



# The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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#### PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep  
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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.

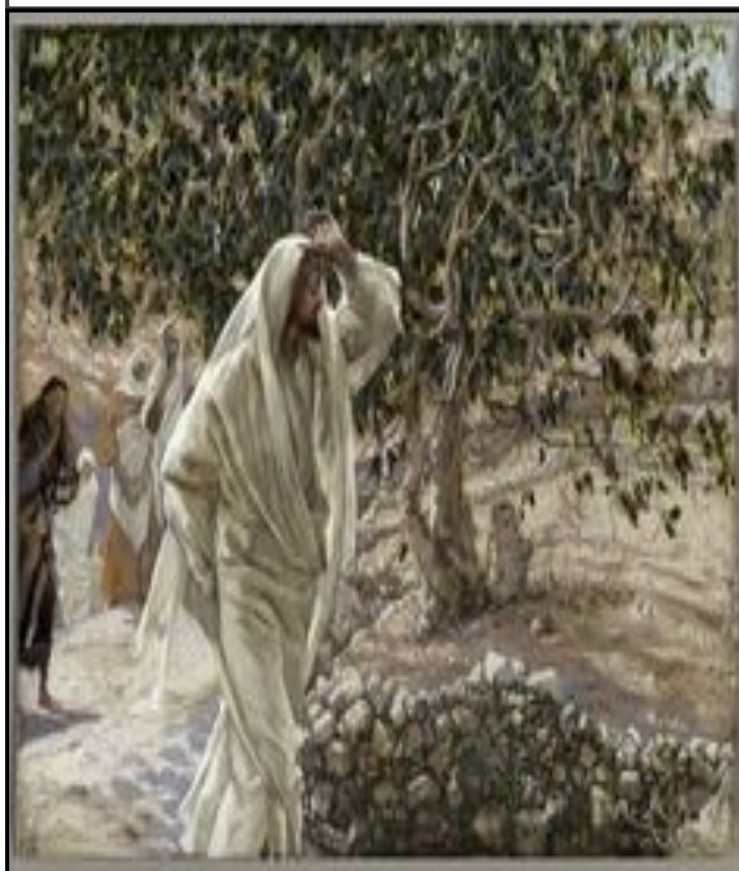
#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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  
February 28, 2016  
Third Sunday of Lent



A man had a fig tree,  
planted in his vineyard.  
Luke 13:6



## Mass Intentions

Feb.27	4:30 pm	Florence Huss by Anonymous
Feb.28	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Francis & Annie Begley by Francis & Anne Schalasky
	10:30am	Ed Halter by Anonymous
Feb.29		NO MASS
Mar.1	12:05pm	Jasmine Howard by George & Jane Bohman
Mar.2	7:30 am	Mrs. Jeanette Kraemer by Anne Loy
Mar.3	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Anonymous
Mar.4	7:30 am	Charles Adams by Ginger Osborne
Mar.5	4:30 pm	Julie Maloy by George & Jane Bohman
Mar.6	7:30 am	Mike & Judy Smolinski by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	Juozapo Aidt & Gerry Davis by Francis & Anne Schalasky
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



## Ministry Schedule

*March 5-6, 2016*

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower
	COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders, Ginger Osborne, Mike Dorn
	SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Ty Mullins
	GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Janet Jenkins
	USHERS: Matthew Jenkins, Stewart Schutte
	COMMUNION MIN: Jona Uptmor, Jim & Shari Eckert
	SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert
	GIFTS: Jim Eckert Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Jim Ping
	USHERS: Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice
	COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson
	SERVERS: Taylor Blank
	GIFTS: Jim Ping Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Patti Buercklin
	USHERS: Ken Deters, Karen Free
	COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Carol Wong, Matt Hartrich
	SERVERS: +Joe Quick+, +Liam Wright+, Emily Heidorn
	GIFTS: George & Jane Bohman

Collection Counters: *February, 2016*

*Josh & Roselene Quick, Janet Mitchell*



## Prayer Requests

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

Patti Ackerman, Roberta Bohman, Susan Bills, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Roger Burton, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Linda Dudine, Charles Ferguson, 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, Debbie Nichols, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Angie Rhoten, 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, Shari Weber, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.



## PSR

PSR Wed. Mar. 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm



## Operation Rice Bowl



Operation Rice Bowl will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through March. Our goal is \$1,000.00.

## Beautiful Mercy Book Study



The new book study, "Beautiful Mercy" will begin on Tues. Mar. 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth.



## March Fellowship Dinner

The March Fellowship Dinner will be **Wed. Mar. 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm**. Italian Night. We will also be presenting the checks from the Mardi Gras Silent Auction proceeds to Crawford Co. Food Pantries. Please come out and join us. Last names A-M please bring a dessert & N-Z please bring a side dish to share.

