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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.

May 3, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter



First Holy Communion

2015



Mass Intentions

May 2	4:30 pm	Harry & Marie Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
May 3	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Perry & Jamie Ping by the Ping Family Calberta Goda by George & Jane Bohman
May 4		NO MASS
May 5	12:05 pm	Marie Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
May 6	7:30 am	Michael Ndeaneafu by Fr. Aloy
May 7	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Charles & Judith Eckert
May 8	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Dave & Kaye Holscher
May 9	4:30 pm	Kevin Murray by The Murray Family
May 10	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Wilsie Roche by Terry & Lynne Roche Perry & Jamie Ping by the Ping Family For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

May 9-10 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR:	Jack Stanley
	USHERS:	Randy & Amanda Mullins
	COMMUNION MIN:	Linda Reis, Karen Sanders, Marylin Stanley
	SERVERS:	Ty Mullins, Xavier Brown
	GIFTS:	Mullins Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	Shari Eckert
	USHERS:	Carol Zellars, Joe Schutte
	COMMUNION MIN:	Jim Eckert, Jack & Marylin Stanley
	SERVERS:	Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert
	GIFTS:	Mike & Jona Uptmor
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR:	Kourtney Coffman
	USHERS:	Ron & Ethyl Dhom
	COMMUNION MIN:	Wilmer Wilson, Rita Wirey
	SERVERS:	Ethan Matson
	GIFTS:	Wilson Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	April Sexton
	USHERS:	Charles & Kandice Richey
	COMMUNION MIN:	Carol Wong, Phyllis Inboden, Sean Sexton
	SERVERS:	Sam Quick, Joe Quick
	GIFTS:	Bob & Karla Birkofer

St. Elizabeth Collection Counters

May: Kay Pescatore, Kaye Holscher, Carol Zellars

Prayer Requests

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

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

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

The last PSR class for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on **May 6, 2015**. The last PSR class for preschool will be held on **April 30, 2015**. Please don't forget to bring your child to Solomon's Island on **May 11, 2015** for the PSR Bash. The Annual PSR Bash will be held at **Solomon's Island Family Adventure on Mon. May 11, 2015 from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm**. Pizza & soft drinks will be provided. Students may bring money for additional concession snacks. Must be a preschool through 7th grade student enrolled in PSR in order to attend. Parent must remain with your children during this time. The annual "Graduation Mass" to honor all high school seniors will take place on **May 24, 2015** during the **10:30 am** Mass at St. Elizabeth. If you have a child that is graduating from high school this year, please contact the Parish Center to add his or her name to the list of those being honored.

Protecting God's Children Class

Protecting God's Children Class will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm** in the Parish Center. All Parents are invited to attend and any Parent/Chaperone going on the Youth Pilgrimage will need to complete the training. All new Volunteers need to complete this course.

Youth Pilgrimage Update

As of **April 30, 2015**, due to the generosity of our parishioners & the community, we have raised \$12,998.05 of our \$35,000.00 goal. Meeting our goal of \$35,000.00 would make the trip free for all participants. If you wish to contribute to the trip fund, you may use the gray envelopes included in your monthly mailing, write a check payable to St. Elizabeth or give online through Give Central.
Thank you for your support.

Please attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

The power of the Holy Spirit is clearly evident in this chapter of Acts. As the reading begins, Paul is working against the Church; at its end, Paul is speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. The account of Paul's conversion occupies the central verses of the chapter. Just before this reading, faithful disciples have helped Paul escape from Damascus, where his life was in danger. Now he has arrived in Jerusalem.

Understandably, Paul meets with less than enthusiasm when he arrives in the city where he had once so vigorously oppressed the Church. The faithful in Jerusalem cannot bring themselves to accept that Paul is now one of them. Then Barnabas steps forward to sponsor him. This is the same Barnabas who distinguished himself as a disciple of the Lord through his generosity (Acts 4:36). Now he distinguishes himself again for his generosity of spirit. It will be the beginning of a long association with Paul.

Once accepted by the community, Paul circulates with the faithful there and speaks boldly about the Lord, as he had done in Damascus. Once again, his efforts meet with great resistance. Finally, his brothers in the Lord lead him out of harm's way. From the port of Caesarea, he boards a ship to his home city of Tarsus. The reading ends with Luke reporting on the vitality of the Church throughout the areas where Jesus had taught. The Holy Spirit keeps the Church at peace, even when surrounded by adversity.

