



The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep
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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

January 24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Lord Brings Good News
to the Broken Hearted*



Isaiah 61:1 NIV

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor. He has sent
me to proclaim liberty to the captives &
recovery of sight to the blind, to let the
oppressed go free & to proclaim a year
acceptable to the Lord.” Luke 4:18-19

The New American Bible



Mass Intentions

Jan.23	4:30 pm	Kara Hartrich by Anonymous
Jan.24	7:30 am	Joe & Carol Hepner by Parkhurst Family
	9:00 am	Mildred Hinterscher by Bill Hinterscher Family
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
Jan.25		NO MASS
Jan.26	12:05pm	Michael & Judy Smolinski by Mike & Jona Uptmor
Jan.27	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Tom Huss
Jan.28	7:30 am	Jennifer Diane Rich by Tom Huss
Jan.29	7:30 am	Thanksgiving by Anonymous
Jan.30	4:30 pm	Charles Loren Myers, SR. & Charles Loren Myers, JR. by Katrena Burton
Jan.31	7:30 am	Mike Smolinski by Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	Mildred Hinterscher by Richard & Anita Kocher
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

January 30-31, 2016

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower
	COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Ginger Osborne, Jack Stanley
	SERVERS: Jeff Hermann Ty Mullins
	GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher
	USHERS: Matthew Jenkins, David Jenkins
	COMMUNION MIN: James & Shari Eckert, Kathy Harris
	SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert
	GIFTS: Dave Holscher Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Val Pescatore
	USHERS: Ron & Ethel Dhom
	COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping
	SERVERS: Kayla Matson
	GIFTS: Jim Ping Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Roselene Quick
	USHERS: Ken Deters, Karen Free
	COMMUNION MIN: Matt Hartrich, Patti Buercklin, Carol Wong,
	SERVERS: David Staller, Joe Quick, *Gerardo Rios
	GIFTS: George & Jane Bohman
Collection Counters: <i>January, 2016 Don Brown, Kaye Holscher, Carol Zellars</i>	

Weather Policy

Please be sure to listen to WTAY-WYTE for Mass closings due to adverse weather.



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, Zachariah Waxler, Shari Weber, Bill Wilson and all the men & women



PSR

PSR Wed. Jan. 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Thank You



A big thanks to Don Brown & Kenny Bergbower for shoveling snow around the Church.

Pre-Jordan

There will be a Pre-Jordan class on **Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 3:00 pm** at the Parish Center. Please contact Courtney Ferris for more information.

Men's Fellowship Night

We will be having a meeting of the Men's Fellowship Group on **Mon. Jan. 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. We will be playing cards & discussing the future plans of the group. Please bring a snack to share.

Confirmation

We will have confirmation on **Sun. Jan. 31, 2016 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm** at the Parish Center.

Our Sympathies



Our sympathies to the family of Catherine Keolker, (grandmother of Roger Kocher & aunt of Geri Ezell). Catherine passed away on Sun. Jan. 10, 2016.

Also, our sympathies to Dennis & Laurie Jenkins at the passing of Jim Jenkins (father of Dennis). Jim passed away on

Sun. Jan. 17, 2016. He was 64 years young. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

After the return from Babylon, a key question for God's people was how they could avoid experiencing an exile from their homeland ever again. In this reading, Ezra and Nehemiah have the answer. These two leaders were appointed by the grace of God to guide the people through the challenges they faced in rebuilding their homeland.

The reading begins with all the preparations for a dramatic reading from the law of Moses. This law must be the foundation for their future. Nehemiah will later oversee the reconstruction of the walls of the city of Jerusalem. But those walls will never be enough if the people do not have God's law in their hearts. All the people gather in an open plaza leading to the Water Gate. The name is appropriate since only God's law will satisfy their spiritual thirst. With the scroll in hand, Ezra ascends the steps of a platform erected for the occasion. When Ezra opens the scroll, all the people show their respect by rising to their feet and then answering Ezra's blessing with a resounding "Amen."

The message of the Torah moves the people to tears. As they hear example after example of God's love for them, they are reminded of their own infidelity to the covenant. As Moses had warned long before, failure to remain loyal to the covenant would lead to exile from the Promised Land. The congregation standing before Ezra and Nehemiah know this only

too well. But these two leaders see much promise in the reverent response from the congregation. They urge the people to celebrate their renewed bond with the God of Israel.

Today's Gospel is a combination of two separate passages from Lk. It begins with the prologue to the Gospel, something that is unique to Lk (1:1-4). From here, the text moves to the scene where Jesus is rejected by his hometown of Nazareth (Lk 4:14-21). This jump from chapter one to chapter four is not as odd as it might seem. The episode of Jesus being rejected by his hometown of Nazareth is actually the programmatic text for Lk's Gospel. This means that it sets out the mission of the entire Gospel as it inaugurates the earthly ministry of Jesus.

No other Gospel has a prologue telling the reader what the author is going to do and why he is doing it. The author informs the reader/hearer that he is using credible sources, he has done his homework, and he intends to present in narrative form an accurate account of the gospel. The recipient of this work is a person named Theophilus (friend of God), who was probably a real person and a recent convert to Christianity. Lk wants Theophilus to have an authentic gospel narrative to support the teaching he has thus far been given.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 24th

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24 January 2016] **Picture this.** The whole town is gathered at the public square. Standing. Listening. The terms of the covenant – the loyal relationship between God and the People of God – is read aloud. Each of us is in that crowd. Each of us is part of that body. And no part of that body is unimportant – for we are the Body of Christ.

