



The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep
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Custodial Care: Rita Wirey, Our Lady of Lourdes
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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, May 17, 2015 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking in the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Acts 1:11



Mass Intentions

May 16	4:30 pm	Annette Barszcz by Patricia Janezich Dennis & Talbot
May 17	7:30 am	Betty Uptmor by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	Ben & Evelyn Huber by Patricia Dunlap
	10:30 am	Marcella Butte by Chad & Chris Arkenberg
May 18		NO MASS
May 19	12:05 pm	Harry Wong by Steve & Janet Jenkins
May 20	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Steve & Janet Jenkins
May 21	7:30 am	Don Rees by Ellen Rees
May 22	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Rebecca Roth Nightingale
May 23	4:30 pm	Favorable Weather
May 24	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Michael Kirts by Henry, Vera & Ann Kirts
	10:30 am	Harry Wong by Steve & Geri Ezell

Ministry Schedule

May 23-24, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR:	Karen Sanders
	USHERS:	Ken & Carol Bergbower
	COMMUNION MIN:	Linda Reis, Celeste White, Mike Dorn
	SERVERS:	Xavier Brown, Ty Mullins
	GIFTS:	Baird Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	Dave Holscher
	USHERS:	Kathy Harris, Carol Zellars
	COMMUNION MIN:	Jona Uptmor, Kathy Harris, Eileen Hartrich
	SERVERS:	David Jenkins, Matthew Jenkins
	GIFTS:	Laure Jenkins Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR:	Lori Davis
	USHERS:	Richard & Anita Kocher
	COMMUNION MIN:	Nancy Ping, Jim Ping
	SERVERS:	J. Hermann
	GIFTS:	Davis Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	Katie Zdanowski
	USHERS:	Ron & Janet Mitchell
	COMMUNION MIN:	Carol Wong, April & Sean Sexton
	SERVERS:	Shara Coffman, Jerika Coffman
	GIFTS:	Justin & Rachelle Tuel

St. Elizabeth Collection Counters

May: Kay Pescatore, Kaye Holscher, Carol Zellars

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Bobbie Cheesman, Amie Cornwell, Ben Curtis, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Lon Estep, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Daniel Hatfield, Judy Hester, Mildred Hinterscher, Jared Holmes, Nancy Huber, Charlie Hryniewicz, George Inboden, Ira Inboden, Kevin Kirk, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Rev. Dennis Kollross, Emma Kocher, Cindy Lewis, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Chuck Reinoehl, Angie Rhoten, Mary Rogers, Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs, Judy Smolinski, Lorraine Snerecky, John Stedelin, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Mike & Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Linda Stewart, Cherie Stewart, Bertha Taylor, Mark Wagner, Becky VanSchoyck, Ginny Varner, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

The Annual PSR Bash was a huge success. This year's party was held at Solomon's Island Family Adventures and there were 47 students in attendance. They were treated to two hours of unlimited bouncing, pizza, cupcakes and pop by Father Aloy. Unfortunately, we couldn't get them to stand still long enough to get a group photo, but that must mean that they had a wonderful time.

Don't forget to reserve your tickets for Legopalooza 2015. This Lego themed fun-raiser will be held on May 30, 2015 from 9 am—12 pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$10.00 per child and accompanying adults are free. Contact Courtney Ferris for more information.

Annual Graduation Mass

The annual "**Graduation Mass**" to honor all high school seniors will take place on **May 24, 2015** during the **10:30 am** Mass at St. Elizabeth. If you have a child that is graduating from high school this year, please contact the Parish Center to add his or her name to the list of those being honored.

Publishing Diocesan Policies in your Bulletins

Each year the USCCB asks us to publish the Policy on Sexual Abuse of Minors by Church Personnel & the Policy on Working with Minors. This year, Our Diocese is asking parishes to publish a reference in their bulletins encouraging volunteers & employees to review the policies found on the diocesan website at www.dio.org/safeenvironment/policies.

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

As he begins his second work, Luke emphasizes the careful preparation the risen Lord gives to the apostles. In the first place, he offers them “many proofs” of his victory over death. Secondly, he instructs them about the kingdom of God. Finally, he insists they remain in Jerusalem until they are baptized with the Holy Spirit, just as God the Father had promised.

Three times the Holy Spirit comes into prominence in this reading. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives instructions to the apostles. Later, they will be baptized by the Holy Spirit. And finally, Jesus announces they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. All this emphasis on the Spirit assures readers of God’s love for humanity. Luke’s purpose is to impress upon his readers the forward progression of God’s saving plan in spite of all the obstacles presented by a disbelieving world.

The reading also emphasizes the distinctive character of God’s kingdom. Despite the 40 days of instruction from the risen Lord, the apostles still struggle to grasp the true nature of the kingdom. They still cling to the notion that it will involve the restoration of Israel’s glory days as when David reigned. The Lord steers them away from such concerns. They must instead trust in the Father’s plan. In the meantime, they will be witnesses to the risen Lord from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. The

Lord’s ascent into heaven makes it clear they serve a kingdom that does not belong to this world. Two figures in white, reminiscent of the transfiguration, assure them Jesus will return in glory.

