardson, Jason Richardville, Ellis Sanders, Marian Scott, Mike & Judy Smolinski, John Stedelin, Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Linda Stewart, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Bertha Taylor, Becky Van Schoyck, Ginny Varner, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Bill Wilson, Lon Estep & the men & women in armed forces.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

PSR Wed. Apr. 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

The Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt will be **Sat. Mar. 29** from 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Rice Bowls for "Operation Rice Bowl" will be collected until **April 1.**

First Communion Interviews April 9 and April 10

First Reconciliation April 15 6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth

First Communion Banner Workshop April 19 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Mom's Group Friday's 9:00 am-10:30 a.m. Parish Hall.

Holy Week Schedule & Ministry

4/2/15 ~ Thursday of Holy Week
7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Elizabeth
 Adoration until 10:00 pm

4/3/15 ~ Good Friday
10:00 am - Server Practice for Good Friday Services at St. Elizabeth
1:30 pm - Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes
 Reconciliation to follow
3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth
6:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy for all at St. Elizabeth
 Reconciliation to follow

4/4/15 ~ Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday
10:00 am - Server Practice at St. Elizabeth
 No Scheduled Reconciliation
11:00 am - RCIA Rites/Practice at St. Elizabeth
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

In our first reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah, the Servant of the Lord makes a prominent appearance in the second half of Isaiah's book. This servant represents all that is best in Israel, contrasting especially with the kings of Israel who did not serve God well. Isaiah's service during the disappointing reigns of King Ahaz and Hezekiah is recorded in the book's first half. Their search for security in worldly sources rather than in God weakened the kingdom and ultimately brought the kingdom to collapse and exile. But now there is hope for restoration. The Servant of the Lord becomes a source of inspiration for all those who await a brighter future for Israel.

What makes this servant so remarkable is total dedication to God's plan. Each day the servant is ready to listen to God's word. The servant does not rebel as so many others did in the years leading up to exile, especially the kings, even though their responsibility was to shepherd God's people. The "well-trained tongue" of the servant is clearly evident in the literary quality of the oracles associated with this portion of the book.

The servant must endure a great deal of resistance for rendering total service to God. The reading includes even personal injury intended to break the servant's resolve to carry out the important mission from God to speak to the weary of Israel. The people are weary because they have

suffered so much from the misguided policies of their leaders. But the servant has no fear of shame or disgrace. As a servant of the court of heaven, this ideal messenger has nothing to fear from anything this world might do to counter God's message.

Today the Church's liturgy proclaims the entire passion narrative of Mark. Passion in this case is passive. Jesus will not be the actor. He will be acted upon. He does not die but is killed. The narrative is not intended to be a historical eyewitness account about how Jesus was killed. It is a theological reflection on the meaning of Jesus' death and ultimately his resurrection. Much of this reflection will be influenced by the Church's reading of Scripture. Therefore, before reading the passion narrative of Mk, the priest or deacon is strongly encouraged to read carefully Ps 22 and Is 52:13—53:12.

Here in broad strokes is the way the passion narrative of Mk is constructed. I rely here on the work of Father Donald Senior who has dedicated much of his scholarly life to studying the passion narratives of the Gospels. A) Fidelity and Betrayal: The Passion Begins (Mk 14:1-11). B) The Final Passover (Mk 14:12-31). C) Gethsemane: Pray and Arrest (Mk 14:32-52). D) Confession and Denial: Interrogation by Sanhedrin (Mk 14:53-72). The Roman Trial (Mk 15:1-12). E) Crucifixion and Burial (Mk 15:21-47).

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Lenten Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 3, 2015

Our Lady of Lourdes 1:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth 3:00 p.m.

Special Collections

There will be a special collection during the Good Friday Liturgy at St. Elizabeth for the Holy Land. There will be a special collection on Easter Sunday for Seminarians.

Operation Rice Bowl

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for Operation Rice Bowl will take up their collection on **Easter Sun. Apr. 5th.**

This collection helps those in Africa during the Lenten Season. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased the youth group "In the Footsteps of Francis Tour 2015" tee shirts. You will be notified of the date when the shirts may be picked up in the Parish center. Your purchase supports the youth pilgrimage.

Parish Reconciliation/Confession

Reconciliation at St. Elizabeth

Following 11:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, April 1

Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Successful Fish Frydays!!

Sometimes there are simply not enough words to express the sincere gratitude one has for all of the help you receive. This is the exact sentiments of the Fish Fryday planning committee. We are sincerely grateful to all that gave a portion of their time, big or small. These fish Fridays are a huge undertaking and we need all the help that we can get. This year we had more than 100 people help. Many signed up and many just showed up to help where needed. Some were out front serving, cleaning, keeping things moving swiftly, some were out in the cold weather working, and some were behind the scenes, you may not have known they were there. These people helped serve 2228 meals over three fish Fridays. As a result, \$13,564.99 in profit has been made for our parish. To each of you who helped, to each of you who purchased meals, to our community,

Our sincerest thanks.

Chrism Mass

The Annual Chrism Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 31, 2015 at 6:30 PM**. At this Mass, three Holy Oils are blessed for use throughout the next 12 months. **Oil of Catechumens** is used to strengthen by prayer the RCIA candidates in formation. **Oil of the Sick** is used to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sweet smelling **Sacred Chrism**, which takes its name from Christ himself, is used in Baptism and Confirmation and Ordination.

Plight of Christian Communities in the Middle East and North Africa

Plight of Christian Communities in the Middle East and North Africa - The World Affairs Council of Illinois co-sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois presents the *Plight of Christian Communities in the Middle East and North Africa* on **April 13, 2015**. The dinner begins at 6:15 p.m., U of I Springfield PAC restaurant. The program begins at 7:30 p.m., U of I Springfield, Brookens Auditorium. Presenter is Dexter Van Zile. Reservations for dinner are required. Program is free and open to the public. For dinner reservations telephone Michael Plog, 217-793-2509 or email

Mid-Life Singles

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on **April 17-19, 2015**. Cost is just \$185 for meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Up-coming Meetings

St. Elizabeth will be having the regular quarterly meeting-the **Pastoral Council Meeting on Thurs. Apr. 30, 2015 at 5:00 pm.** at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Confirmation of Catechized Catholics

Confirmation of Catechized Catholics, **May 24, 2015** - Following the directives established by Bishop Paprocki, adult Catholics who are catechized but not confirmed are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.**

www.GiveCentral.org or go to the Church Website and click on **Donate**

You can donate to whatever collection you would like to. All monies donated go directly to St. Elizabeth.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2014 Parish Goals

St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is **\$22,520.00**
Amount pledged to date: **\$20,913.00**
Amount paid to date: **\$20,138.00**
Pledge balance: **\$775.00**

Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is **\$3,799.00**
Amount pledged to date: **\$2,300.00**
Amount paid to date: **\$1,995.00**
Pledge balance: **\$305.00**

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This information current as of 03-09-2015 Parish Master Report

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 ~ Sunday, March 22, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$2573.00

Loose Offering ~ \$301.00

Caritas ~ \$30.00

Catholic Relief Services ~ \$85.00

Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$375.00

Total Offering ~ \$3304.00

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday, March 22, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$505.00

Loose Offering ~ \$175.00

Catholic Relief Services ~ \$35.00

Operation Rice Bowl ~ \$30.00

Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$30.00

Total Offering ~ \$775.00

**Thank you for your generous offering.
May God bless each and every one of you.**

