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OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm (closed 12:00-1:00)
Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 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
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.

ANNointing 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.
Mass Intentions

November 3  4:30 pm  Karen & Kathy Smith by Jerry & Edith Smith
November 4  7:30 am  Mary Beth Huss-Culler by Florence Huss
                     9:00 am  George & Margaret Schalasky by Rose Gangloff
                     10:30 am  Parishioners by Fr. Aloy
November 5  No mass
November 6  12:05 pm  In thanksgiving by Frank & Wanda Weber
November 7  7:30 am  Michael Ndeanaefo by Fr. Aloy
November 8  7:30 am  Gene & Betty Uptmor by family
November 9  7:30 am  Donald Hepner by Steve & Geri Ezell
November 10  4:30 pm  Parishioners by Fr. Aloy
November 11  7:30 am  Favorable weather
                     9:00 am  Greg Boyd by Gerald & Elizabeth Mills
                     10:30 am  Michael Ndeanaefo by PSR teachers

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers:


Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no PSR on 11/21/2012. There will be a Youth Mass on 12/01/2012 that will feature a choir of students in grades K-4. Please make plans to attend this 4:30 Mass.

Youth Group

Veteran’s Day Brunch on 11/11 from 8:30-10:00. Free Will Donation. All proceeds will go to Youth Group activities.

The Youth Group would like to thank the children and families of the parish for their participation in our annual Halloween Party. There were over 30 children in attendance and a wonderful time was had by all. As an added bonus, we were able to raise $69.00 for the Soles for Souls charity. We would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Quick for their help with pumpkin carving and pizza. We appreciate your gifts of time and talent.

Veteran’s Day Breakfast

On Sunday, November 11 the Youth Group will sponsor a Veteran’s Day breakfast from 8:30 - 10:00 am at the Parish Center. All are welcome. A free will donation will be gladly accepted.

Mom’s Group

Mom’s Group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30 am at the Parish Center. Mom’s Group is open to all moms and moms-to-be in our community, no matter how old your children are.
When we were children, many of us played the game Follow the Leader. As we move through life, we often find it necessary or helpful to follow someone who can lead us into new knowledge or skills or who leads a team at work or on the sports field.

The liturgy has a leader, too. What leader do we follow through the various parts of our worship? One answer is that the priest or bishop is the one who leads us at Mass. A deeper answer is that the true leader of our worship is Christ himself.

The sacrifice of the Mass is Christ’s sacrifice. We are invited to join him in offering praise and thanks to the Father in his act of worship. He is our leader, and we are all called to follow the leader. Because it is really Christ who leads us through the ministry of the priest or bishop, the Church speaks of Christ’s presence in the presider as the second way that Christ reveals himself to us at the Eucharist.

Those among us who have been around a few years may remember when we commonly spoke of the priest as “another Christ.” Since those times, we have learned that priests have clay feet just like the rest of us. That may make it a little harder to see Christ working through the priest at Mass.

Yet it is important for us to do so. We need to remember that Christ has chosen to work through imperfect human beings. Christ lives in and works through each of us who are baptized, sinners though we are. The Church has long taught that the validity of the sacraments does not depend on the holiness of the priest. Our tradition speaks of the sacraments working “ex opere operato.” That Latin phrase really means that Christ acts in the sacraments, regardless of the holiness of the priest. It reminds us that Christ is able to work through us no matter how serious our own limitations.

If Christ is the true leader of our worship, then reverence requires us to respond to his invitation to join him in worshipping the Father. To refuse to take part is to reject his invitation, a sign of irreverence. Our participation in the Mass—singing and praying and sitting and standing and kneeling and processing—is one way we show reverence to Christ.

Of course, Christ does not issue this invitation for his sake but for ours. Participating in the Mass is the primary way that Christians grow in holiness. As we give ourselves to the action of the liturgy, we are drawn closer to the Lord who leads us. As we enter into the sacrifice of Christ, we learn to love as he loves.

Some days we may find it easy to enter into the liturgy; other days it may take a real effort on our part. That effort is a gift we offer the Lord, following his lead and joining in his worship. Each of us has a vital role to play in making the Mass what it should be. None of us can make that happen alone, but together we can give God fitting thanks and praise.

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**Protecting God's Children Trainings**

There will be four more Protecting God’s Children trainings before the end of the year. ALL volunteers must complete this training before January 1 or they will not be able to volunteer. This includes ministers, fund raiser workers, PSR teachers and helpers, and anyone else who volunteers at parish events. All trainings will be held at the Parish Center.

- Tuesday, November 13th 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 27th 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 11 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Sunday, December 16th 9:00 - 11:00 am

Please contact the Parish Center to register.

**Thanksgiving**

Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, will be at 8:00 am at St. Elizabeth. All are invited to bring bread or other food items to be blessed and used as part of your holiday meal. The Parish center will be closed on Thanksgiving.

**A Christmas Story**

Several parishioners are participating in LTC’s production of “A Christmas Story.” The cast features Matthew Jenkins as Ralphie, Xavier Brown as Flick, and Meredith Berty and Lauren Weber as students. The set construction was by Steve Jenkins and the Building Trades Classes, and the show is under the direction of Barbara Shimer.

This family production will take the stage November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18th. Call LTC (544-8657 ex 1433) for tickets.

**Thank You**

We would like to thank the Building and Grounds Committees at both St. Elizabeth and our Lady of Lourdes for their dedication to keeping our properties well maintained and running smoothly. We would especially like to thank Harry Wong for his persistence in getting the city to build a wall to keep water out of Fr. Aloy’s garage. Thank you all!

**Christmas Parade**

Our parishes will be participating in this year’s Christmas Parade in Robinson. The parade will be on November 17th. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Courtney for more information.

**CCW Christmas Fund Raiser**

The CCW will be selling chicken and noodles at the Robinson Christmas festivities on Saturday, November 17th.

**Annual Catholic Services Appeal**

**2013 Parish Goals**

**St. Elizabeth**

The goal for St. Elizabeth is $20,048.00

- Amount pledged to date: $12,610.00
- Amount paid to date: $11,144.00

45 contributors have paid 88.37% of the pledge amount. A total of 18% of 250 parishioners have contributed to date.

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is $4,069.00

- Amount pledged to date: $1,185.00
- Amount paid to date: $885.00

7 contributors have paid 74.68% of pledge amount.

A total of 17.50% of 40 parishioners have contributed to date.

**Liturical Ministry Contacts**

**St. Elizabeth Parish**

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251
Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526
Art & Environment: Parish Center 544-7526
Ushers: Ed Halter 544-7106

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Keith Wirey 592-4179
Music & Liturgy: Dorla Shook 592-3893
Readers: Edith Smith 592-4370
Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526

**Weekly Collection**

**St. Elizabeth Parish**

Envelope total— $3083.00 ~ 70 envelopes
$44.05 per envelope ~ Loose collection— $277.81
Caritas—$20.00 ~ Building fund - $10.00
World mission - $35.00

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**

Envelope total- $570.00 ~ 19 envelopes
$30.00 per envelope ~ Loose collection— $111.00

Thank you and may God bless you.