



# The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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Pastor: Reverend Aloysius Okey Ndeanaefo

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep

Youth and Religious Education Coordinator: Courtney Ferris

Parish Outreach Volunteer: Eileen Hartrich

Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis, Our Lady of Lourdes

Custodial Care: Katrena Burton, 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.

# Sunday December 6, 2015



# Second Sunday Of Advent



## Mass Intentions

Dec. 5	4:30 pm	Judy Smolinski by Eileen Hartrich
Dec. 6	7:30 am	For Roberta Bohman & all parishioners
	9:00 am	Roger & Helen Fabris by Val & Kaye Pescatore
	10:30am	James Frank Myers & Michelle Anne Myers by Katrena Burton
Dec. 7	<small>OLOL</small> 5:30 pm	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Lloyd Shook by Anonymous
Dec. 8	<small>St. Elizabeth</small> 12 :05pm	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mike & Judy Smolinski by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Dec. 9	7:30 am	William & Margaret Brown By George & Jane Brown
Dec. 10	7:30 am	Perry & Jamie Ping by Ping Family
Dec. 11	7:30 am	Mary Ann Tracy by George & Jane Brown
Dec. 12	4:30 pm	Charles Parkhurst from Parkhurst Family
Dec. 13	7 :30am	Charles Parkhurst from Joe & Carole Hepner
	9:00 am	Helen & Roger Fabris by Val & Kaye Pescatore
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



## Ministry Schedule

*December 12-13, 2015*

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Mary Jo Bonham
	USHERS: Mark Grimm, Dennis Carroll
	COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders, Jack & Marylin Stanley
	SERVERS: Ty Mullins, Abby Mullins +Owen Schmitt
	GIFTS: Mullins Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher
	USHERS: Kathy Harris, Carol Zellars
	COMMUNION MIN: Mike & Jona Uptmor, Mike Dorn
	SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins, David Jenkins
	GIFTS: Carol & Joe Hepner
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Val Pescatore
	USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping
	COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey
	SERVERS: J. Hermann
	GIFTS: Davis Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Geri Ezell
	USHERS: Karen Free, Dennis Carroll
	COMMUNION MIN: Sean & April Sexton, Roselene Quick
	SERVERS: Joe Quick, Gerardo Rios, + M. Pujel
	GIFTS: Ron & Janet Mitchell

Collection Counters: *December, 2015*

*Ellen Rees, Kaye Pescatore, Don Brown*



## Prayer Requests

**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Roger Burton, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Linda Dudine, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Debbie Goodwin, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Debbie Henry, Judy Hester, Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes, Charlie Hryniewicz, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Jordyn Koester, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Grover Michl, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Mary Rogers, Pete Rosenski, Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs, Linda Sparks, John Stedelin, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Mike & Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Terry Stevens, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Linda Stewart, Cherie Stewart, Bertha Taylor, James Tyler, Mark Wagner, Becky VanSchoyck, Ginny Varner, Zachariah Waxler, Shari Weber, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.



## PSR

PSR on **Wed. Dec. 9, 2015** at 6:30 pm.



## Project Rachel

If someone you know suffers because of an experience with abortion, please encourage him or her to talk to a priest or contact a Project Rachel volunteer at 1-877-RACHEL-5. Pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God's infinite mercy. Safe, supportive, confidential gathering of post-abortive women, 1st Tues. of the Month at 7:00 pm, Springfield Right to Life (323 E. Monroe St.). Come break the silence and heal from the wounds of your experience.

## Advent Nursing Home Project

All tags & unwrapped gifts must be returned before **Wednesday, December 16th**. Any questions please call Geri Ezell (544-7910) or Patti Buercklin (544-8704).



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Sat. Dec. 12, 2015

## New Book Study



We will begin a new book study on "Everybody Needs To Forgive Somebody" on **Wed. Jan. 6, 2016** at 6:00 pm. We will meet for 7 wks. so that we will be done by Ash Wed.



Mom's Group meets on Fridays from 9 am—10:30 am during school.

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

Baruch served as scribe to the great prophet Jeremiah. Like his prophet-mentor, Baruch would have seen firsthand the sad decline of the kingdom of Judah. Years of sin and ignorance led to exile for the people and the destruction of Jerusalem. But in the book that bears his name, Baruch says things have changed. A repentant nation offers a sincere prayer, asking for God's mercy (Bar 1:15–3:8). In this reading, the people hear God's response.

Like a grieving mother, the city of Jerusalem once wore robes of mourning for her children far away in Babylon. Now Baruch invites the city to replace those drab robes with colorful festive garments. But these are no ordinary robes. They are of a spiritual fabric, exhibiting God's glory. Such glory is always associated with the marvelous things God does for salvation. The return of God's people from exile is certainly one such marvelous thing. Baruch further invites Jerusalem, wearing her fine robes, to look east. In the distance, she will see her children rejoicing as God leads them home.

Years earlier, the people were led away "on foot" to their place of exile. Now they are carried "aloft in glory" like kings and queens on elevated royal thrones. The road back to the Promised Land is level and smooth. God has removed the mountains and the depths, symbols of now-discarded human pride and ignorance. The people are much wiser than before; they look to God for security. They enjoy the protection of God, like

shade from fragrant trees.

Today's Gospel begins with a lengthy and somewhat awkward recitation of the names of political and religious leaders. A careful examination of the names and the locations with which they are associated manifests serious historical discrepancies. Lk, however, is not interested in the historical accuracy of his list. He is interested in setting a historical tone, a framework within which to hear and understand salvation history. The saving actions of God did not happen in a vacuum far removed from the religious and political life of the world. Salvation history is intimately connected with world history.

