



# 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.

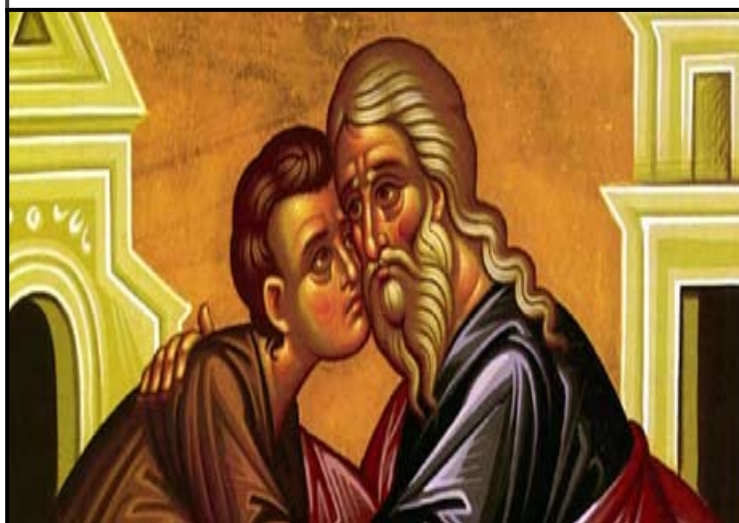
#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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  
March 6, 2016  
Fourth Sun. of Lent



He was lost  
and has been  
found.

Luke 16:32



## Mass Intentions

Mar.5	4:30 pm	Julie Maloy
Mar.6	7:00 am	by George & Jane Bohman Mike & Judy Smolinski by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	Juozapo Aidt & Gerry Davis by Francis & Anne Schalasky
Mar.7	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy NO MASS
Mar.8	7:30 am	NO MASS—Communion Service
Mar.9	7:30 am	NO MASS-Communion Service
Mar.10	7:30 am	Michael Ndeaneafu by Fr. Aloy
Mar.11	7:30 am	Paul Wagner by Carol Wong
Mar.12	4:30 pm	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
Mar.13	7:30 am	Judy Smolinski by Chad Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	Lloyd Shook from OLOL Ladies Group
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



## Ministry Schedule

### March 12-13, 2016

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Karen Sanders USHERS: Dennis Carroll, Mike Dorn COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marilyn Stanley, Ginger Osborne SERVERS: Xavier Brown, Jeff Hermann GIFTS: Mullins Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Terry Roche USHERS: Stewart Schutte, Carol Zellars COMMUNION MIN: Jona Uptmor, Mike Dorn, Shari Eckert SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Samuel Eckert GIFTS: Eckert Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Stacie Matson USHERS: Richard & Anita Kocher COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman SERVERS: George Schalasky GIFTS: Keith Matson Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Josh Quick USHERS: John Grimm, Ed Reis COMMUNION MIN: Carol Wong, Roselene Quick, Patti Buercklin SERVERS: Emily Heidorn, +Isabel Heidorn+, +Gerardo Rios+ GIFTS: Chad Veenstra

Collection Counters: *March, 2016*

*Kay Pescatore, Ellen Rees, Karen Reinoehl*



## 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. 9, 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.



## Lenten Regulations

1. **Abstinence**-Everyone 14 yrs. Of age & over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wed. & all Fridays of Lent. 2. **FAST**-Everyone 18 yrs. Of age & under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wed. & Good Fri. On these two days of fast & abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two days should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk & fruit juices are allowed. 3. **To disregard completely the law of fast & abstinence is seriously sinful.**



## 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.

## Annual Catholic Service Appeal Need

There is a balance of \$1,306.00 to meet the need for St. Elizabeth & \$968.00 to meet the need for OLOL.

## Mass Time Changes

There will be no 12:05 pm Mass on Tues. Mar. 8, 2016 but Communion Service instead and also Communion Serv. On Wed. Mar. 9.

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

After 40 years of wandering in the desert, the people of Israel have finally crossed the Jordan River and entered the promised land. No Israelite born during those years in the desert had been circumcised. So God orders all of them to undergo this ritual now that they are safe in their ancestral land where Abraham, too, was circumcised.

After the ritual, God announces the reproach of Egypt has been removed. In other words, the allure of Egypt is now gone. The attraction that it had on so many generations of Israelites, including the patriarchs, should now be forgotten. Egypt represented a world that could offer God's people everything and nothing. It could satisfy them with earthly things, but it could never satisfy their spiritual needs. Only God can do that.

Now God's people are in the promised land where their physical and spiritual needs will be met. To mark the end of their journey from oppression to freedom, the people celebrate the Passover. They had not done so since their departure from Mt. Sinai 40 years earlier (Nm 9). But it is appropriate to do so now to help them remember all that they left behind when they escaped from the land of Pharaoh. They no longer need the manna that nourished them all along the journey. Now they enjoy the produce of the land of Canaan. At present, since they have only just arrived, their food is unleavened cakes and parched grains.

