



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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Secretary: Halena Estep

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Custodial Care: Marylin Stanley & Matthew Watson for St. Elizabeth

Custodial Care: Rita Wirey for Our Lady of Lourdes

Music Director : Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm

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.

January 11, 2015

The Baptism of the Lord



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water & behold, the heavens were opened for Him, & he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove & coming upon Him. And a voice came from the Heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased". Matthew 3:16-17



Mass Intentions

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| Jan. 10 | 4:30 pm | Florence Huss by Karen Sanders |
| Jan. 11 | 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am | Thanksgiving by Clarence Schutte Michael Kirts by Henry, Vera & Ann Kirts For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy |
| Jan. 12 | | NO MASS |
| Jan. 13 | 7:30 am | Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin |
| Jan. 14 | 7:30 am | Ralph Marshall by Chad & Chris Arkenberg |
| Jan. 15 | 7:30 am | Johanna Marshall By Chad & Chris Arkenberg |
| Jan. 16 | 7:30 am | Marcella Butte by Chad & Chris Arkenberg |
| Jan. 17 | 4:30 pm | Florence Huss by Karen Sanders |
| Jan. 18 | 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Francis & Annie Begley by Anne Schalasky Anne Arkenberg by Chad & Chris Arkenberg |



Ministry Schedule

January 17-18, 2015

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| <u>4:30 pm</u> | LECTOR: Karen Sanders USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders, Linda Reis, Celeste White SERVERS: Ty Mullins, +Abby Mullins+ GIFTS: Baird Family |
| <u>7:30 am</u> | LECTOR: Janet Jenkins USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor COMMUNION MIN: Jona Uptmor, Kathy Harris, Jim Eckert SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert GIFTS: Steve Jenkins Family |
| <u>9:00 am</u> | LECTOR: Jim Ping USHERS: Richard & Anita Kocher COMMUNION MIN: Keith Matson, Nellie Schalasky SERVERS: Ethan Matson GIFTS: Kocher Family |
| <u>10:30 am</u> | LECTOR: Katie Zdanowski USHERS: Kandice & Charles Richey COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Roselene Quick, Matt Hartrich SERVERS: Abby Ferris, Jerika Coffman GIFTS: Karen Free, Luli Vega |

St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for January

Karen Reinoehl, Chris Tylka, Bob Birkofer

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Rosemary & Ed Halter, Roscoe Paul Kincaid, Daniel Hatfield, Nancy Huber, Jeff Rich, Billy Skaggs, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Kirk Wirey, Mildred Hinterscher, Cherie Stewart, Mark Wagner, Arlene Schutte, Jane Brown, Patti Ackerman, Dan Schalasky, Emma Kocher, Michelle & Kevin Boyd, Mary Rogers, Jason Genta, Sherry Mitchell, Lorraine Snerecky, Dr. John Newlin, John Skaggs, Sam Mitchell, Lori Brown, Jared Holmes, Bill Wilson, George Inboden, Theresa Bowen, Bobbie Cheesman, Amie Cornwell, Ben Curtis, Daniel Ferguson, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Hartrich Family, Judy Hester, Ira Inboden, Joe King, Madonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Val Pescatore, Kristi Rawlings, Brice Reed & family, Missy Rees, 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, Jennifer Winstead & the men & women in armed forces.

PSR News

Wed. Jan. 14, 2015 –PSR will resume from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Wed. Jan. 21, 2015-We will begin to collect food for the FCA's Annual "Souper Bowl of Caring." All canned and non-perishable foods can be brought to PSR classes on Wednesday nights. We need to stress to our students how important it is to support the local food pantry and help those who are in need. **Wed. Jan. 28, 2015**-During PSR the 5th and 8th grade classes will take the ACRE assessment. These students should report to the Parish Center at 6:30 pm. If the testing takes longer than the hour of classes, the students will finish on 02-04-15. **March 6-March 7, 2015**-Diocesan Youth Conference at Lake Williamson Conference Ctr. in Carlinville, more will follow.

Fellowship Night

Fellowship Dinner Night is at the Parish Hall from 5:30 pm–7:00 pm. Our theme this month is Soup & Sandwiches. The projected high on the 14th is 31 so it should be a good day for warm soup to fill our bellies! I need volunteers for soups and some for sandwiches. Also, as usual, last names A-M bring a side and N-Z bring a dessert.

Mardi Gras

Sat. Feb. 14, 2015-The Crawford County Catholics annual Mardi Gras Party will be held at Quail Creek Country Club. This event is open to the public and begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 at the door and you must be 21 years old to attend.

Please remember to attend weekly mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

In our first reading Isaiah's task as a prophet was to awaken the people to the benefits they would have if they would only put their trust in God. We note that, even Isaiah's royal clients, who should have been devoted to the ways of the Lord, refused to accept his invitation to faith. Human pride got in the way every time. But in this reading, things have changed dramatically.

