



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday, October 20, 2024 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "Thank you God, for everything you have given me; I have enough to share". This change in perspective brings joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and more God-centered.

Thank you Kaye Holscher, Rhonda Stone, and Linda Sikorski for serving the first PSR Fellowship Dinner of the year!

Some attendees at the first PSR Fellowship Wednesday Night Dinner.



Top to bottom: Holly Dix and Hayden, Jade, and Hudson; Angela & Joshua Stumborg, and Jacob & Jessie Blankenbeker and Lily; Kwyn, Krosby, Shannon, and Kurtis Goebel; Josh Quick, Lily Blankenbeker, and Fr. David; Abigail and Jacob Foster with children Matthew, Clare, Joseph, and Lydia; Kaye Holscher and Rhonda Stone; and Linda Sikorski.

Mass Intentions and Schedule

Sat. Oct. 19	4:30pm	For all our Parishioners
Sun. Oct. 20	7:15am	Melinda Adams Hunt by Steve and Janet Jenkins
LOLOL	9:00am	Father Malley by Wilson Brothers
	10:45am	Randy Hatten by Carol Conner
Mon. Oct. 21	Noon	No Mass
Tues. Oct. 22	Noon	Jan Thomas by Ted and Kathy Staller
Weds. Oct. 23	10:00am	Tom and Juanita Jochim by Steve and Janet Jenkins
Thur. Oct. 24		No Mass (Prison Mass)
Fri. Oct. 25	Noon	Jim Maloy by George and Jane Bohman
Sat. Oct. 26	4:30pm	Reba Holtzman by Julia Weber
Sun. Oct. 27	7:15am	For All Parishioners
LOLOL	9:00am	Joe and Karen Weber by Adam and Lori Davis
	10:45am	Tom Huss by Rhonda Stone and Doug Camden

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat., October 26, 2024, 4:30pm

LECTOR: Celeste White

USHERS : Mark and Cindy Grimm

COMMUNION MINISTER: Susan Goodwine

ALTAR SERVERS: Gavin and Dawson Tuel

GIFT BEARERS: Mark and Cindy Grimm

Sun., October 27, 2024, 7:15am

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor

USHERS : Travis and Leslie Rich

COMMUNION MINISTER: Janet Jenkins

ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel and Natalie Arkenberg

GIFT BEARERS: Chad Arkenberg Family

Sun., October 27, 2024, 9:00am, LOLOL

LECTOR: Chris Keller

USHERS & GIFTS: Ethel Dhom and Carol Zellars

COMMUNION MINISTER: Donna Keller

ALTAR SERVER: Cameron Davis

Sun., October 27, 2024, 10:45am

LECTOR: Keith Buercklin

USHERS: Ken Deters and Karen Carter

COMMUNION MINISTER: Kristin East

ALTAR SERVERS: Will Schutte

GIFT BEARERS: Ken Deters and Karen Carter

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The dates for the 2024-2025 RCIA classes have been set for the following Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 in the Parish Hall: **October 22, November 5 & 19, December 3 & 10, January 7 & 14, February 4 & 18, and March 4 & 18.** If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic, or if you just want to learn more about the faith, please contact the Parish Office to sign up.

PSR - Parish School of Religion

NO PSR ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

PSR classes for all Catholic youth in grades K-8 are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Center. Please remember that your child's faith formation is your most important job as a parent. Our limited time in the PSR classroom is just a part of your child's Catholic education. Please reinforce the faith at home through regular Mass attendance, reception of the sacraments, family discussion, and family prayer. The next PSR is October 30.

PSR Parade of Saints, October 30th

Parade of Saints, Wednesday October 30: PSR students are asked to dress up as one of their favorite saints for class on Wednesday, October 30. This doesn't have to be fancy! A folded sheet and belt make a nice cloak or robe. A pillowcase makes a good head covering. Saints have come from all walks of life, so costumes can also be made from regular clothes. (Please no costumes other than saint costumes.) We will have all of our "saints" join in a candlelight procession to the church, where we will have a special message from Father David, and then sing the beautiful Litany of the Saints. We will return to the Parish Hall for some fun "saintly" treats and comradery. Parents are invited to join us in the church and also in the Parish Hall for the party. At that time, we will also announce the results of our SOCK-TOBER sock drive at the party, and have a special prize or treat if our parish reaches our goal of 300 pairs of socks! **If any parishioners have saint costumes they would like to donate, please contact Kathy Staller at 618-562-9252. Thank you in advance! This should be a fun and memorable evening!**

PSR Fellowship Dinner

The next PSR fellowship dinner will be Wednesday, November 6 from 5:45-6:30pm. PSR students and their family members are invited! The menu for November 6 is Sloppy Joes and chips. Families are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 21, 2024,

Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel, Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Ephesians 2:12-22 / Gospel, Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Ephesians 3:2-12 / Gospel, Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Ephesians 3:14-21 / Gospel, Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 25, 2024

Ephesians 4:1-6 / Gospel, Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Ephesians 4:7-16 / Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, October 27, 2024,

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I - Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reading II - Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel - Mark 10:46-52

St. Elizabeth—Prayer Campaign for LIFE

Our parish will be participating in the annual "Prayer Campaign for LIFE" focused on building a Pro-Life culture, on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide.

God heard the Pro-Life prayers of our nation, and blessed us by overturning Roe v. Wade in 2022. What a huge victory! We have the wonderful opportunity to pray in thanksgiving for this gift. Unfortunately, the average number of abortions committed in our state increased greatly after Roe was overturned. People in surrounding states view our state as an abortion "haven" since Illinois has so fewer abortion restrictions. We have much to pray for!