## Mission in Spanish

**Father Ed Shea, OFM** will be giving a Parish Mission at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham in Spanish on the following three **Sundays: Mar. 6, 13 and 20th. the Mission starts with Mass at 7:00 pm, then continues with a Talk at 7:30 pm** followed by a small "fiesta" in the Parish Center. Please spread the word to all Spanish-speakers! **Padre Eduardo Shea, OFM** va a celebrar Ejercicios Espirituales a la Iglesia de Sagrado Corazón en Marzo, los Domingos 6, 13 y 20. Empieza con una Misa sencilla a las 7:00 de la tarde, con una Charla a las 7:30 y una fiestita después en el Salon Parroquial. Todos están Bienvenidos!

## Confirmation News

Wed. Apr. 13, 2016 will be Confirmation. Thurs. Apr. 14 & Fri. Apr. 15, 2016 there will be the First Communion Interviews. Wed. Apr. 20, 2016, there will be First Reconciliation 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

Moses fled from Egypt. In his limited way, he tried to protect his people but was unsuccessful. But in this reading, there is a change. He will return to Egypt. This time he will be successful because he will be serving the God of Israel. Moses sees a bush surrounded by flame, but not consumed. In a similar way, God remains close to the Israelites and sustains them in life. So gracious is God that Moses is allowed to draw near. Yet, he is also reminded to display respect by removing his sandals and keeping a certain distance. The people of Israel remained in Egypt far too long. They were initially attracted to Egypt by its earthly resources. But in time, they became prisoners to its rulers and cried out for help. God has listened and has come to deliver them. In time, they will return to the bounty of their homeland. More importantly, it is a land where they will be cared for as God's holy people.

Moses is reluctant to accept this mission; mindful of his past, he regards a return to Egypt as too dangerous. But each time he raises some obstacle, God gives him assurance. In this reading, for example, Moses complains he will not know what to say when the people seek the name of God.

God removes this fear by revealing to Moses the divine name, a name that expresses God's eternal existence. The people must know that the same God known to their fathers is now sending Moses to deliver them. God blessed Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, patiently encouraging them to move beyond their fears and to trust in God's love for them.

This invitation to faith has always been God's purpose and will remain so "for all generations."

This Gospel is a clear and forceful call to repentance. Jesus offers two examples of tragic suffering that some might want to connect with God's justice. However, Jesus does not move in that direction. Mass murders and tragic accidents in which innocent people are killed always raise questions about how God's justice works and why these things happen. It is easy to point to tragic events and see evidence of human sinfulness. But what about human sinfulness when there are no tragic events to point to? The point Jesus is making is that all humans are in need of repentance. God's judgment ultimately will include all people. No one will be exempt.

Jesus connects a parable of a fruitless fig tree to his call for repentance. In a way, this parable changes the tone of the whole Gospel passage. In the parable, there is a fig tree that has consistently failed to produce fruit. The tree has been given the traditional three-year period usually required for fig trees to bear fruit, but this tree has remained barren. The conclusion is reasonable. Cut it down since it is consuming resources and yielding nothing. Oddly enough, the gardener pleads with the owner to allow for one more year of grace, saying, "It may bear fruit in the future." That is a rather tenuous outlook. The point of the parable is that *grace overrides judgment*.

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### 3rd Sun. of Lent—Sun. Feb. 28th

**EITHER First Scrutiny – The Third Sunday of Lent – 28 February 2016 ] We should be thirsty.** Sin and sadness, unkindness and isolation dry us out, parch our insides, make us thirsty. We thirst for something more than no one of us alone can provide. We thirst for the One who alone slakes our real thirst. Just like the Woman at the Well, we stand next to Jesus who knows us better than we know ourselves. We stand next to Christ the Lord who stands with us. In our thirst for life, we find resurrected life in him. What dries out my life of faith? What will I "drink" to give me life? How can this Blood of Christ I drink in Communion sustain me? **OR Third Sunday of Lent, Year C – 28 February 2016 ] I AM. You are. We are.** Our ancestors in faith, the good people of Israel, have a name for God that is never spoken. They see YHWH and say instead "The Lord". That same Lord met Moses – in the desert, no less – looking like fire flaming out of a bush that was not consumed and introduced himself as "I AM". What a name! The name for an unburned bush. The name of the One who witnesses affliction. The name for the God who hears, who knows, and who saves. Saves them. Saves me. Saves us. Let us spend some focused time with I AM this Holy Year in this cherished Lent. Let us look for those in need; let us say, "You are known and loved by God. Let me \_\_\_\_\_." Let us admit that we are loved as well by I AM.

### Lenten Stations of the Cross

Fr. Mar. 4, 2016 OLOL 5:30 pm 7:00 pm St. Elizabeth  
Fri. Mar. 11, 2016 OLOL 5:30 pm 7:00 pm St. Elizabeth  
Fri. Mar. 18, 2016 OLOL 5:30 pm 7:00 pm St. Elizabeth  
Fri. Mar. 25, 2016 OLOL 5:30 pm 7:00 pm St. Elizabeth

### Upcoming Church Council Meetings

**St. Elizabeth-Buildings & Ground Meeting** on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm. **St. Elizabeth-Finance Meeting** on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm. There will be a **Pastoral Council Meeting** on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes for St. Elizabeth.