As the reading begins, we meet someone God can confidently call "my servant." From earlier oracles we know this figure is the ideal Israel, an Israel made so much wiser by the experience of exile. God is pleased with the progress Israel has made and now holds Israel up as a model for all the rest. Servant Israel will not accomplish its mission in the ordinary way. Neither will Israel cry out in the streets as the prophets did. Israel will not perform great deeds as other biblical heroes did. Instead, Israel will go about its business quietly and gently. Israel will try to heal a bruised reed to make it stronger; Israel will fan a smoldering wick back into flame.

Servant Israel will become a beacon of light to the nations. In the past, the nations were blind to the way of God; they were prisoners of pride and self reliance. But once enlightened by the spiritual character of an Israel dedicated to God, these same nations will be able to see the value of serving God.

Free from illusions, they will discover the real advantages that come with doing things God's way.

Our Gospel reading portrays a consciously strong emphasis on John being subservient to Jesus. John the Baptist is less powerful than Jesus, and he is less worthy than Jesus. John engages in a Jewish baptism that symbolizes general repentance in preparation for the final days, and this baptism is done with water. Jesus' life and ministry symbolizes the presence of the final days, and thus he will baptize with the Holy Spirit. With all of this downplaying of John the Baptist and playing up of Jesus, some think that these distinctions between the two were not clear to everyone when the Gospel was written.

Without much fanfare, Jesus comes from Nazareth and submits to John's baptism. Within its own context, this would have symbolized an agreement with John's mission and message. From this event, Jesus' own mission and ministry will grow and expand beyond that of John. Most scholars think that Jesus' baptism by John captures a factual historical moment. It raises many questions that could have been avoided by simply eliminating this event from the story. It became part of the tradition most likely because it really happened, and many people knew that and considered it to be important to preserve.

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Yearly Tax Statements

Soon we will be sending out tax statements for monetary contributions over \$250 made in 2014. If you have moved in the past year, please make sure that we have your current address so there will not be a delay in receiving your statement.

Upcoming Meetings

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on **Tues. Jan. 13, 2015 at 5:30 pm** at the Parish Hall for St. Elizabeth. There will be a Finance & Buildings/ Ground meeting on **Thurs. Jan. 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm** for OLOL.

January Stewardship Corner

The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time? My talent? My treasure?

Christmas Parish Youth Group 12-14-14



Church in Latin America Collection

The collection for the Church in Latin America will be collected on January 24-25, 2015. Please see bulletin insert for more information about this Second Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Retrouvaile of St. Louis...A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart...if there's little or no meaningful communication...even if you are considering or are already separated or divorced, RETROUVAILLE can help you work to heal your marriage. It CAN be better than it ever was!

For confidential information, call toll free 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com
St. Louis Retrouvaile upcoming weekends:
February 6-8, 2015 & June 5-8, 2015

Weather Policy

As the temperature turns colder, we remind you that in cases of severe weather, please listen to WTAY (101.7 FM) for Mass and parish activity cancellations. The decision to cancel Mass is never taken lightly, but the safety of our parishioners is very important.

Thank You

A special thanks to Robb Sparks for the turkey, noodles, dressing & vegetable sides for the Parish Christmas Fellowship Dinner. Also, thanks to those that brought in desserts.

Give Central On-line Giving

Give Central is an online collection for St. Elizabeth. You can access this website from the Church website at the bottom of the page. When you click on donate, it will take you to a screen where you can specify where you want your donation to go towards. If you have any questions, you can call the Parish Office at 618-544-7526. www.givecentral.org

All of the monies donated go to St. Elizabeth.
No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed upon you.
Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Fish Fry Dates

The dates for the upcoming fish frys are as follows:
Friday, March 6,
Friday, March 13 &
Friday, March 20, 2015 from
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2014 Parish Goals ~ St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$22,520.00
Amount pledged to date: \$16,443.00
Amount paid to date: \$13,963.00

44 contributors have paid 62.00% of the pledged amount. A total of 73.01 (15.43%) of 285 parishioners have paid to date.

Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$3,799.00
Amount pledged to date: \$2,100.00
Amount paid to date: \$1,525.00

11 contributors have paid 23.91% of the pledged amount. A total of 7.32% (23.91 %) of 46 parishioners have paid to date.

This information current as of 12-10-2014 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
Ushers: Ed Halter 544-7106

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, January 4, 2015

Envelopes-\$1,842.00~62=\$29.70 per envelope
Loose Offering~\$319.75
Caritas~\$65.00~2=\$32.50 Building Fund-
\$142.00~9=\$15.77 each envelope
Online~1@\$50.00
Christmas Offering \$70.00~2=\$35.00
Solemnity of Mary~\$392.00~17=23.05 per env.
First Offering~\$437.00~32=\$13.65 per env.
First Offering Loose~\$64.00
Catholic Times~\$60.00~4=\$15.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$3,441.75

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sun. Jan. 4, 2015

Envelopes-\$565.00~22=\$25.68 per envelope
Loose Offering-\$53.00
Catholic Times~1@\$15.00
Solemnity of Mary-\$285.00~10=\$28.50 per env.
First Offering~\$130.00~13=\$10.00 per env.
Loose First Offering~\$67.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$1,165.00

Thank you and may God bless you.