Our Gospel reading page is known as part of the longer ending of Mark and is most likely a second-century compendium of appearance stories based primarily on Lk 24 and Jn 20. While not actually a part of the original Gospel of Mark, it is still considered by the Church as both inspired and canonical. The liturgy is not interested in the critical scholarly aspects of the passage. It makes reference to the ascension of Jesus and that is the point of this solemnity.

The passage begins with a final post resurrection appearance of Jesus to his disciples wherein he commissions them for ministry. It is important to notice here the strong emphasis on universalism. The gospel is to be proclaimed to every creature throughout the whole world. It is not limited to any one group, nation, race, or religion. Salvation is now available to those who hear the gospel and believe in it. Reference is made to signs that will accompany belief. Some of these are known from the practices of the early Christian communities founded by Paul. These signs, however, were not actually required for membership in the Church.

Vigil for Life

St. Aloysius, Bishop Creek, will host the **May 18th** prayer Vigil for Life. Fr. Joe Carlos, pastor will be celebrant of the 6:30 pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. The 7:30 pm business meeting will be conducted in the Parish Center. Everyone is urged to join us in prayer for an end to abortion.



CCW Garage Sale

The Annual C.C.W. Garage Sale will be held this **Friday, May 22nd, 2015 at 8:00 am—4:00 pm & Saturday, May 23rd from 8:00 am—12 noon** at the Parish Hall. This is our major fundraiser as well as service to our community. We will accept items until **Thursday at Noon**. Items should be clean, in working condition or gently used. Everyone is welcome to come to the Garage Sale.

Retired Diocesan Priests Pentecost

Sun. May 24th, will be the collection for the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. This collection is to meet the immediate retirement & health care needs of our priests.

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.**

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on **Mon. May 25, 2015** for the Memorial Day Holiday. Re-open Tues. 26th.

The Church returns to Ordinary Time

The Church returns to Ordinary Time, the green vestment weeks, on Monday, 25 May 2015, the day after Pentecost Sunday. It lasts until the Saturday before Advent begins once again. It is “ordinary” not because it is common or boring. It is ordinary because it is “counted” (*ordinal*) time in which the whole mystery of Christ is gradually unfolded Sunday by Sunday and week by week. Most Sundays we explore Christ’s presence among us through the Gospel of Mark – except the “bread of life” interlude from John in August.

Father Son Holiness Adventure & Pilgrimage

Father Son Holiness Adventure and Pilgrimage - Want to meet Fr. Barron, go canoeing, go-carting, play laser-tag, learn about WWII fighter planes and eat at a Brazilian steakhouse? How about visit an apparition site of Our Lady or a chapel where many prayers for healing have been answered?

The registration deadline is **May 31, 2015**. Reserve your spot by going to: <http://dio.org/familylife/events.html> before all the seats are filled up!

Marriage Challenges? Retrouvaille

YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else there is **Retrouvaille**. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. **The next program begins weekend of Sept. 8-20, 2015.**

Fortnight for Freedom

Please mark your calendars and save the date to join Bishop Paprocki at the Springfield Capitol for a prayer service during the Fortnight for Freedom on **Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 12:00 noon.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland

Limited space is still available on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day in the summer of 2016. Details are online at: www.dio.org/youthministry/wyd or by contacting Kyle Holtgrave at 217-698-8500, ext. 154.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference will be on Sat. July 25, 2015. The Office of Catholic Charismatic Renewal has been working diligently to provide an inspiring experience for all who attend. The theme this year is *“In His Will is Our Peace.”* You may access information at www.ccr-cdop.org or call Angela Ham, Conference Administrator at (309) 210-2067.

2015 National Catholic Youth Conference

Plan now to be a part of the 2015 National Catholic Youth Conference! Thousands of teens from all over the country will be coming to Indianapolis on **November 19-21** for this year's event. Details on how to get involved with NCYC are available through the Office of the Catechesis, Ministry to Youth & Young Adults, <http://www.dio.org/youthministry/ncyc>.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2014 Parish Goals

St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is **\$22,520.00**
Amount pledged to date: **\$23,863.00**
Amount paid to date: **\$20,613.00**
Pledge balance: **\$3,250.00**

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: **\$2,110.00**
Pledge balance: **\$190.00**

Updated 04-15-2015

This information current as of 04-09-2015 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, May 10, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$2,477.00
Loose Offering ~ \$ 530.00
Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$ 119.00
Online ~ \$50.00
Mother's Day Envelopes ~ \$392.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal ~ \$20.00
Caritas ~ \$10.00
Nepal Earthquake ~ \$897.00
Total Offering ~ \$4,495.00

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday, May 10, 2015

Envelopes ~ \$395.00
Loose Offering ~ \$140.00
Caritas ~ \$5.00
Youth Pilgrimage ~ \$20.00
Operation Rice Bowl ~ \$20.00
Mother's Day ~ \$185.00
Nepal Earthquake ~ \$176.00
Total Offering ~ \$941.00

May God bless each and every one of you.

Mom's Group

Mom's Group meets on Friday's 9:00 am — 10:30 am