



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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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.

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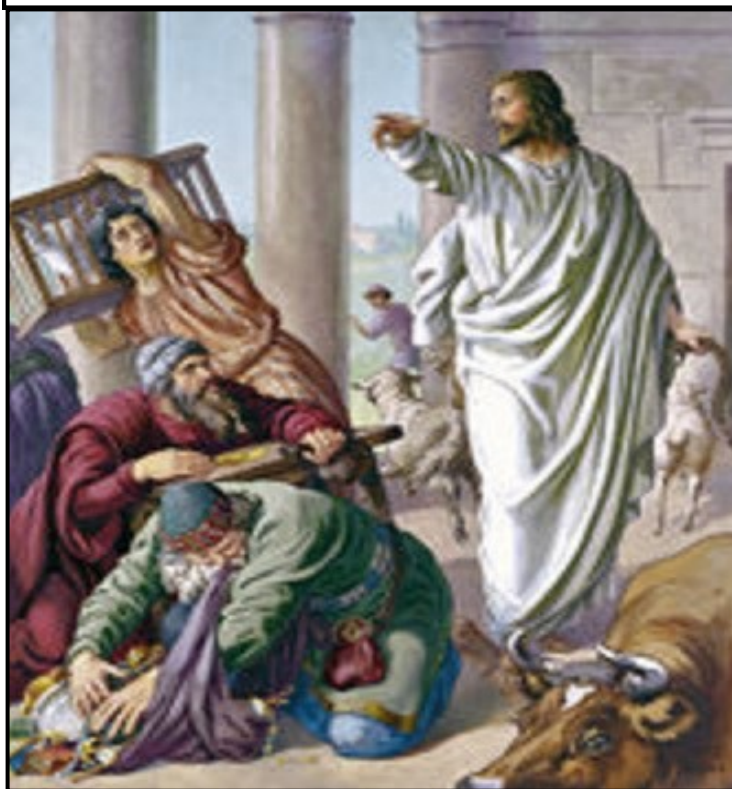
Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Aloy.

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 8, 2015

Third Sunday of Lent



“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. John 2:13-25



Mass Intentions

Mar. 7	4:30 pm	Ed Halter by Steve & Geri Ezell
Mar. 8	7:30 am	William Loy by Anne Loy
	9:00 am	Edith Smith by Anne Schalasky
	10:30 am	Tom & Joann Sexton by Terry & Lynne Roche
Mar. 9		NO MASS
Mar. 10		NO MASS
Mar. 11		NO MASS
Mar. 12	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Ron & Janet Mitchell
Mar. 13	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Tim & Gloria McDonald
Mar. 14	4:30 pm	Kevin Murray by Terry & Lynne Roche
Mar. 15	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Ray Halter, Chris Evans, and Carol Waters
	9:00 am	Edith Smith by Anne Schalasky
	10:30 am	For All Parishoners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

March 14–March 15, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower
	COMMUNION MIN: Marilyn & Jack Stanley, Ginger Osborne
	SERVERS: Ty & Abby Mullins
	GIFTS: Griffin Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Janet Jenkins
	USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
	COMMUNION MIN: Joe Hepner, Jim Eckert, Kathy Harris
	SERVERS: Samuel & Jacob Eckert
	GIFTS: Joe & Carol Hepner
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Lori Davis
	USHERS: Keith Matson & Ethan Matson
	COMMUNION MIN: Nellie Schalasky & Keith Matson
	SERVERS: Kayla Matson
	GIFTS: Wilson Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: April Sexton
	USHERS: Kandice & Charles Richey
	COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, April & Sean Sexton
	SERVERS: Abby & Evan Ferris
	GIFTS: Karen Free, Lulu Vega

*St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for March
Alan Maddox, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka*

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers:
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, &
the men & women in armed forces.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

PSR Wed. Mar. 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

The Youth Group will be selling Beef House rolls beginning **February 25, 2015 through March 18, 2015**. Rolls will be \$8.00 per dozen & will be delivered in time for Easter dinner. See a Youth Group member to order your rolls or contact Courtney Ferris. There is also an order form in the back of the Church.

Youth Group Mtg. on **Wed. Mar. 4, 2015** -6:45 pm-7:30 pm

The Fellowship Dinner will be **Wed. Mar. 18** 5:30 pm-7:00 pm.

