



# The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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#### PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep  
Youth and Religious Education Coordinator: Courtney Ferris  
Parish Outreach: Eileen Hartrich  
Custodial Care: Marilyn Stanley for St. Elizabeth  
Custodial Care: Rita Wirey for Our Lady of Lourdes  
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/

March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent



“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

John 12:20-33



## Mass Intentions

Mar. 21	4:30 pm	Florence Huss by Dave & Kaye Holscher
Mar. 22	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Ray Halter, Chris Evans, and Carol Waters
	9:00 am	For All Parishioners by Fr. Aloy
Mar. 23	10:30 am	Ed Halter by Mike & Susan Emmerich NO MASS
Mar. 24	12:05 pm	Ed Halter by Mike & Susan Emmerich
Mar. 25	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Geri & Steve Ezell
Mar. 26	7:30 am	Mrs. Jean Loy by Anne Loy
Mar. 27	7:30 am	Joe Stein by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 28	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Ed & Linda Reis
Mar. 29	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Tom Huss
	9:00 am	For All Parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	10:30 am	In Thanksgiving for all People who helped out with Mardi Gras & Big Divy to make it a big success



## Ministry Schedule

*March 28-29 2015*

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White, Karen Sanders USHERS: Jack & Marilyn Stanley COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders, Ginger Osborne, Mike Dorn SERVERS: Ty Mullins, Abby Mullins GIFTS: Mullins Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Shari Eckert, Mike Uptmor USHERS: Kathy Harris, Carol Zellars COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Joe Hepner, Jim Eckert SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert GIFTS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman USHERS: Ron & Ethel Dhom COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson SERVERS: George Schalasky GIFTS: Fitzmaurice Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Patti Buercklin, Sunny Veenstra USHERS: Roselene Quick, Sam Quick COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Eileen Hartrich, Matt Hartrich SERVERS: Logan Sexton, Levi Dickerson GIFTS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

*St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for March  
Alan Maddox, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka*

Please attend weekly Mass

## Prayer Requests

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

## Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

**PSR Wed. Mar. 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

**Kids in grades 3-8 are expected to attend reconciliation.**  
Classes will begin at 6:30 and teachers will take the students to the church.

**Tee shirt orders have been extended through Friday, March 27.** Please contact Courtney Ferris to place an order.

**The Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt** will be **Sat. Mar. 29** from 2:00 pm -3:00 pm. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at OLOL. Donations of candy are now being accepted.

**Rice Bowls for "Operation Rice Bowl"** will be collected until April 1.

## An Irish Blessing



# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

Jeremiah's mission was to reshape the people of Israel into something beautiful for God. In the first chapter of the book we learn that God shaped Jeremiah in the womb for his important work. If only Jeremiah's words could form the people to do God's work too. But like clay unresponsive to the hands of a potter, the people of Israel remained unresponsive to the word of God. Such resistance makes this reading so refreshing. It remains one of the most celebrated prophetic oracles in the Bible and appears prominently in the Letters to the Hebrews (8:8-12).

Jeremiah alone in the Old Testament uses the expression "new covenant." What makes this covenant new is not its content because God still speaks of "my law" in this reading. The newness of this covenant refers to the place where it can be found. The old covenant was associated with commandments written in stone. The people had to match up to standards that were outside of them. But in this reading God sets the standard within the very core of each person.

God's forgiveness will be the driving force of this new covenant. The people will be so moved by God's compassion that they will find the motivation within themselves to be loyal to God. Such devotion to God will come naturally to them; it will no longer have to rely on

the teaching of externals to which people must conform. One dramatic display of this divine grace was the restoration of the people after the Babylonian Exile.

This passage is part of the final section of John 12 which concludes the first half of the Gospel, referred to as "the book of signs." It begins with the arrival of some Greeks who are interested in seeing Jesus. When Andrew and Philip tell Jesus about this he responds by declaring that the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. In a way this fulfills what the Pharisees predicted in Jn 12:19. "Look, the whole world has gone after him." This points to the promise of universal salvation and the beginning of a new age. This will be fulfilled shortly in a dramatic way when Jesus is crucified thus fulfilling his "hour."

