



# 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.

Sun. Nov. 15, 2015  
33rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



On Top: Braden Hatfield, Ella Jenkins, Emily Ferris, Owen Ferris, Micaela Vega, Lucas Aydt ~St. Elizabeth



On Bottom: Emma Davis, Cameron Davis ~ OLOL

All Saints Day November 1, 2015



## Mass Intentions

Nov. 14	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Dan & Heather Schlaepfi
Nov. 15	7:30 am	Mike Smolinski by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	Paul Harris by the Davis Family
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
Nov. 16		NO MASS
Nov. 17	12 :05pm	Mike Smolinski By Steve & Geri Ezell
Nov. 18	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Anonymous
Nov. 19	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Nancy Truitt
Nov. 20	7:30 am	Joe & Henrietta Stein by George & Jane Bohman
Nov. 21	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Sherri Murray Family
Nov. 22	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Jim & Shari Eckert & Family
	9:00 am	Herman Steber by the Davis Family
	10:30am	Favorable Weather



## Ministry Schedule

November 21- November 22, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Mark Grimm, Dennis Carroll
	COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Jack Stanley, Matt Hartrich
	SERVERS: Xavier Brown, Cody York
	GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Shari Eckert
	USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
	COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Jim Eckert, Jona Uptmor
	SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Matthew Jenkins
	GIFTS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Lori Davis
	USHERS: Ron & Ethel Dhom
	COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping
	SERVERS: Kayla Matson
	GIFTS: Ron & Ethel Dhom
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Geri Ezell
	USHERS: Karen Free, Ken Deters
	COMMUNION MIN: Carol Wong, Roselene Quick, Patti Buercklin
	SERVERS: Sarah Staller, David Staller
	GIFTS: Steve & Geri Ezell

Collection Counters: **November, 2015**

*Janet Mitchell, Kaye Holscher, Carol Zellars*



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd,  
Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Roger Burton,  
Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom,  
Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Linda Dudine,  
Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta,  
Debbie Goodwin, Jeanie H.,  
Pat Hanson, Judy Hester,  
Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes,  
Charlie Hryniewicz,  
MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Jordyn Koester,  
Rev. Dennis Kollross, Cindy Lewis, Donna McIntire,  
Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell,  
Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family,  
Angie Rhoten, Mary Rogers, Pete Rosenski,  
Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs,  
Sharon Skaggs, Linda Sparks, 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, Zachariah Waxler, Shari Weber,  
Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.

## PSR

PSR on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm**

## Confirmation

The next Confirmation class of the 2015-16 year will be held on **Sun. Nov. 22, 2015 from 6-8 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

## Rediscover Jesus Book Study

The **Rediscover Jesus** book study is every **Tues. at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center.** If interested, please come. We will continue this **through Tues. Nov. 17, 2015.**

## Food Drive/Candy Canes for Christmas

We are collecting cans of food this week and next for the Food Pantry. Also, we are in need of candy canes for the Christmas Parade. We will be adding prayers to the candy canes. They can be big, small, red, green, or colored. We are partnering with FUMC & will be walking in the parade with them. All candy canes need to be turned into the office by **Thurs. Nov. 19th.**

## Robinson Christmas Parade

On **Sat. Nov. 21, 2015**, we will be participating in the annual Robinson Christmas Parade. Anyone interested in walking with our group should meet in the City Park at **5:00 pm** by the playground. We need as many walkers as we can get. Thanks for your help.

## Mass Stipends

We are in need of Mass Stipends for 2016.

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

In earlier chapters of his book, Daniel interpreted dreams for others (chs 2 and 4). But in chs 7 to 12, as Daniel ponders visions regarding the future of his people, an angel is his interpreter. Just as Daniel's interpretations proved true for the kings of Babylon, the interpretation by God's messenger will be all the more true for the people of Israel. The actual historical background for this book is probably the Jewish Revolt of 167 to 164 B.C.

This reading comes at the end of a vision rehearsing the historical circumstances surrounding the people of Israel, beginning with Alexander the Great's victory over Persia in 333 B.C. (11:3). Especially prominent in this review is the distress endured by the people during the reign of Antiochus IV, whose harsh policies sparked the revolt led by Judas Maccabaeus. Daniel describes this king "exalting himself and making himself greater than any god . . ." (11:36).

By God's design, Michael appears as Israel's guardian and patron. With this divine emissary to protect them, God's faithful people will escape any threat launched against them by earthly powers. The theme of protection is prominent in narratives of this book, e.g., Daniel in the lion's den (chs 6 and 14); the three friends in the furnace (ch 3); Susanna falsely accused of infidelity (ch 13). Famously, this reading is

unique in the Hebrew Bible for its explicit reference to the resurrection of the dead. As the reading asserts in its final verses, God's faithful ones will awake from the dust of the earth and shine like brilliant stars forever.

The passage opens with Jesus addressing his disciples about some kind of catastrophic end, described as "that tribulation." He appears to be talking about the end of the world or the Day of the Lord. References are from Is 13:10 and 34:4. The passage uses apocalyptic language which by nature is symbolic. We are not to take these images literally. The author is affirming that the present world will end, but he is not telling us exactly how that will take place. The images indicate that the final end will be cosmic in scope.

