



The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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PASTORAL STAFF

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.

February 15, 2015

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-42).



Mass Intentions

Feb. 14	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Karen Sanders
Feb. 15	7:30 am	Joseph Kim by Sunny & Chad Veenstra
	9:00 am	George & Margaret Schalasky by Anne Schalasky
	10:30 am	Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Feb. 16		NO MASS
Feb. 17		NO MASS
Feb. 18	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Carol Wong
	12:05 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY-ST. ELIZABETH Patrick Goda -George /Jane Bohman
	5:30 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY-OLOL The Wirey Family
	6:45 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY-ST. ELIZABETH Ed Halter by Celeste & Hugh White
Feb. 19	7:30 am	Augustine Pescatore-Val Pescatore
Feb. 20	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Karen Sanders
Feb. 21	4:30 pm	Ed Halter by Terry & Lynne Roche
Feb. 22	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Terry & Lynne Roche
	9:00 am	George & Margaret Schalasky by Anne Schalasky
	10:30 am	Carl Butte by Chad & Chris Arkenberg



Ministry Schedule

February 21-22, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Mark Grimm, John Grimm
	COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marylin Stanley, Ginger Osborne
	SERVERS: Cody York, Ty Mullins
	GIFTS: Baird Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Jack Stanley
	USHERS: Kathy Harris, Carol Zellars
	COMMUNION MIN: Shari & Jim Eckert, Jona Uptmor
	SERVERS: Melissa Jenkins, Sarah Rynke
	GIFTS: Steve Jenkins Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Anita Kocher
	USHERS: D. & S. Fitzmaurice
	COMMUNION MIN: Kourtney & Bob Coffman
	SERVERS: J. Hermann
	GIFTS: Davis Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Sunny Kim Veenstra
	USHERS: Janet & Ron Mitchell
	COMMUNION MIN: April & Sean Sexton, Matt Hartrich
	SERVERS: Chase Knoblett, Joe Quick
	GIFTS: Ron & Janet Mitchell

*St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for February
Janet Mitchell, Kay Pescatore, Ione Lopiccio*

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers:
 Judy Smolinski, Harry Wong, Daniel Hatfield,
 Nancy Huber, Billy Skaggs, Pastor Sheila
 Ducommon, Mildred Hinterscher, Cherie Stewart, Mark
 Wagner, Arlene Schutte, Jane Brown, Patti Ackerman,
 Emma Kocher, Michelle & 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, &
 the men & women in armed forces.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

PSR Wed. Feb. 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

Think you have the BEST chili recipe in all of Crawford County? If you have what it takes to be crowned the champion, be sure to enter the First Annual Crawford County Catholic Youth Chili Cook-Off on February 22, 2015. Entry fee is \$20.00 and the winner will receive half the total of the entry fees, a trophy and of course bragging rights. Call the Parish Center at 544-7526 to enter. Cost for this "all-you-can-eat" dinner is \$10.00 per adult, \$8.00 for seniors and children under 5 are free. Included will be chili, sides, sandwiches, desserts and drinks.

Souper Bowl of Caring



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to the Ellen Rees family in the loss of her daughter-in-law Missy Rees. Missy passed away on Fri.day, Feb. 6, 2015 at 47 years of age.

Our sympathy also to Keith & Rita Wirey at the passing of Kirk Wirey (Keith's brother) on Wed. Feb. 11, 2015. Kirk was 54 years of age.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Please attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

As the name suggests, this book includes directives for sacrifices and other responsibilities reserved to the priestly tribe of Levi. One responsibility of the priest was to serve as a kind of security checkpoint for the well-being of the people of Israel. This reading presents a particular instance in which this special service of the priests would apply. During the nearly one-year stay at Sinai, God gave the people every advantage to make a successful journey to Canaan and to remain in the promised land once they arrived.

With the tabernacle of the Lord now in the center of the Israelite camp, it was imperative for the people to exhibit in their lives a keen awareness of God being so close to them. The directives in this book keep the people focused on the fact that God is in their midst. They should be concerned to always be presentable to God. External purity was one example of this. However, this attention to externals should also alert them to inner imperfections that, in fact, proved far more harmful to their covenant with God than any physical malady.

Anyone with an exterior skin imperfection was presented to Aaron or one of his descendants. The priest would determine whether or not the condition

was serious enough to warrant putting restrictions on that person's access to others. In this way, the priest shielded the people from physical harm. Protection of this kind was easier to achieve than protection from spiritual ills. Spiritual failures in hearts of the people would eventually lead to the loss of an entire generation.