In the Gospel reading, the metaphor John uses in describing the relationship between the vine and the branches recalls the movie *A Walk in the Clouds* in which love becomes complicated when a World War II vet falls in love with a pregnant, Hispanic woman. She convinces this young man to pose as her husband at a Napa Valley vineyard owned by her despotic father. The imagery John uses reveals the relationship between God, Jesus, and the community. All three are essential. The same holds true in the movie, where the relationship between these three main characters is essential in showing that love and goodness win out even with the dominant and controlling patriarch.

The image of Jesus as the vine and ourselves as branches reminds us that salvation and wholeness and indeed all good things that we experience and produce—come not because of what we do, but because of what we are and where we are. There is so much grace in these words for people who are tired out from all their work or discouraged by the fact that they do not feel they are good enough for God or that they have not done enough for him. Perhaps there is no better image of the Christian life than this. Excerpts from "Sunday Homily Helps", is used by permission of Franciscan Media. www.FranciscanMedia.org. ©2015. All rights reserved

Workshop for Financial Planning

Financial Peace University is a nine-week workshop designed to help you understand the forces behind financial stress, teach you how to create a budget, set financial goals, and make things right for you and your family. Tuesday nights, beginning **May 5, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** At the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 W. Washington, Springfield, Illinois. Cost: \$75 per family. To register or for more information, contact Jonathan Leonard (217) 415-8978 or email: leonard31@gmail.com.

May is Rosary Month

During the month of May at all masses at St. Elizabeth's & Our Lady of Lourdes, the Rosary will be prayed 25 minutes before Mass.

Mother's Day Pictures

The Youth Group plans to offer free family pictures after every mass the weekend of Mother's Day. The pictures will be uploaded to an online photo service such as Snapfish and families can purchase the photos through that website.

Love Is Our Mission

The Family Fully Alive is the title of a resource that the Office for Marriage help individuals, couples, and small read and reflect on what the Church teaches about marriage so we can all have stronger and happier families. Please visit www.dio.org/familylife/liom.

Catholic Communication Campaign

May 17th will be the Catholic Communication Campaign Collection.

Retired Diocesan Priests Pentecost

May 24th, will be the collection for the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. This collection is to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests. Please be generous in your gifts.

Mom's Group

Mom's Group meets on **Friday's 9:00 am — 10:30 am**




CCW Garage Sale

The Annual C.C.W. Garage Sale will be held on **Friday, May 22nd, 2015 at 8:00 am—4:00 pm & Saturday, May 23rd from 8:00 am—12 noon** at the Parish Hall. This is our major fundraiser as well as service to our community. We will accept items for the sale beginning Thursday, May 7th. Items should be clean, in working condition or gently used. Clean your closets, basement and garage, your “stuff” could be

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.**

Parish Office Closed

 The Parish Office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on **Monday, May 25, 2015.**

A Prayer for Nepal Earthquake Victims

Loving God,

We pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Nepal as we offer the words of the psalmist, “Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord” (Psalm 31:25).

May those who are paralyzed by fear ...

Be strong and take heart

May those who have lost or are still searching for loved ones ...

Be strong and take heart

May those who remain trapped under rubble ...

Be strong and take heart

May those rescue workers who provide relief and recovery ...

Be strong and take heart

May those who are moved with compassion to help ...

Be strong and take heart

God, whose love knows no bounds,

fill all those who suffer with your comfort and peace.

We ask all this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2014 Parish Goals

St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$22,520.00

Amount pledged to date: \$23,863.00

Amount paid to date: \$20,613.00

Pledge balance: \$3,250.00

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: \$2,110.00

Pledge balance: \$190.00

Updated 04-15-2015

This information current as of 04-09-2015 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, April 26, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$2,233.00

Loose Offering ~ \$ 405.00

Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$ 60.00 Online ~ \$50.00

Catholic Home Missions Appeal ~ \$780.00 envelopes

Catholic Home Missions Appeal ~ \$195.25 Loose

Easter Flowers ~ \$25.00

Total Offering ~ \$3,748.25

CCW Dues Collected: \$20.00

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ April 26, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$510.00

Loose Offering ~ \$31.25

Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$20.00

Catholic Home Missions ~ \$157.00

Total Offering ~ \$718.25

May God bless each and every one of you.

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.