The remainder of the passage contains selected teachings regarding the meaning of Jesus' death and the urgency of his hour which always refers to the moment of his death, exaltation, and glorification all together. His first teaching focuses on the process seeds undergo from planting to harvest. Once planted it was understood that the seed must then die in order for it to produce fruit. This is what must happen to Jesus. His death will bring new life and produce abundant fruit which is a reference to the community of faith.

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### Lenten Stations of the Cross

St. Elizabeth

Our Lady of Lourdes

3:00 pm Fri. Apr. 3,

1:30 pm Fri. Apr. 3, 2015

### Successful Fish Fry 2015

Fish Fry 2015 was a huge success thanks to the volunteers, patrons and our community. This is a fund raiser for our church as well as an opportunity for parish members to work together. Thank you to those we see working and those who are behind the scenes. All contributions are appreciated. Looking forward to next year's Friday Fish Fry!!



### Prayers

Please keep Lon Estep, husband of Halena Estep, St. Elizabeth church secretary, in your prayers. Lon has suffered some health issues and has been hospitalized. May God bless them both.

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased the Beef House rolls, apple butter, and strawberry jam. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the youth group trip to see Pope Francis this September. We truly appreciate your support of this endeavor. The orders will be delivered in time for Easter.

### Parish Reconciliation/Confession

#### St. Elizabeth Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Reconciliation

Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

### Holy Week Schedule & Ministry

Please see the sign up sheets in the back of the church to sign up for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday mass ministry. Thank you so much!

#### 4/2/15 ~ Thursday of Holy Week

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Elizabeth  
Adoration until 10:00 pm

#### 4/3/15 ~ Good Friday

10:00 am - Server Practice for Good Friday Services at St. Elizabeth  
1:30 pm - Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes  
Reconciliation to follow  
3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth  
6:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy for all at St. Elizabeth  
Reconciliation to follow

#### 4/4/15 ~ Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday

10:00 am - Server Practice at St. Elizabeth  
*No Scheduled Reconciliation*  
11:00 am - RCIA Rites/Practice at St. Elizabeth  
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass



## Chrism Mass

The Annual Chrism Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 31, 2015 at 6:30 PM**. At this Mass, three Holy Oils are blessed for use throughout the next 12 months. **Oil of Catechumens** is used to strengthen by prayer the RCIA candidates in formation. **Oil of the Sick** is used to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sweet smelling **Sacred Chrism**, which takes its name from Christ himself, is used in Baptism and Confirmation and Ordination.

## Operation Rice Bowl Collection

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for Operation Rice Bowl will take up their collection on **Easter Sun. Apr. 5th**. This collection helps those in Africa during the Lenten Season. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

## 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.**

## Mom's Group

Mom's Group moved to Friday's 9:00 am-10:30 am.

## Youth Pilgrimage

Included in March's offertory envelopes you will see a grey envelope marked "**Youth Pilgrimage**." Over the next few weeks, there will be students speaking at all the masses to inform the Parishes of the details of our trip to see Pope Francis. This is an **optional** offering.

## 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, March 15, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$2424.50

Loose Offering ~ \$505.15

Caritas ~ \$55.00

Building Fund ~ \$40.00

Catholic Relief Services ~ \$855.00

Easter Flowers ~ \$75.00

Ash Wednesday ~ \$20.00

1st Offering ~ \$25.00

Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$375.00

Total Offering ~ \$4374.65

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday, March 15, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$660.00

Loose Offering ~ \$133.00

Catholic Relief Services ~ \$85.00

Operation Rice Bowl ~ \$10.00

Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$55.00

Total Offering ~ \$943.00

**Thank you for your generous offering.  
May God bless each and every one of you.**