There will be a signup sheet on the counter as you enter into the church at all Masses this weekend to sign-up for this prayer event on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. After Masses this weekend you may also call Eileen Hartrich to sign-up for a time slot or information: 618-367-0939.

*"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart."
—St. Padre Pio—*

Harvest Mass

Please mark and prioritize the date of November 16, 2024 for our 2024 Harvest Mass! Once again it will be held at Hickory Holler, in nearby West Union. More info to follow as the time nears, so stay tuned to the bulletin and online! We are blessed to celebrate harvest and God's many gifts! (Ask around about last year's Harvest Mass—how special and fun it was! This once-a-year Mass is a true blessing in the Lord.)

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

(Week ending Sunday, October 13, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 3080.00 / Loose: \$ 308.00

Give Central weekly: \$ 265.00

Building Fund: \$ 11.00

Total Deposit: \$ 3664.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

(Week ending Sunday, October 13, 2024)

Envelopes: \$ 755.00 / Loose: \$ 91.00

Votive Candles: \$ 21.50

Total Deposit: \$ 867.50

Prayer List

Chuck Adams	Jessica Andruch
Anne Batzloff	Howard Beagles
Joe Bierman	Paul Berger
Megan Burton	Randy Butcher
Ryan Calvert	Annie Calvert
Sara Casburn	Scott Chapman
Nancy Conrad	Angela Day
Helen Decker	Kristen Eagleson
Eileen Fabris	Albert Fehrenbacher
Bishop Garland	Edward K. Hartrich
Sue Higginbotham	Tim Hinterscher
Reba Holtsman	(Genie) Huss-White
Marcia Lawhead	Huong Que Le
Jeff Maroney	Carol Marshall
Larry Mette	Kathleen Myers
Michell's Dad	Debbie Nichols
Henry Miles	Jocelyn Ramsey
Chuck Reinoehl	Margo Riker
Fr. Suresh & his family	
Raja Sambaturu	Karen Sanders
Judy Schiller	Linda Sikorski
Amy Slover	Raymond Smith
Rodney Smith	Linda Stewart
Tori Thurman	Jeremy Warren
Nina Watts	Chary Wilson
Ralph Worman	

All in the Armed Forces, and all our First Responders.

Spiritual Reflection

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."

— Pope Saint Gregory the Great —

A Friend Comes Calling



SOCKtober SOCK DRIVE

A **SOCK DRIVE** is collecting new socks for adults, teens, and children experiencing homelessness, displacement, poverty, loss of employment, and other circumstances. Socks are the most requested, but least donated, item of clothing.

Your sock donations will be sent to Robinson Clothing Center, Lydia's Closet in Oblong, and other social agencies.

HOW TO HELP in 2 Simple Steps:

Step # 1– Purchase a Multi-Pair Package of New Socks: Any size; any Style; any Color; Any Brand of men's, women's, children's, or infants.

Step # 2 – Bring the unopened package (for size sorting) and place it in the box at the back of the church through October 20th.

Or you can make a donation in an envelope marked SOCKS and we will do the shopping for you!

Upcoming Meetings

The **St. Elizabeth Finance Council** will be meeting on October 22nd at 6:00 pm. Please try to attend if you are a finance council member.

The next **Men's Prayer Group** meeting will be Thursday, October 24th at 6:00pm at the St. Elizabeth parish hall. Please call the office (RSVP) before Tuesday October 22 if you plan to attend, for food-planning purposes. Thank you.

2nd Collection

This weekend we will be taking up a collection for World Mission Sunday, sponsored by The Society for the Propagation of Faith. Your generous gift will help support seminarians, shelters, orphanages, health centers, catechists, and religious Sisters around the world. Thanks for your consideration.

From Father David

Super-heroes. Kids love them, and love to pretend being them! A child's world affords him or her little power really, but a super hero's clout is practically limitless.

A child, as his or her favorite super-hero, briefly escapes the limitations and frustrations of being a small kid. He or she can be transformed into Superman, Wonder Woman, Batman, a Mutant Ninja Turtle, or any number of other cool characters.

We see these displays a lot this time of year with Halloween so near, yet a child's imagination runs strong all-year-long.

It's fine for kids to enter into these worlds of the imagination, and such is quite normal. Everyone has dreams and aspirations, regardless of age—And kids dream BIG! We grownups need to let kids be kids, and to let them engage in this wholesome monitored play in a balanced way that reminds them of the true super-heroes out there: Jesus and the saints, the martyrs to the faith, the valiant missionaries who risked their lives to spread the Gospel, and also our brave men and women in law enforcement, firefighting, the military, medical-emergency fields, and other first-responder roles.

Educators, too, can be true heroes—Sharing so much wisdom!—with patience and caring. Parents and grandparents, also, are often in the hero category, battling fatigue and long days to juggle so much for their kids and grandchildren. In other words, not all heroes have x-ray vision, fly through the air, and have super-human strength!

We will celebrate the saints with our PSR children toward the end of the month, with a saints-parade and saints litany—reminders to the kids of these true super-heroes. These historic figures remind them of true valor and sacrifice, and traits like holy commitment in building up God's kingdom.

Halloween comes down to a balancing act of traditional fun, and more serious religious considerations. Both have their place. As we ponder Halloween, so very near now, let us remember its "All Hallows Eve" derivation, coming the eve before All-Saints Day. We should use this holiday for family fun, yes, but also as an instructive opportunity for our kids in their walk of faith. Parents and teachers who help instill such holy lessons are definitely super-heroes!