### Little Boy Movie Night

A big thanks to all who came out to see the movie Little Boy Sun. Feb. 21st. We had about 33 in attendance.

### FOCCUS Training

The diocese is going to host a FOCCUS training for marriage prep at St. Anthony Church Parish Center on **Sat. Mar. 5, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided. If your parish has any couples that would like to be trained as FOCCUS facilitators, please call Sara at St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass





## Last Fish Fry Date

Fri. Mar. 4th from 4-7 pm at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.




## 24 Hours for the Lord

**24 Hours for the Lord.** Pope Francis has set aside for this second year a two-day span in the heart of Lent to focus on the manifold presence of Christ the Lord in our midst. Go to your parish church some time during **Friday-Saturday, 4-5 March 2016** to think and pray. Note that the first day is both a First Friday and the World Day of Prayer. If the church is not open, find another good place. Make it holy by your desire and your prayer.

## Small Flock Chicken Care

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host Small Flock Chicken Care, from **1 to 5 p.m., on Saturday, March 5.** Participants will learn how to keep and care for a small flock of chickens. Topics include basic chicken physiology, shelter needs, feeding and more. Cost is \$25. Register online at [Events.WhiteViolet.org](http://Events.WhiteViolet.org) or by calling 812-535-2932 or emailing [rmorton@spsmw.org](mailto:rmorton@spsmw.org).

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

 **The CRS Collection funds** the core mission of Catholic Relief Services & five other Catholic agencies that give aid to struggling, poor, & underrepresented families at home & abroad. With the support of the Collection, these six organizations collectively help more than 100 million people-providing humanitarian aid & disaster relief, resettling displaced individuals & families, & advocating on behalf of those in need around the world. In so many ways, the CRS Collection allows us to bring Christ's love and respect to all people.

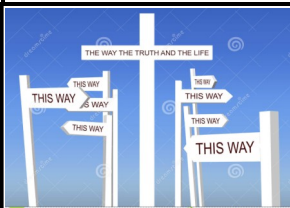
Collection **Sun. Mar. 6, 2016.**

## Protecting God's Children Class



There will be a Protecting God's Children Class at the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall on **Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** Please see Courtney Ferris if you are need of this class.

## Way of the Cross for Justice



Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the annual Way of the Cross for Justice event, scheduled for **10 to 11 a.m., on Friday, March 25,** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Spend

an hour recalling Jesus' road to the cross and unite it with the justice struggles of today. There is no cost to attend, but freewill offerings will be accepted. Freewill offerings will support justice efforts in the Wabash Valley. For more information, call 812-535-2952 or email [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org).

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **St. Elizabeth**  
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00  
\$18,360.00 paid out of \$19,245.00 pledged amount. Balance \$885.00 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  
\$1,905.00 paid out of \$2,220.00 pledged amount.  
\$315.00 balance of the pledged amt. Updated 02-17-2016

## 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 Sunday, February 21, 2016**

Envelopes \$1,918.00 Loose \$262.85

Caritas \$20.00 CCW \$110.00 Rice Bowl \$100.00

Online 1 @ \$55.00 Catholic Charities \$475.63 Easter

Flowers \$75.00 **Total Deposit \$3,016.48**

### Our Lady of Lourdes

**Week ending Sunday, February 21, 2016**

Env. \$635.00 Catholic Camp. Human Dev. \$20.00

Loose \$45.00 Caritas \$15.00 Rice Bowl \$20.00

Catholic Charities \$102.00

**Total Deposit: \$837.00 Thank You. God bless you.**

## Lenten & Easter Special Services

**Wed. Mar. 16, 2016-5:30 pm** OLOL Parish Reconciliation

**Sat. Mar. 19, 2016 Palm Sun. Vigil 3:00 pm -4:00 pm**

Reconciliation & 4:30 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth

**Sun. Mar. 20, 2016-Palm Sun. 7:30 & 10:30 am** St. Elizabeth & 9:00 am OLOL

**Tues. Mar. 22, 2016-Tuesday of Holy Week-No Morning Mass**  
ChrisM Mass at Springfield, IL.

**Wed. Mar. 23, 2016-11:00 am Mass** St. Elizabeth  
Reconciliation to follow **6:00 pm-St. Elizabeth Reconciliation**

**Thurs. Mar.24, 2016-Thurs. of Holy Week**  
**7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Elizabeth**  
**Adoration until 10:00 pm**

**Friday, Mar. 25, 2016-Good Friday 10:00 am** Server Practice  
St. Elizabeth 1:30 pm Stations OLOL Reconciliation to follow  
& 3:00 pm Stations St. Elizabeth 6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy  
for all at St. Elizabeth, Reconciliation to follow

**Sat. Mar. 26, 2016-Holy Saturday 10:00 am** server practice at  
St. Elizabeth. No scheduled Reconciliation.

**8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass** at St. Elizabeth  
**Sun. Mar. 27, 2016-Easter Services 7:30 am** St.  
Elizabeth 9:00 am OLOL 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