But in due time, they will enjoy all the goods available in the land of "milk and honey."

The emphasis throughout the entire story really focuses on the extreme behavior of the father, who is committed to doing whatever it takes to get his sons back. He will bend, reshape, or even break the customs of responsible parenthood according to practices based on honor and shame. He loves his sons deeply and will do whatever it takes to get them back. This story is about God's love—not human propriety.

The younger son character is well known. He is frequently referred to as the "prodigal son" even though the word "prodigal" does not occur anywhere in the NT. He is certainly lost, and his series of consistent irresponsible actions should have elicited a total shunning from his father. The only reason the son returns home is that otherwise he will die from lack of sustenance. He never actually repents. All he does is state his plan for returning home, realizing that it probably will not work. His father's outrageous actions begin even before the son arrives home. Shamefully, the father runs to greet his son and then commences to treat him like a king, complete with fine robe, ring, sandals, and fatted calf. The father never mentions repentance, and the son gets no opportunity to offer any. The son is home; let the party begin. Excerpts from "Sunday Homily Helps", is used by permission of Franciscan Media. [www.FranciscanMedia.org](http://www.FranciscanMedia.org). ©2016. All rights reserved

## Catholic Relief Services Collection



The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports 6 Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, & Christ's love & respect to all people. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt.25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers & sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer unjust laws, & those who need pastoral care & humanitarian assistance across the globe. Thru supporting today's collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Thank you.

## Upcoming Church Council Meetings

There will be a **Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes for both Parishes.**  
**Stewardship Meeting for St. Elizabeth on Thurs. Mar. 10, 2016 at the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm.**  
**Stewardship Meeting for Our Lady of Lourdes at 6:00 pm on Thurs. Mar. 17, 2016 at OLOL Parish Hall.**  
**Finance Meeting for St. Elizabeth - There will be a Finance Meeting for St. Elizabeth on Thurs. Apr. 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Hall.**

## Our Sympathies



Don Calvert passed away on **Thurs. Feb. 25, 2016.** He was 85 years of age.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

## Beautiful Mercy Book Discussion



The "Beautiful Mercy" book discussion will meet on **03/08/2016 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

## Lenten Stations of the Cross

**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**

## Protecting God's Children Class



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



Confirmation Class will be held on **Sun. Mar. 13, 2016 from 6-8 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Confirmation students are expected to attend Parish Reconciliation on **Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** at St. Elizabeth. Confirmation Interviews will be held on **Apr.3, 2016 from 6-8 p.m.** in Parish Center.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



## Holy Week Retreat

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the upcoming Holy Week Retreat. The event will take place from **7 p.m., Fri. Mar. 18, to 1:30 p.m., Sun. Mar. 20**, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The retreat will offer a time to reflect on the Good Friday liturgy, and will conclude with the Liturgy of Palm Sunday, followed by brunch at the O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall. Cost is \$200, which includes meals and lodging. Register online at [Events.SistersofProvidence.org](http://Events.SistersofProvidence.org) or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org)

## Holy Thursday—Thurs. Mar. 24, 2016

**Why does the priest wash feet** of boys and girls, women and men on Holy Thursday? That in imitating Jesus' humble service, we remind ourselves today to be like him. No task is unworthy, no service is beneath the dignity of the Christian. This **mandatum**, this **command** to act in love is in our baptismal DNA. We carry this action further this night. The Mass rubrics (rules) remind us that the entire collection taken during the Evening Mass is given to the poor. This **mandatum** and collection prepares us for the **meal** of the Lord.



## 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).

## Timothy Retreat

**Timothy Retreat** - A Timothy Retreat will take place at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman, Illinois on **Friday, April 22 from 7 pm start through Saturday, April 23 at SJV's 5 pm** mass. A Timothy Retreat is a junior high retreat presented by high school and college students. It is a sleepover at the SJV Activity Center. Kids should bring toiletries and a sleeping bag, etc. Kids are fed breakfast and lunch. Snacks are shared. A t-shirt is given to each participant. \$25 covers the cost of the t-shirt, meals, and supplies. For more information, contact SJV Youth Coordinator John Barrett at 496-2452 or email [jnkab@hotmail.com](mailto:jnkab@hotmail.com).



## Give Central



To make an online donation to St. Elizabeth, you can go to the Church website

[www.crawfordcountycatholics.com](http://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.

## 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 28, 2016**

Envelopes \$2,137.00 Loose \$263.09

Caritas \$100.00 CCW \$305.00 Rice Bowl \$10.00

Online 1 @ \$55.00 Catholic Charities \$250.00 Easter

Flowers \$559.00 Building Fund \$10.00

**Total Deposit \$3,689.09**

### Our Lady of Lourdes

**Week ending Sunday, February 28, 2016**

Env. \$520.00 Loose \$29.00 Rice Bowl \$70.00

Easter Flowers \$270.00

**Total Deposit: \$889.00 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

