



**Serving St. Elizabeth Church &
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Sunday, March 17th, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent**



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Pastor**

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Daily Mass: (St. Elizabeth)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 12 Noon

Wednesday 11:00 am

Thursday & Friday: 12 Noon

(Except when noted: Thursday Prison Mass)



(Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament is
on Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 1 pm at St.
Elizabeth.)

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Elizabeth

Saturday at 4:30pm and
Sunday at 7:15 am & 10:45am

Our Lady of Lourdes

1st Friday Liturgy at 5:30pm
Sunday Mass at 9:00am

Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners who are seriously or criti-
cally ill or having surgery, Please con-
tact the parish office.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish office

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 Office for additional
information.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you are considering marriage,
please contact the Parish Office no
later than 6 months prior to the pro-
posed wedding date, and the
diocesan and parish guidelines
will be explained.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth
3:15pm to 4:00pm

Happy

**St. Patrick's
Day!**



Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Mar. 16	4:30 pm	Jerry Chapman by Celeste White
Sun. Mar. 17	7:15 am	John Collings by Jeff and Linda Rich
OLOL	9:00 am	Our Country by Adam and Lori Davis
	10:45 am	Harold Hardiek by Eileen Hartrich
Mon. Mar 18		No Mass
Tues. Mar. 19		No Mass (Deanery Meeting)
Wed. Mar. 20	11:00	Peter Dam Le by Kandle Dart
Thur. Mar. 21	Noon	Communion Service (Prison Mass)
Fri. Mar. 22	11:15am	St. Elizabeth-Stations of the Cross
	Noon	Pat Simons by Mary Beth and Preston Reilly
OLOL	5:30pm	OLOL—Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar. 23	4:30 pm	Linda Sikorski
Sun. Mar. 24	7:15 am	No Mass (Time restraint)
OLOL	8:00 am	Richard Hippler by OLOL Ladies Group
	10:45 am	Brendan Grimm by Barb Grimm

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Sat. March 23, 2024, 4:30 pm, St. Elizabeth
Palm/Passion Sunday Vigil
 LECTOR: Patti Buercklin and Robb Sparks
 USHERS & GIFTS: Ken and Carol Bergbower
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Celeste White
 ALTAR SERVERS: (None)

Sun. March 24, 2024, 7:15 am, St. Elizabeth
NO 7:15 MASS, Palm/Passion Sunday, Time Restraint

Sun. March 24, 2024, 8:00 am, Our Lady of Lourdes
Palm/Passion Sunday
 LECTOR: Chris Keller
 USHERS & GIFTS: Frank and Ann Schalasky
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Stacia Matson
 ALTAR SERVER: Emma Davis

Sun. March 24, 2024, 10:45 am, St. Elizabeth
Palm/Passion Sunday
 LECTOR: Missy York & Eileen Hartrich
 USHERS & GIFTS: Brady & Joel York
 COMMUNION MINISTER: Jane Bohman
 ALTAR SERVER: Jerry Mueller

Stewardship Reflections

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to Him. We aren't "owners" of anything, but are merely "stewards" of the gifts He has given us. "God's people" also means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors, and even people in need we don't know, out of love for God.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

The next PSR classes are March 20 at 6:30 pm. This is an early reminder that there will be NO PSR on April 3rd. Questions or comments? Please call Clare Wirey at the Parish Center, 618-544-7526.

Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's no too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

EAT AND BAIL

No Foolin' ~ Joe's Pizza & Pasta in Effingham, will be open on Monday, April 1st from 4:30-7:30pm to support Catholic Charities! During this time, Joe's is donating all tips and 20% of the revenue to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield. Local well-known Effingham folks will be in **JAIL** this night. Will you help **BAIL** them out for a great cause?! (Joe's Pizza 115 E. Jefferson Ave. Effingham, IL 217/347-5637)



Daily Scripture Readings

Monday March 18, 2024

Daniel 13:41-62 / Gospel, John 8:1-11

Tuesday March 19, 2024 (St. Joseph, Solemnity)

Reading I — 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16

Reading II— Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Gospel, Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

Wednesday March 20, 2024

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Gospel, John 8:31-42

Thursday March 21, 2024

Genesis 17:3-9 / Gospel, John 8:51-59

Friday March 22, 2024

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Gospel, John 10:31-42

Saturday March 23, 2024

Ezekiel 37:21-28 / Gospel, John 11:45-56

Sunday March 24, 2024

Reading I— Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II—Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel, Mark 14:1—15:1-39

St. Patrick

Legends about Patrick abound, but truth shows us two undeniable qualities in him: Humility and courage. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of Patrick for winning most of Ireland for Christ.

Patrick may have been born in Scotland. At sixteen, he was captured by Irish raiders and sold as a slave into Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold. After six years, Patrick escaped to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of twenty-two. His captivity had helped lead to a spiritual conversion for him.

He studied and spent many years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of forty-three. His great desire was to proclaim the Good News to the Irish. He went to the West and North in Ireland, where the faith had never been preached, obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts. Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick encouraged widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries, and continually urged his people to greater holiness.