The Parish Easter Egg Hunt will be **Sat. Mar. 29** 2:00 pm -3:00 pm.

Rice Bowls for "Operation Rice Bowl" will be collected until **April 1, 2015**.

Youth Pilgrimage

Included in March's offertory envelopes you will see a grey envelope marked "**Youth Pilgrimage**." Over the next few weeks, there will be students speaking at all the masses to inform the Parishes of the details of our trip to see Pope Francis. This envelope is being provided to the parishioners as a way for them to contribute to the trip funding if they see fit. Please keep in mind that this envelope is an **optional** giving opportunity. There will be one in each month's set from now until September. We would like to thank you in advance for your support of this journey—your prayers are just as important as any funding we may need.

Please attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

At Mt. Sinai the people of Israel declare their readiness to obey the word of God (Ex 19:8). In this reading they hear that word as God gives them the commandments clarifying what is expected of them as God's covenant people. Later God will present Moses with two stone tablets containing these Ten Commandments written out by the hand of God (Ex 24:12).

The first three commandments concentrate on the special bond between God and the people. It should be entirely clear to the people by this time that God cares for them and protects them from harm. God's love for them was most dramatically displayed in the deliverance from slavery in Egypt. In return God expects them to be faithful. The sky above and the earth below are gifts from God; no created thing should be distorted by elevating it to a status that rivals the place God should hold in their hearts. Since they are privileged to know the divine name, they should never use that name in a way that is demeaning or disrespectful. The seventh day of each week should be devoted entirely to recognizing the sovereignty of God. They have the other days of the week to pursue their own interests. The seventh day belongs to the Lord.

The remaining commandments concentrate on the impact devotion to God must have in their relationship with others. This list begins with the pride of place parents

have in their lives of their children. The other commandments ensure that others receive the honor and respect that belongs to them as children of God.

The story of Jesus disrupting the Jerusalem temple at Passover time is found in all four Gospels. The synoptic Gospels place the event at the end of Jesus' life. John, on the other hand, places it at the beginning of His ministry. Historically the Synoptics probably have it right but John is interested in theology and not history. For John this shocking and prophetic action of Jesus serves to inaugurate the ministry of Jesus. No longer is the temple a magnificent structure made of monumental stone. From now on the temple is to be found in the body of Christ.

John includes more details than do the Synoptics in describing the cleansing of the temple. The issue, however, is not that of rampant commercialism taking place in the temple. Buying and selling sacrificial animals was perfectly legitimate as was exchanging money to pay the temple tax. The real concern is the total spiritual bankruptcy of the entire temple system. With this prophetic action Jesus removes the boundaries between sacred and secular (see Zec 14:21). This is a zealous action as the disciples will eventually recognize through hindsight. The temple in fact was destroyed in 70 C.E. The Jews had switched their religious center and the presence of God to the synagogue. The Christians, however, saw the locus of God's revelatory presence to be in Jesus himself, specifically as the body of Christ.

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Lenten Stations of the Cross

St. Elizabeth	Our Lady of Lourdes
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

1st Friday of the Month Mass OLOL

There will be no 1st Friday of the month Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes during Lenten Season Fri. Mar. 6 & Fri. Apr. 3, 2015.

Altar Society Ladies

The meeting for the new ladies group at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) will be right after the Mass today on **Sunday, March 8, 2015** at OLOL Parish Hall. This new group is welcoming all the ladies of the Parish to join us after Mass. Come and bring your own ideas!

Mass Cancellation Reminder

There will be no Tues. Mar. 10, 2015 12:05 pm or Wed. Mar. 11, 2015 7:30 am Mass.

Fish Fry Dates

The dates for the next two fish frys are as follows:
Friday, Mar. 13 & Friday, 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

On March 15, 2015, our Parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to the displaced refugees, & Christ's love & respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection & help Jesus in disguise.

Chrism Mass

Chrism Mass-Tuesday of Holy Week **Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 6:30 pm.** More information in next bulletin.

Operation Rice Bowl 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

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.**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is discord, union; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, Grant that we may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

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.

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: \$19,938.00
Pledge balance: \$975.00

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: \$1,970.00
Pledge balance: \$230.00

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This information current as of 02-25-15 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

The Weekly Collection for both Parishes will be posted next Sunday, March 15, 2015.

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

Thank you and
may God bless you