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Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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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
May 8, 2016
7th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day



First
Communion
May 1, 2016



Mass Intentions

May 7	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray
May 8	7:30 am	By Nick & Lenzi Ippolito
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	10:30am	Mildred Hinterscher by John & Norma Weidner
May 9		Michael Ndeaneafu by Fr. Aloy
May 10	12:05 pm	NO MASS
		Mary Rogers by the Lunch Bunch
May 11	7:30 am	For Special Intentions Rees Family
May 12	7:30 am	Oliver Emmerich by Karen Sanders
May 13	7:30 am	Mary Rogers by Carol Wong
May 14	4:30 pm	Sam, Mattie & Grady
May 15	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Lloyd Shook by OLOL Ladies Group
	10:30am	Oliver Emmerich by Carol Wong



Ministry Schedule

Sat. May 14-May 15, 2016

Sat. May 7th 4:30 pm **St. Elizabeth**

LECTOR: Celeste White

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Marylin Stanley, Linda Reis, Ginger Osborne

SERVERS: Xavier Brown, Cody York

GIFTS: Gene Gower Family

Sun. May 8th 7:30 am **St. Elizabeth**

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Kathy Harris, Jim Eckert

COMMUNION MIN: Mike & Jona Uptmor, Jack Stanley

SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert

GIFTS: Carol & Joe Hepner

Sun. May 8th 9:00 am **Our Lady of Lourdes**

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: J. Hermann

GIFTS: Richard Kocher Family

Sun. May 8th 10:30 am **St. Elizabeth**

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Karen Free, Ken Deters

COMMUNION MIN: Eileen Hartrich, Sean & April Sexton

SERVERS: Gerardo Rios, +Kifer Stevens+, Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Ron & Janet Mitchell

Collection Counters: *May, 2016 Alan Maddox, Rhonda Stone, Carol Zellars*



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Linda Dudine, Rita Elder, Charles Ferguson, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Debbie Goodwin, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Judy Hester, Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes, Charlie Hryniewicz, Kimberly Knapp, Jordyn Koester, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Grover Michl, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Debbie Nichols, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, 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

May 11–Closing PSR Mass 6:45 pm. I am looking for individuals to fulfill liturgical roles. **May 15–PSR Bash at LTC Pool 4-6 p.m.** **May 22–Graduation Mass during 10:30 am Mass at St. Elizabeth.**

TENTATIVE PIZZA AND A MOVIE May 25–6 p.m. in the Parish Center–We will be showing "The Letters" which is based on the life story of Mother Teresa.

Parents with High School/College Grads

Parents, if you have a 2016 high school or college graduate, please call the Parish Center with the student's name and school. Thank you in advance for your help!

Happy Mother's Day 2016



Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

Stephen has finished his speech rehearsing Israel's history. He urges the people to accept the message of salvation, unlike their forefathers who consistently turned away from God. Their forefathers killed the prophets; this crowd prepares to kill Stephen.

Even as he faces death, Stephen continues to invite to faith the crowd gathering against him. He looks upward and sees God's glory. He began his address by reminding the crowd that it was God's glory that appeared to Abraham, inviting him to make the journey of faith. Even now, that glory has not been withdrawn.

Furthermore, Stephen announces that he sees Jesus standing at the right hand of God, as if still welcoming anyone who will draw near in faith. The Lord is not yet seated in judgment. Still the crowd resists, even covering their ears so as not to hear what Stephen says.

They stone him to death. Stephen's final words echo those of the Lord as he died on the cross; he asks God to receive his spirit (Lk 23:46) and pleads that the sin of the people not be held against them (Lk 23:34). The death of Stephen does not halt God's plan of

salvation. Luke gives his readers a foreshadowing of the direction God's saving grace will take. As the witnesses who brought up false charges against Stephen (Acts 6:13) prepare to throw stones at him, they place their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. This young man sympathizes with Stephen's attackers. But later, Saul will become the apostle to the gentiles.

Today's Gospel is the concluding section of Jesus' famous prayer of John 17. It is often referred to as Jesus' high priestly prayer even though the phrase "high priest" never occurs. Jesus here assumes several characteristics of that office. Jesus prays directly to the Father. The hearer and reader are allowed to listen in—though they will never be directly addressed in the prayer.

A very important aspect of this concluding section of Jesus' prayer is the expansion of the audience. No longer is he addressing only his present disciples. Jesus widens the audience to include those people who will become believers through the preaching and teaching of these disciples. This adds a future dynamic to the prayer.