Who in this Body has nothing prepared and needs festive food and drink? Who in this Body is captive and needs to be unbound? Who in this Body is poor and needs glad tidings, Good News?



Church in Latin America Collection



Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage & family life projects, seminarian education, & many other necessary programs in Latin America & the Caribbean. By funding these programs, the support you give today, will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America & be generous in today's collection.

XLT-Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bethalto

XLT - Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bethalto is hosting a night of fellowship, praise and adoration on **Thurs. Jan. 28 starting at 6:00 PM.** XLT (pronounced "exalt") includes interactive games and time to get serious about worship as we listen to a motivational talk that will challenge everyone in our faith followed by Adoration with music provided by Karl Zimmerman. Reconciliation will be available during the Holy Hour as well. Our Lady Queen of Peace is at 132 Butcher. Call Norm Frisch at (618) 377-9373, or (618) 363-3020 for all the details!

Retrouvaille of St. Louis

The next program begins the weekend of **Jan. 29-31, 2016.**

A Night In Venice

Catholic Charities Benefit Dinner Dance 2016 on **Sat. Jan. 30, 2016.** See inside Church bulletin board for details.

Special Thank-You



Ron Dhom would like to thank everyone for their prayers during his triple bypass & his recovery. Your well wishes & prayers were greatly appreciated.

Free Aquinas Institute Lecture

Free Aquinas Institute Lecture with Fr. Michael Joncas. He will give this 33rd annual lecture, "Sing to the Lord. Announce his Salvation: Music, Preaching & Worship" on **Sun. 31 Jan. 2016 at 3:00 PM.** St. Francis Xavier College Church Ballroom. Free and open to the public. Complimentary parking in the Laclede Garage by St. Louis University, St. Louis MO. Use this direct link: <http://www.ai.edu/outreach/community-programs.aspx> for poster and other outreach information for Aquinas Institute of

Living in Love—Retreat Weekend

Living in Love-Retreat Weekend-provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect. Designed to energize romance. **Jan. 30-31, 2016** at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Retreat Center, Springfield, Illinois. The cost is \$150.00 per couple. Scholarships are available. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night. RSVP or 217-321-1139. For more information or to register online, please go to www.dio.org/familylife/events.

Mardi Gras 2016



The 15th Annual Crawford County Catholic Mardi Gras will be on **Fri. Feb. 5, 2016** at Quail Creek Country Club. Party tickets are \$25 and include dinner. Starts at 6:00 pm & dinner will be at 6:30 pm. Big Divvy tickets are also being sold & are available in the Parish Center or thru any Mardi Gras committee member. Big Divvy tickets are \$25 & first prize is

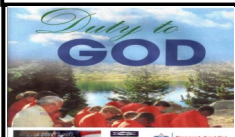
Fish Fry Dates



Fri. Feb. 19th from 4-7pm
Fri. Feb. 26th from 4-7 pm
Fri. Mar. 4th from 4-7 pm at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.

If you would be interested in helping with the fish fry, please sign up to do so. Forms are available at the front of the Church and/or the Parish Hall.

Duty to God



Religious awards for members of Boy Scouts of America & Girl Scouts USA are available through the Catholic on Scouting! Scouts of all ages can work on requirements for patches, emblems and recognitions of all kinds. Info. about these awards and the Catholic Committee on Scouting is available at www.scouts.dio.org, or call Kyle Holtgrave at 217-698-8500, ext. 154.

Luke 18 Retreat



St. Jerome in Troy is hosting a Luke 18 Retreat. The dates are **Feb. 12-14, 2016**. The registration forms will be on St. Jerome's website (stjeromeparish.org) or you can email Brenda Neumann at bneumann@stjeromeparish.org & she will send you the form(s). For more information about Luke 18, please contact Brenda Neumann, Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Troy, IL. at 618-975-9319.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **St. Elizabeth**
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$17,215.00 paid out of \$18,745.00 pledged amount.
Balance \$1,530.00 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
\$1,780.00 paid out of \$2,220.00 pledged amount.
\$440.00 balance of the pledged amt.
Updated 01-13-2016

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 January 17, 2016

Envelopes \$ 3,344.00 Loose \$267.90

Catholic Times \$105.00 First Offering \$20.00

Building Fund \$25.00 Caritas \$65.00

Total Deposit \$3,826.90

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending January 17, 2016

Total Deposit: \$842.00

Thank You. May God bless you.



Give Central

To make an online donation to St. Elizabeth, you can go to Church website www.crawfordcountycatholics.com and click on donate. All monies are donated to St. Elizabeth and you can click on what donation you wish to contribute to.

St. Valentine's At The Villa



St. Valentine's At the Villa: Why not celebrate the joy and humor of Christian married love with your sweetheart this St. Valentine's Day? **Sun. Feb. 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** Dinner, Drinks and Entertainment \$50.00 per couple. Entertainment provided by comedian C.J. Harlow. Open to all married, engaged and dating couples. Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712 - For registration visit- <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>