



# 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 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.

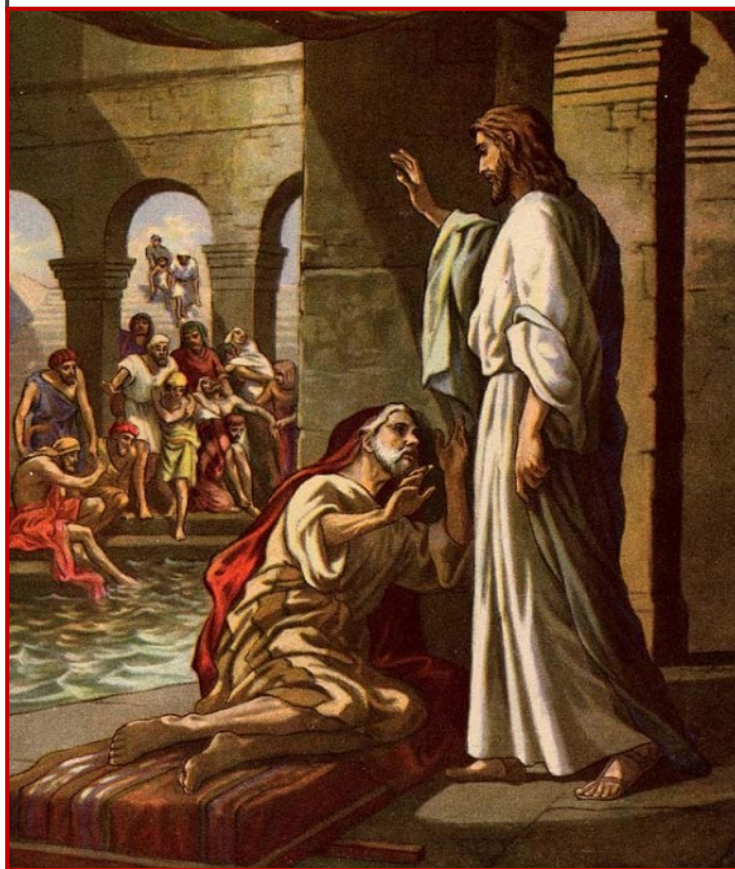
#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.

Sun. Oct. 25, 2015  
30th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus

“Jesus, son of David,  
have pity on me.”

Mark 10:47

The New American Bible Saint Joseph Edition



## Mass Intentions

Oct.24	4:30 pm	Kevin Murray by the Murray Family
Oct.25	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Edith Smith by Charles & Judith Eckert
	10:30 am	Harry Wong by Anonymous
Oct.26		NO MASS
Oct.27	12 :05pm	Betty Boyd Hippler by Eileen Hartrich
Oct.28	7:30 am	Dee Gauger by Carol Wong
Oct.29	7:30 am	Ron Wagner by Carol Wong
Oct.30	7:30 am	James Tyler by Eileen Hartrich
Oct.31	4:30 pm	Allen Osborne by Ginger Osborne, Chadd Osborne, Jennifer Osborne
Nov.1	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Nancy Huber by Dorla Shook
	10:30 am	Tom Klinge by the Klinge Family



## Ministry Schedule

*October 31-November 1, 2015*

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White
	USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower
	COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Jack Stanley Ginger Osborne
	SERVERS: Jeff Hermann, Ty Mullins
	GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher
	USHERS: Matthew Jenkins, Kathy Harris
	COMMUNION MIN: Mike & Jona Uptmor, Marylin Stanley
	SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert
	GIFTS: Dave Holscher Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Keith Wirey
	USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping
	COMMUNION MIN: Kourtney & Bob Coffman
	SERVERS: J. Hermann
	GIFTS: Bob Coffman Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Roselene Quick
	USHERS: Ken Deters, Karen Free
	COMMUNION MIN: Matt Hartrich, Eileen Hartrich, Jack Stanley
	SERVERS: David Staller, Joe Quick
	GIFTS: George & Jane Bohman

Collection Counters: *October, 2015*

*Kay Pescatore, Ione Lopiccola, Chris Tylka*



## 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, Jeanie H.,  
Pat Hanson, Judy Hester,  
Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes,  
Charlie Hryniewicz, George Inboden,  
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, Judy Smolinski, 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, October 28, 2015**

## Trunk or Treat



There will be a Trunk or Treat on **Wed. Oct. 28, 2015** before PSR from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm.

## Parade of Saints

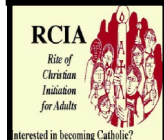
Join us for the annual Parade of Saints on **Sat. Nov. 1, 2015** during the **10:30 am Mass**. Kids are welcomed to dress as their favorite saint and join the fun.