Happy Retirement



Happy Retirement to Kathy Harris who will retire from Lincoln Trail College as President after 35 years on Fri. May 13th. Congratulations!

Prayer Vigil For Life

The **May 16th** Prayer Vigil for Life will be hosted by St. Isidore's, Bishop Creek. Fr. Joseph Carlos will be Celebrant and Homilist for the 6:30 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Praying the Rosary will be begin at 6:00 p.m. Current Pro-Family Legislation and upcoming Pro-Life Events will be on the Evenings Agenda. Everyone is urged to join us in Prayer for an end to Abortion and Embryonic Stem-Cell Research.

Diocesan Second Collections

The Catholic Communication Campaign Collection will be **Sun. May 15, 2016** & the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection.

Adult Confirmation at Pentecost

Adult Confirmation at Pentecost - Are you're a practicing Catholic who has never received the sacrament of Confirmation? If so, you are invited to talk with your pastor about what you can do to be confirmed on **Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016, 2:00 pm**, at a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. More information can also be found at our website: <http://dio.org/catechesis/adult-confirmation.html>

Dishes Left at Kitchen

Please come and pick up dishes that have been left at the Parish Center. If you are the owner of the LCAEC Family 7 & Friends Cookbook that was left in the second grade classroom, please pick it up at the Parish Office.

Song of My Heart Retreat

Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the final Lunch and Lecture Series from noon to **1:30 p.m., on Wed. May 18**, in Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The series provides additional information on Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence. Cost to attend is \$12, which includes lunch. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org, or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

Legal Consultation

Legal Consultation - Attorneys from the Immigration Project will be in Springfield **May 20th** to offer legal consultations for immigration questions.

See the following website for further information: www.immigrationproject.org or call Immigration Project at 309-829-8703.

Final Lunch & Lecture Series

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for "The Song of My Heart Retreat: Love Cannot be Silenced," scheduled for **7 p.m., Friday, May 20, to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22**, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The retreat will incorporate music, meditation, movement and shared prayer. Cost to attend is \$200, and the registration deadline is May 13. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org, or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

CCW Garage Sale



**CHURCH
GARAGE SALE**

Spring is here...Our Annual CCW Garage Sale is just around the corner. The garage sale is our major fundraising event that helps us purchase needed items for the Altar & provide funeral dinners for grieving families. We will accept donated items in clean & gently used condition on **Mon. May 9-Wed. May 25th**. We will accept donations during office hours only 8 am through 4 pm-Mon.-Fri. We can no longer accept electronics (tv's, computers, printers, etc.) **The Garage Sale is Fri. May 27th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm & Sat. May 28th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm noon**. With your donated treasures, we can be of service to our Church & community. If you have any questions, please call Carol Wong at 618-544-8498 or Geri Ezell at 618-544-7910.

Catholic Times to Congratulate 2016 Grads

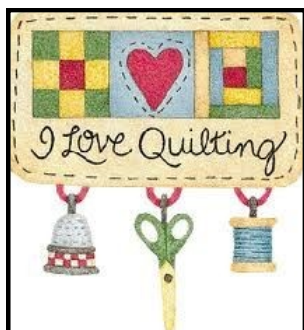
Catholic Times plans to congratulate all 2016 Catholic high school students graduating from Catholic and public high schools. Coupons for Catholic high school students graduating from public schools will be placed in two issues of *Catholic Times*, May 1 and May 15. Send the information to or mail it to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, *Catholic Times* Graduation Issue, 1615 West Washington Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702-4757. The deadline for names is **Thursday, May 26**.

Memorial Day Office Closed



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 30th** for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Quilters & Sewing Meeting



The Quilters & Sewers Meeting will be on **Wed. May 11th at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. You do not have to be a quilter to come to this class. Just bring whatever you are working on, sewing, knitting or whatever and come sew & chat.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for St. Elizabeth
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$20,355.00 paid out of \$20,355.00 pledged amount. \$20.00 balance of pledged amount.

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for Our Lady of Lourdes
The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$2,873.00
\$3,275.00 paid out of \$3,350.00 pledged amount.
\$75.00 balance of the pledged amt. Updated 04-07-2016

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, May 1, 2016
Envelopes \$2,472.00 Loose \$337.10
Caritas \$35.00 Building Fund \$115.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$120.00
Mother's Day \$40.00
Total Deposit \$3,119.10



Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending Sunday, May 1, 2016
Envelopes \$625.00 Loose \$57.00
Building Fund \$45.00
Total Deposit: \$727.00

Thank You. God bless you.

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. www.crawfordcatholics@rocketmail.com