Today's Gospel offers the preacher more than a few challenges. Jesus is confronted by a leper who indicates that, if Jesus wishes, he can make the leper clean. Leprosy was a term given to almost any kind of skin disease a person could develop and not the specific modern Hansen's disease. It rendered a person ritually impure and thus marginalized from ordinary social interactions. To touch a leper or be touched by one would render the other person also ritually impure.

A problem emerges in the story from the fact that the earliest manuscripts say Jesus was moved with anger and not pity. Textual critics think that "anger" is the original reading. If this is the case, Jesus might be responding as an exorcist, and his anger is aimed, not at the leper, but at the demon that has rendered the person impure with leprosy.

Florence Huss Morning Prayer

Good morning, Lord, Thank you for another day, Take my hand, Oh, Lord, I pray, Take my problems big and small, Lead me, Lord, 'er I should fall. Walk with me, Oh, Lord, I pray, Prompt me what to do and say. Let me feel you always there. Lead me Lord, should I despair. Bless me, Oh Lord, this I pray, Guide me, Lord, should I stray. Thank you, Lord, for all your care, Oh, Thank you Lord,my little prayer. This prayer Florence said every morning before her feet hit the floor and she did so for years.

Celebration & Farewell

All are Invited to the celebration and farewell for Bishop-elect Cheri, OFM, to be ordained Auxiliary Bishop Of New Orleans on **Sunday, February 15, 2015 at the 5 p.m.** Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be the main celebrant with Bishop-elect Cheri concelebrating. All priests are welcome to concelebrate. A reception with Jazz Music and New Orleans style food will follow the liturgy in the Cathedral Atrium. Please join us to congratulate Bishop-elect Ferd Cheri, OFM.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Mon. Feb. 16, 2015 for the Presidents Day Holiday. We will re-open Tues. Feb. 17.

Aid to Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection Feb. 18-Ash Wed.

The Collection this week is for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

St. Elizabeth	Our Lady of Lourdes
7:00 pm Fri. Feb. 20, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Feb. 20, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Feb. 27, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Feb. 27, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 6, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 6, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 13, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 13, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 20, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 20, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 27, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 27, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Apr. 3, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Apr. 3, 2015

Chili Cookoff

The Youth Group sponsored Chili Cook Off is scheduled for **Sun. Feb. 22, 2015 from 5: pm—7 pm** at the Parish Center.

Catholic Charities Collection

Catholic Charities serves literally thousands of people every year. Through its many programs and facilities, Catholic Charities provides the poor with food, clothing and shelter, cares for abused children, protects senior citizens and strengthens families. During the weekend of **February 28-March 1, 2015**, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will again be held in our deaneries. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

Bishop Invites Catholics to Participate in Vatican Questionnaire on the Family

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki has announced the launch of a questionnaire for use at the October 2015 Ordinary Synod of Bishops on the theme, "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World." All of the Catholic faithful are invited to respond to the questionnaire. The responses will help inform Pope Francis and the Bishops of the Synod about the challenges faced by today's families and enable them to discuss and develop appropriate pastoral solutions. **The questionnaire will be available online through Sunday, March 1. The link to the questionnaire is on the diocesan website at www.dio.org.**

The response from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will be shared with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and then incorporated into a document that will be forwarded on to the Vatican for use at the Synod.

Fish Fry Dates

The dates for the upcoming fish fries are as follows:
Fri. Mar.6, Fri. Mar.13 & Fri. Mar.20, 2015 from 4 pm-7 pm.

"24 Hours for the Lord"

After the **7:30 am morning mass on Fri. Mar.13, 2015**, at St. Elizabeth, there will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Elizabeth. The Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 6:30 pm.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for Operation Rice Bowl will take up their collection on **Easter Sun. Apr. 5, 2015**. This collection helps those in Africa during the Lenten Season.

Up-coming Meetings

St. Elizabeth will be having our regularly quarterly 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.**

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: **\$19,513.00**

Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is **\$3,799.00**
Amount pledged to date: **\$2,200.00**
Amount paid to date: **\$1,885.00**

Updated 02-03-2015

This information current as of 02-03-15 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, February 8, 2015

Envelopes-\$3,281.00~70=\$46.87 per envelope

Loose Offering~\$362.00

Caritas~\$97.00~8=\$12.12 per envelope

Online~1@\$50.00 envelope

Building Fund~\$35.00~3=\$11.66

Catholic Times~1@\$15.00

Easter Flowers Collection~1@\$10.00

Operation Rice Bowl~1@\$30.00 First Offering 1@\$10.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$3,890.00

Give Central Online Donation Collection

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

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sun. Feb. 8, 2015

Envelopes-\$435.00~16=\$27.18 per envelope

Loose Offering-\$48.00

Caritas~1@\$25.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$508.00

Thank you and may God bless you

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.