He suffered much opposition. In a short time, though, the island experienced the Christian spirit and sent out missionaries, whose courageous efforts were partially responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action who had an unbreakable belief in his vocation. In his writings he gave homage to God for having called "an unworthy sinner" to the apostolate. There is hope, rather than irony, in the fact that his burial place is said to be in strife-torn Ulster, in County Down. What distinguishes Patrick is the durability of his efforts. When one considers the state of Ireland when he began his mission work, the size of all of Ireland, and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, one can only admire the kind of man Patrick surely was.

(Saint of the Day, edited by Leonard Foley)



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth (Week ending Sunday, March 10, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 1842.00 / Loose: \$ 421.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$ 935.00

Building fund: \$ 51.00 / Easter Flower: \$ 75.00

CCW: \$10.00

Give Central \$ 455.00

Total Deposit: \$ 3789.00

Our Lady of Lourdes (Week ending March 10, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 837.00 / Loose: \$ 201.00

Operation Rice Bowl: \$ 21.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$ 145.00

Total Deposit: \$ 1204.00

Prayer List

Chuck Adams Anne Batzloff
Joe Bayless Howard Beagles
Paul Berger Megan Burton
Randy Butcher Ryan Calvert
Annie Calvert Scott Chapman
Nancy Conrad Norman Dillingham
Hong Do Kristen Eagleson
Eileen Fabris Bishop Benjamin Garland
Gary Griffith Brett Hartrich
Edward K. Hartrich Donna Henry
Sue Higginbotham Tim Hinterscher
(Genie) Huss-White Marcia Lawhead
Huong Que Le Carol Marshall
Larry Mette Debbie Nichols
Sandy Martin Henry Miles
Jocelyn Ramsey Chuck Reinoehl
Margo Riker Fr. Suresh & his family
Karen Sanders Judy Schiller
Linda Sikorski Carole Skaggs
Amy Slover Rodney Smith
Linda Stewart Jeremy Warren
Nina Watts Chary Wilson
Ralph Worman

All in the Armed Forces, and all our First Responders

Please Silence Cell Phones During Mass

Please **completely silence** cell phones during Mass, including rings and "message prompts," and audible phone notifications. These are disruptive to our prayerful neighbors in adjoining pews, and simply disrespectful in The House of God. If you are awaiting a truly vital call or message, it is suggested you place your phone on "vibrate." Respectfully, if individuals do not know how to control their phone's audible features, perhaps they shouldn't bring their phones into Mass at all.

OLOL Benefit Breakfast, March 17

Parishioners from both parishes are invited to a "free will" benefit breakfast on **THIS WEEKEND**, Sunday, March 17 at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall. The proceeds benefit The Oblong Food Pantry.

The breakfast is served following the 9:00 am Mass. The menu includes sausage and pancakes, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, and fruit and sweets.

We warmly invite you to enjoy this gathering of fellowship and delicious food. Thank you.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

Monday March 25th through Wednesday the 27th — NO Masses locally that Mon or Wed, yet there **will** be a St. Elizabeth noon Mass that Tuesday. The Chrism Mass in Springfield is Tuesday March 26 at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, a lovely Mass open to all.

Holy Thursday Mass, March 28th:
St. Elizabeth — 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service, March 29th:
St. Elizabeth — 6:00 PM

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, March 30th:
St. Elizabeth — 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses, March 31st:
St. Elizabeth — **7:00 AM (Earlier time)**
Our Lady of Lourdes — 9:00 AM
St. Elizabeth — 10:45 AM

Quote of the Day

"We are Christians and strangers on Earth. Let none of us be frightened; our native land is not in this world."

— St. Augustine —

Please: Vital Upcoming Second Collections

Good Friday, Holy Land
Easter Sunday, Seminarians/Vocations

From Father David

Sisters and Brothers, I am grateful many of you share my belief we should give recognition to our young people on their athletic, academic, and other success-story achievements. We have amazing young parishioners, many of whom are quite faithful Mass-attendees and active volunteers at church functions, in addition to their other extracurricular activities.

As I expected, as I increasingly get to know parish families, remembering/mentioning these "young people achievements" gets increasingly challenging! There are just so many of them (and I never want to leave anybody out)! Consequently, I may scale-back these inclusions in my end-of-Mass announcements. Still, certain standout special achievements—like the upcoming April Math Team anticipated successes, and the historic recent 3rd Place finish of our Lady Maroons in State tourney hoopster action, will continue to be mentioned.

I am convinced it is essential that our young people make a connection between non-church activities they are involved in, and their church-related ones. The God they worship at Mass is the same God who gives them the talents and innate gifts they later develop in all areas of their lives. It is "all one" in our amazing Lord, the God of all creation!

Please continue to reach out to our young parishioners with compliments and encouragement when you hear about their successes or read about their activities in the local paper. You may think such a compliment by you might not mean much, but it actually does. Young people need to know they are respected and appreciated, and are getting noticed for wholesome holy things!

On another topic, I want to recognize on this St. Patrick's Day Weekend, all our parishioners of Irish ethnicity. While "Beagles" is an English name, I am largely Irish (with such names as McGurk, Barry, O'Brien, and Kelly in our family tree). In the great "melting pot" of mixed ethnicity in our country, it is good to celebrate who we are, with mutual respect and regard. All cultures are wonderfully uniquely their own and worthy of being celebrated, as God made them all. As for the Irish, their monks, priests, and religious Sisters did a wonderful job in evangelizing long-ago civilizations, and in the more modern era in helping catechize American immigrants.