Mark's community has endured suffering, and its members wonder how long this will go on or how much they can endure. The evangelist tells them that the final end will be soon; then things will change substantially for the better. For this encouragement, the author uses the Son of Man imagery taken largely from Daniel 7:13-14. This is imagery that Mk also used for Jesus as part of his messianic identity. Mk wants to tell his community that faithfulness will be rewarded and a new community established

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### Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Ross & Stevi Holscher on the birth of their new son-Nolan Henry Holscher. Nolan was born on Friday, November 6, 2015. He is welcomed home by his two brothers-Greyson and Miles.



### Our Sympathies

Our sympathies to the Judy Smolinski family. Judy passed away on Friday, November 6, 2015. She was 72 years young. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner



Our Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner is on **Wed. Nov. 18, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Parish Hall.**

### CCW Chicken & Noodles

Come join us on the square **Fri. Nov. 20, 2015.** CCW is serving chicken & noodles donated by Robb Sparks. Let's start up the holidays with a fun-filled night. Serving starts at 4:00 pm & lasts until SOLD OUT.

### Campaign for Justice & Hope

The Campaign for Justice & Hope Second Collection will be on **Sun. Nov. 22, 2015.**

### New Men's Fellowship Night Meeting



A New Men's Fellowship Night will be meeting once a month to play cards and enjoy fellowship. They will have their first card night on **Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 7:30 pm** at the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Aside from playing cards, they hope to get involved in some service projects over the course of the year. Come out and join this

exciting new group and let's get something good started. Make sure you bring a friend with you. For more information: Contact: Josh Quick 618-544-7363, Mark Hermann 618- 553-9213, or Andrew Ferris 618-421-1127.



### Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed **Thursday, November 26, 2015 to celebrate the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.** We will re-open on Friday, November 27, 2015.

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thurs. Nov. 26th at 8 am at St. Elizabeth

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



## Christmas Choir Practice

Choir practices for the Christmas Eve 10:00 P.M. mass will be from 9:00-10:00 on Sunday mornings starting **Dec. 6th**. We are always looking for new choir members.

## Special Masses

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on **Mon. Dec. 7, 2015** at OLOL at 5:30 pm & **Tues. Dec. 8th** at 12:05 pm at St. Elizabeth.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

The **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** begins on **08 December 2015**. This most helpful year will help us explore ways to continue to be merciful like the Father. Begin pondering right now, "how does this parish, how does this city manifest mercy."

## Year of Mercy~Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**Year of Mercy, Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** - Pope Francis has called for a year of mercy beginning on **December 8, 2015**. Our Holy Father suggests a pilgrimage as a way to live this holy year. [www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html](http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html).

## Parish Christmas Party

The Parish Christmas Party will be on **Sat. Dec. 12, 2015** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Parish Hall. We will be having a meal catered in by Kaye Holscher. We will be having roast pork with gravy, turkey, mashed potatoes, noodles, dressing and rolls. The Parish is asked to bring a side dish for names beginning with A-M and a dessert, last names beginning with N-Z. Drinks and table service will be provided. The LTC Children's Choir will be performing for us.

## Retirement Fund For Religious

The Retirement Fund For Religious Collection will be on **Sun. Dec. 13, 2015**. This collection is for the aging religious senior Catholic sisters, brothers & religious order priests. Thank you for your gifts to this collection.

## Advent Mass Schedule Special Services

### St. Elizabeth

Wed. Dec. 16, 2015-Christmas Penance Service at 6 pm  
Thurs. Dec. 24, 2015-Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 pm  
Fri. Dec. 25, 2015-Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am  
Fri. Jan. 1, 2015-New Year's Day Mass at 9:00 am

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Thurs. Dec. 17, 2015-Christmas Penance Service 6:00 pm  
Thurs. Dec. 24, 2015-Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm  
Thurs. Dec. 31, 2015-Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm

## Advent Wreath Project

Next weekend, we will begin our Advent Wreath Project. Please see next week's bulletin for more information. Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

**The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for St. Elizabeth**  
The goal for St. Elizabeth is **\$19,666.00**  
**\$6,405.00** paid out of **\$7,405.00** pledged amount  
**\$1,000.00** balance

**The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for Our Lady of Lourdes**

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is **\$2,873.00**  
**\$1,050.00** paid out of **\$1,425.00** pledged amount  
**\$375.00** balance  
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## 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 November 1, 2015

Envelopes \$2,047.00 Loose \$332.00 Online 1 @ \$50.00

Caritas \$60.00 Building Fund \$75.00

All Souls Day \$110.00 All Saints Day \$570.00

World Missions \$50.00 **Total Deposit \$3,294.00**

#### Week ending November 8, 2015

Envelopes \$2,301.00 Loose \$287.00

Caritas \$25.00 Building Fund \$85.00

All Saints Day \$10.00 All Souls Day \$25.00

Online 1@\$50.00 **Total Deposit \$2,783.00**

### Our Lady of Lourdes

#### Week ending November 1, 2015

Envelopes \$695.00 Loose Cash \$108.00

All Saints Day \$85.00 All Souls Day \$65.00

Building Fund \$75.00 **Total Deposit \$1,028.00**

#### Week ending November 8, 2015

Envelopes \$599.00 Loose \$64.00

Caritas \$35.00 **Total Deposit: \$698.00**

**Thank You. May God bless you.**

## Thank You

The Oblong Christian Community Food Pantry would like to thank everyone that participated in the Oct. 31 Fall Follies bake sale; the baked goods, monetary donations, & those that helped with the bake sale. The net profits from this sale was \$543.25. Thank you.