The person chosen to announce this advent of God's saving activity was John the Baptist. His call came in the wilderness, the place of challenge and purification, the place where Israel had journeyed for decades before being allowed to enter the Promised Land. In many ways, this reference to the desert indicates a new beginning for a reconstituted Israel. John's mission is to proclaim and administer a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. This is not the same as Christian Baptism, a rite of initiation administered by the Church. John's baptism was an act of prophetic symbolism. It pointed to the reality of God's forgiveness and a renewed allegiance to God's will. Included in this was also a sense of urgency. Excerpts from "Sunday Homily Helps", is used by permission of Franciscan Media. [www.FranciscanMedia.org](http://www.FranciscanMedia.org). ©2015. All rights reserved



### Christmas Choir Practice

Choir practices for the Christmas Eve 10:00 P.M. mass will be from 9:00-10:00 on Sunday mornings starting **Dec. 6th**. We are always looking for new choir members.

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on **Mon. Dec. 7, 2015 at Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:30 pm & Tues. Dec. 8th at St. Elizabeth at 12:05 pm.**

### Mass Stipends

We are in need of Mass Stipends for 2016. Please come in the Parish Office and schedule any Masses you would like for the coming new year. \$10.00 is the fee for same. Thank you.

### New Mardi Gras Committee Members

If interested in being a Mardi Gras Committee member, please contact Courtney Ferris.

### Second Sunday of Advent



Second Sunday of Advent-The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy opens on **Tuesday, December 8th**. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the the Feastday for the dioceses of the United States of America. We are given twelve months to be merciful like the Father, to make this a daily habit. Mary's life gives us a pattern for our own. How can I magnify, sing the praise of God today? How can I be more like her-full of grace?



The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8th. Our Sunday Visitor has created a free app 365 Days to Mercy. The app includes daily reflections on mercy and much more. It can be downloaded from Google play or App Store.

### OLOL Ladies Group Meeting



The Ladies of OLOL will have a group meeting at the Oblong church hall on **Tues. Dec. 8th at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome to attend.



## Year of Mercy~Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Year of Mercy, Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Pope Francis has called for a year of mercy beginning on **December 8, 2015**. Our Holy Father suggests a pilgrimage as a way to live this holy year. [www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html](http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html).

**JUBILEE-- YEAR OF MERCY.** The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on **08 December 2015**. This most helpful year will help us explore ways to continue to be merciful like the Father. Begin pondering right now, "how does this parish, how does this city manifest mercy."



## National Night of Prayer

Join in the **National Night of Prayer for Life - Dec. 8-9, 2015, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.** The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life. Event locations include: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Springfield; Holy Family, Granite City; and The Newman Catholic Center, St Philip Neri Chapel, EIU, Charleston.



## Parish Christmas Party

The Parish Christmas Party will be on **Sat. Dec. 12, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Parish Hall**. We will be having a meal catered in by Kaye Holscher. We will be having roast pork with gravy, turkey, mashed potatoes, noodles, dressing and rolls. The Parish is asked to bring a side dish for names beginning with A-M and a dessert, last names beginning with N-Z. Drinks & table service will be provided.

## Effingham Deanery Pilgrimage

In honor of the Year of Divine Mercy, you are cordially invited to the Effingham Deanery Pilgrimage starting at Immaculate Conception Church, 320 N. 21st St., Mattoon. It will be held **Sun. Dec. 13, 2015, at 3-4 pm** with a Holy Hour and Sacrament of Reconciliation, and followed by a social hour.

## Retirement Fund For Religious

The Retirement Fund For Religious Collection will be on **Sun. Dec. 13, 2015**. This collection is for the aging religious senior Catholic sisters, brothers & religious order priests. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you.

## Parish Office Closings

The Parish Office will be closing at 12 noon on **Thurs. Dec. 24** to celebrate the Christmas Day Holiday on **Fri. Dec. 25**. Also, will be closing on **Thurs. Dec. 31st** at 12 noon to celebrate the New Year's Day Holiday-Fri. Jan. 1, 2016.

## Catholic Children's Home Collection

The Catholic Children's Home Collection will be on **Fri. Dec. 25, 2015**. Thank you in advance.

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **St. Elizabeth**  
The goal for St. Elizabeth is **\$19,666.00**  
**\$13770.00** paid out of **\$16,770.00** pledged amount.  
Balance **\$3,000.00** of the pledged amt.

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **Our Lady of Lourdes**  
The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is **\$2,873.00**  
**\$1,305.00** paid out of **\$1,945.00** pledged amount.  
**\$640.00** balance of the pledged amt.

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## 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 Church

**Week ending November 29, 2015**

Envelopes \$1,512.00 Loose \$214.00

Online 1@\$50.00 Christmas Flowers \$55.00

Caritas \$20.00

**DDL Sisters Donation \$640.50**  
(this came out of Total Deposit)

**Total Deposit \$1,851.00**

### Our Lady of Lourdes

**Week ending November 29, 2015**

Envelopes \$ 580.00 Loose \$64.00

Christmas Flowers \$65.00

**DDL Sisters Donation \$196.00**

**Total Deposit: \$905.00**

## Advent Mass Schedule Special Services



### St. Elizabeth

**Wed. Dec. 16, 2015-**  
**Christmas Penance Service at**  
**6:00 pm**

**Thurs. Dec. 24, 2015-**  
**Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 pm**

**Fri. Dec. 25, 2015-Christmas**

**Day Mass at 9:00 am**

**Fri. Jan. 1, 2015-New Year's**

**Day Mass at 9:00 am**

### Our Lady of Lourdes

**Thurs. Dec. 17, 2015-Christmas Penance Service 6:00 pm**

**Thurs. Dec. 24, 2015-Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm**

**Thurs. Dec. 31, 2015-Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm**