



# The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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#### PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep  
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Custodial Care Volunteer: Marilyn Stanley, St. Elizabeth  
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.

#### 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.

April 12, 2015  
Sunday of Divine Mercy



Joel York and Karen Boyd  
pictured above with Fr. Aloy

“Peace Be With  
You.”

John 20:19-31



## Mass Intentions

Apr. 11	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Karen Sanders
Apr. 12	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	William Loy by Anne Loy For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Ralph & Johanna Marshall by Chad & Chris Arkenberg
April 13		NO MASS
April 14	12:05 pm	Harold Wagner by Carol Wong
April 15	7:30 am	Harry Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
April 16	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Karen Sanders
April 17	7:30 am	Harry Wong by the Matt Taylor Family
April 18	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Mary Ella Whitmer
April 19	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Norma Fritz by Joe & Carol Hepner For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Missy Rees by Rees Family



## Ministry Schedule

*April 18-19, 2015*

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR:	Mary Jo Bonham
	USHERS:	Mark Grimm, John Grimm
	COMMUNION MIN:	Patti Buercklin, Marylin Stanley Jack Stanley
	SERVERS:	Abby Mullins, Ty Mullins
	GIFTS:	Griffin Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	Linda Sikorski
	USHERS:	Jona & Mike Uptmor
	COMMUNION MIN:	Kathy Harris, Joe Hepner, Jim Eckert
	SERVERS:	Melissa Jenkins, Sarah Rynke
	GIFTS:	Jack & Marilyn Stanley
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR:	Keith Wirey
	USHERS:	Sarah & Jerry Ping
	COMMUNION MIN:	Nancy & Jim Ping
	SERVERS:	J. Hermann
	GIFTS:	Dhom Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	April Sexton
	USHERS:	Brad & Logan Sexton
	COMMUNION MIN:	Carol Wong, Eileen Hartrich Matt Hartrich
	SERVERS:	Shara Coffman, Jerika Coffman
	GIFTS:	Knoblett Family

*St. Elizabeth Collection Counters*

*April: Rhonda Stone, Karen Reinoehl, Janet Mitchell*

## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:  
Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Bobbie Cheesman, Amie Cornwell, Ben Curtis, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Lon Estep, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Daniel Hatfield, Judy Hester, Mildred Hinterscher, Jared Holmes, Nancy Huber, George Inboden, Ira Inboden, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Emma Kocher, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sherry Mitchell, Sherri Murray, Dr. John Newlin, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Angie Rhoten, Jason Richardville, Mary Rogers, Ellis Sanders, Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs, Judy Smolinski, Lorraine Snerecky, John Stedelin, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Mike & Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Linda Stewart, Cherie Stewart, Bertha Taylor, Mark Wagner, Becky VanSchoyck, Ginny Varner, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.

## Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

**PSR Wed. Apr. 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

**First Reconciliation** will take place on **April 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** at **St. Elizabeth**. Every child needs a parent to accompany them for this sacrament.

**First Communion Banner Workshop /Parent Meeting** will be held on **April 19, 2015** from **3:00-4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. The cost per banner is \$15.00 and checks can be made payable to St. Elizabeth.

**First Communion** is **May 3, 2015**.

The annual "**Graduation Mass**" to honor all high school seniors will take place on **May 24, 2015** during the **10:30** mass at St. Elizabeth. If you have a child that is graduating from high school this year, please contact the Parish Center to add his or her name to the list of those being honored.

The last PSR class for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on May 6, 2015. The annual PSR Bash will be held on May 13, 2015. Please continue to check the bulletin for details.

**Mom's Group meets Friday's 9:00—10:30 am**

## Mother's Day Pictures

The Youth Group plans to offer free family pictures after every mass the weekend of Mother's Day. The pictures will be uploaded to an online photo service such as Snapfish and families can purchase the photos through that website.

**Please attend weekly Mass**

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, Luke in our first reading offers us a general picture of the Church community. It clearly displays a people committed to standards that go beyond this world. They are responsive to the gift of the Spirit they all received from the risen Lord through the work of the apostles.

