



The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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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. 22, 2015
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe



Are you the
King of the Jews?
John 18:33



Mass Intentions

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
Nov.23		NO MASS
Nov.24	12 :05pm	Mike Smolinski by Robert & Karla Birkofer
Nov.25	7:30 am	Special Intentions by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Nov.26	8:00 am	Judy Smolinski by Caiden
Nov.27	7:30 am	Judy Smolinski by Steve & Geri Ezell
Nov.28	4:30 pm	Favorable Weather
Nov.29	7:30 am	Howard Rio by Terry & Lynne Roche
	9:00 am	Edith Smith by Jerry Smith
	10:30am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy



Ministry Schedule

November 28– November 29, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Mark Grimm, Dennis Carroll
	COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Eileen Hartrich, Jack Stanley
	SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Ty Mullins
	GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher
	USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
	COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Jim Eckert, Shari Eckert
	SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Matthew Jenkins
	GIFTS: Mike & Jona Uptmor
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Jim Ping
	USHERS: Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice
	COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson
	SERVERS: J. Hermann
	GIFTS: Jim Ping Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Patti Buercklin
	USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell
	COMMUNION MIN: Eileen Hartrich, Carol Wong, Matthew Hartrich
	SERVERS: Joe Quick, Sam Quick
	GIFTS: Steve & Geri Ezell

Collection Counters: *November, 2015 Janet Mitchell, Kaye Holscher, Carol Zellars*

Mom's Group meets on Fri.9 am–10:30 am during school.

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, Debbie Henry, 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, Terry Stevens, 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

No PSR on **Wednesday, November 25, 2015**

Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 22, 2015–Confirmation Class from **5:00-6:30 pm** in the Parish Center. Boys bring a salty snack and girls bring something sweet. Please make sure it is prepackaged so it will not spoil before our next meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving 2015



Have a Happy & safe Thanksgiving Day-**Thurs. Nov. 26, 2015**. May God bless you all. Fr. Aloy & Staff.

Advent Nursing Home Project

Please see bulletin insert about Advent Nursing Home Project. Thank you for your help to this project.

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

Daniel served as the interpreter of dreams in the court of kings. But in chapters 7 to 12, Daniel himself needs an interpreter for the visions he sees. Since Daniel's interpretations proved true, how much more true will be the interpretations he receives from heavenly messengers. This reading describes one of the scenes in Daniel's first vision. Three powerful beasts emerge from a great sea representing chaos. The beasts stand for various earthly kingdoms. Then comes a fourth beast more terrible than the others with its iron teeth and ten horns. This fourth creature represents the kingdom that was oppressing Israel in the days of the Maccabean War.

As Daniel looks on, a very different scene replaces the vision of the beasts. Now he sees the court of heaven with God seated on a throne surrounded by fire (Dn 7:9-10). The heavenly court has reached a verdict against the arrogant kings of the earth. God is the Ancient One, a title contrasting the eternal God with the transitory kingdoms of earth. Daniel then sees "one like a son of man" approaching the throne. His appearance is refreshingly more appealing than that of the beasts.

The son of man is surrounded by the clouds of heaven, contrasting with the threatening waters of the sea from which the beasts emerged. God gives this son of man authority to rule over all the

earth. The scene thus gives Daniel the assurance that, despite all evidence to the contrary in his own time, the reign of God will prevail. No earthly power can take away the kingship granted the son of man.

This passage is taken from the trial scene where Jesus is being interrogated by Pilate, who directly asks Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" This question is the governing motif of the entire trial. What is meant by the word king? Pilate means it in a political way, but Jesus understands it theologically. This interplay between politics and theology runs throughout the entire trial.

Notice that Jesus never directly answers any of Pilate's questions. Instead, he responds to Pilate with a question of his own. This reverses the roles of interrogator and responder. In effect, Jesus is interrogating Pilate, who has become the one actually on trial. Irony also plays an important role in this situation. Pilate despises Jews and does not want to be identified with them in any way. He makes that clear by saying, "I am not a Jew, am I?" But in a way he is. At least, he is one with the Jews in that both have rejected Jesus. Pilate's rejection is based on politics. The Jews' rejection is based on theology. Excerpts from "Sunday Homily Helps", is used by permission of Franciscan Media. www.FranciscanMedia.org. ©2015. All rights

Campaign for Justice & Hope

This week during Mass our Parish will participate in the annual collection for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH). Donations to DCJH make it possible for organizations to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education, and medications to people living in poverty throughout our Diocese. 100% of your contribution stays within our Diocese. Please give generously.

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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

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



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.

Daughters of Divine Love Missions Appeal

The Daughters of Divine Mission Appeal will be here on **Sat. Nov. 28, 2015 for the 4:30 pm Mass.**

Rediscover Jesus Book Study

Tues. Dec. 1, 2015 will be the last meeting for the Rediscover Jesus book study. In January, we will begin a 7 week study of "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody." Please contact [Courtney King Ferris](mailto:CourtneyKingFerris) for details.

First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL

There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at OLOL on **Fri. Dec. 4, 2015 at 5:30 pm.**



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.

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

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.



National Night of Prayer

Join in the **National Night of Prayer for Life - Dec. 8-9, 2015, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.** The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life. Event locations include: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Springfield; Holy Family, Granite City; and The Newman Catholic Center, St Philip Neri Chapel, EIU, Charleston.



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 & table service will be provided.

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.

New Book Study

We will begin a new book study on "Everybody Needs To Forgive Somebody" on **Wed. Jan. 6, 2016** at 7:00 pm. We will meet for 7 wks. so that we will be done by Ash Wed.

New Mardi Gras Committee Members

If interested in being a Mardi Gras Committee member, please contact Beth Rynke.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **St. Elizabeth**
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$12,250.00 paid out of \$14,575.00 pledged amount.
Balance \$2,325.00 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
\$1,105.00 paid out of \$1,755.00 pledged amount.
\$650.00 balance of the pledged amt.
Updated 11-09-2015

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 15, 2015

Envelopes \$3,622.00 Loose \$318.66
Catholic Relief Services \$100.00
Caritas \$35.00 Building Fund \$15.00
All Saints Day \$10.00 All Souls Day \$15.00
Online 1@\$50.00
Total Deposit \$4,165.66

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending November 15, 2015

Envelopes \$710.00 Loose \$24.10
Caritas \$55.00 Votive Candles Offering \$398.92
Christmas Flowers 1 @ \$100.00
Total Deposit: \$1,288.02
Thank You. May God bless you.

Advent Mass Schedule Special Services

St. Elizabeth

Wed. Dec. 16, 2015-Christmas Penance Service at 6:00 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

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Mass Stipends

We are in need of Mass Stipends for 2016.