Luke describes the community as having one heart and one mind. This unity of purpose distinguishes them from other groups depicted in Acts who are not nearly so united in their thinking or their motives. We will see this exhibited in the high council, for example, as it deliberates about Peter (in Acts 5) and later about Paul (in Acts 23). Quite remarkable is the detachment from earthly possessions exhibited by the faith community. Such detachment was often spoken of by the Lord during his earthly ministry. Now those baptized in his name are living out the ideal. They pool their material resources for the good of others. Barnabas is a positive example of this ideal (Acts 4:36-37). But Ananias and his wife (Acts 5:1-11) could not embrace it.

The witness of the apostles has central importance within the community. They were privileged to have experienced the risen Lord. For this unique gift from God, they are held in high esteem by the faithful. The community entrusts to these apostles the distribution of their resources to those in need. In a

later chapter, this distribution will be entrusted to others in the community, freeing the apostles to give full attention to the proclamation of the gospel.

Immediately after the crucifixion of Jesus, the disciples were afraid that what happened to him would happen to them. Thus, they have secured themselves behind locked doors. Shockingly, Jesus suddenly appears in their midst, granting them peace. They do not know what to think. In order to confirm that it is actually Jesus, he shows them his wounded hands and side. This convinces the disciples, and their fear turns into rejoicing. The text carefully states that "they saw the Lord."

The risen Jesus again grants them peace. The meaning of this greeting is not aimed at preventing all strife. It is a granting of wholeness and completeness that is now possible through the resurrection of Jesus. Part of this wholeness is a commissioning of the disciples to carry on the work Jesus had been doing while on earth. They are empowered to carry this out through the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples. They are to focus on the forgiveness of sins, which for this Gospel, means to continue making God known in the world and thereby bringing the world to decision and judgment.

### Thank You

Thank you to Robb Sparks and the decorating crew for the beautiful Easter decorations. Our sanctuary is a wonderful reflection of the beauty of the Easter season.

Thank you to each of our parishioners for your generous donations to the Easter flower offering.

### Welcome Our Newest Members

**Welcome and Congratulations** to the newest members of our church, our RCIA Elects, received into full communion at the Easter Vigil mass on Saturday, April 4, 2015. Pictured on the cover from left to right are **Joel York**, his sponsor was Eric Mosbey, **Fr. Aloy**, and **Karen Boyd**, her sponsor was Sharon Skaggs. Thank you as well to Keith and Rita Wirey for your dedication to the RCIA program.

### Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place April 26. One way that this appeal works to strengthen home mission dioceses in the United States is by funding seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, where educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to this appeal.



## Plight of Christian Communities in the Middle East and North Africa

**Plight of Christian Communities in the Middle East and North Africa** - The World Affairs Council of Illinois co-sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois presents the *Plight of Christian Communities in the Middle East and North Africa* on **April 13, 2015**. The dinner begins at 6:15 p.m., U of I Springfield PAC restaurant. The program begins at 7:30 p.m., U of I Springfield, Brookens Auditorium. Presenter is Dexter Van Zile. Reservations for dinner are required. Program is free and open to the public. For dinner reservations telephone Michael Plog, 217-793-2509 or email

## 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](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://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.**

## Marriage Challenges? Retrouvaille

(a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems & crises, even couples who are separated and divorced. The next program begins with the weekend of June 5-7, 2015. For further information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## 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: **\$20,138.00**  
Pledge balance: **\$775.00**

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is **\$3,799.00**  
Amount pledged to date: **\$2,300.00**  
Amount paid to date: **\$1,995.00**  
Pledge balance: **\$305.00**

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*This information current as of 03-09-2015 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, April 5, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$1,852.00  
Easter Offering ~ \$1,545.00  
Loose Offering ~ \$527.91 Caritas ~ \$15.00  
Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$115.00  
Palm Sunday ~ \$20.00 Holy Thursday ~ \$362.00  
Holy Friday ~ \$321.55 Online ~ \$50.00  
Seminarians ~ \$856.50 Building Fund ~ \$10.00  
Catholic Relief Services ~ \$15.00  
Total Offering ~ **\$5,689.96**

### Our Lady of Lourdes ~ April 5, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$560.00  
Easter Offering ~ \$205.00  
Loose Offering ~ \$145.00  
Holy Thursday ~ \$20.00 Good Friday ~ \$30.00  
Operation Rice Bowl ~ \$35.00  
Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$45.00  
Seminarians ~ \$163.00  
Total Offering ~ **\$1203.00**



[www.GiveCentral.org](http://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.