## Confirmation



The next Confirmation class of the 2015-16 year will be held on **Sunday, November 15, 2015 from 6-8 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

## RCIA Program



The RCIA Program will begin at the end of Oct. If you have any friends, family or co-workers that are interested in becoming Catholic, please have them call the Parish Center.

## Our Sympathy



Our sympathy to the Michael Smolinski family. Michael passed away on Wed. Oct. 14th. He was 75 years young. Please keep this family in your prayers.



# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

The story of blind Bartimaeus is as much a call narrative as it is a miraculous healing. The story comes at the end of the three passion predictions where the disciples totally misunderstood what Jesus was saying because they have no idea who he really is. In effect, the disciples are blind. Now, in contrast, we have a story of a man who physically is blind, but whose eyes of faith measure 20/20 vision.

The blind man has a name, Bartimaeus. He is a roadside beggar, and nothing indicates that he had ever encountered Jesus before this episode. As soon as he hears that Jesus is coming, Bartimaeus begins crying out to Jesus by addressing him as "Jesus son of David."

This is a messianic title. It indicates that Bartimaeus knows the true identity of Jesus. This is something the disciples had not achieved though they were physically with Jesus constantly. People are embarrassed by Bartimaeus' shouting and attempt to shut him up, but to no avail. Finally, Jesus himself hears Bartimaeus and calls the man to himself.

We are told that in the process of coming to Jesus Bartimaeus "threw aside his cloak." Some think this

would be the cloth which contained the money he received from begging. Symbolically, it might represent Bartimaeus throwing aside his old life in order to embrace a new life of discipleship. Jesus asks Bartimaeus directly what he wants. He wants to see. The irony here is that he already sees with the eyes of faith even though he is physically blind.

Notice how Jesus responds: "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Jesus does not do anything to Bartimaeus. There is no laying on of hands or applying paste to the eyes, as sometimes happens in healing miracles. The reason is clear. Bartimaeus, in a sense, healed himself. Jesus indicates that Bartimaeus' faith is what saved him. He does regain his physical sight, but that is secondary.

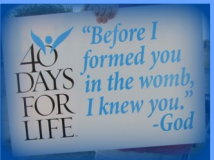
What is really important is the indication that Bartimaeus followed Jesus "on the way." This is a technical phrase for becoming a disciple. The whole story is more about the call to discipleship than about a physical healing. It contrasts sharply with Jesus' handpicked disciples, whose eyes of faith seem to be totally impaired at this point.

## Parish Meetings



There will be a Buildings & Ground Meeting at St. Elizabeth on **Tues. Oct. 27th at 6:00 pm** at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. There will be a Finance & Buildings & Ground Meeting at OLOL on **Thurs. Oct. 29, 2015 at 6:00 pm.**

## 40 Day Prayer Campaign For Life



We will be participating in the 40 Day Prayer Campaign For Life on **Wed. Oct. 28, 2015 from 8 am to 5 pm at St. Elizabeth** and on **Sun. Nov. 1, 2015 from 10 am to 5 pm at OLOL.** Please come and join us in a day of prayer from 8 am to 5 pm. The

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be all day with Benediction at the 4:30 pm Mass.

## 60 Years Wedding Anniversary Celebration



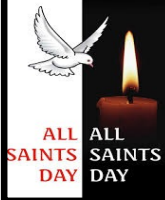
There will be a 60 Years Wedding Anniversary Celebration in honor of George & Jane Brown by their daughter, Gina Brown at the Parish Hall on **Sat. Oct. 31, 2015.** The party time will start at 5:00 pm. Parishioners invited to wish them well.



## Bake Sale

The Oblong Food Pantry will have a Bake Sale on **Sat. Oct. 31, 2015** in front of Tracy Insurance. Any donations of food items will be appreciated. Sugar free foods are also needed. Monetary donations will be accepted. All proceeds will support the Food Pantry. OLOL will sell from 10 am to 12 noon. Thank you for your support.

## All Saints Day



**Sun. Nov. 1, 2015** will be All Saints Day. If you have an immediate family member that has been deceased from last Nov. till this year, please call the Parish Office and provide us with information. Thank you.

## Unstoppable Catholic Families

**Unstoppable Catholic Families:** deepen your family prayer life with St. Ignatius of Loyola and Pope Francis on **Sunday, November 1 at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center at 2 pm.** Grace Urbanski, author of *Pray with Me: Seven Simple Ways to Pray with Your Children*, from the Apostleship of Prayer ([www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)) will be our guest presenter. No cost. Dinner provided. Children of all ages welcome. Kindly RSVP to [BSmith@dio.org](mailto:BSmith@dio.org) or 217-321-1139.

## Wedding Anniversary



**Happy 60 years Wedding Anniversary to George & Jane Brown. May God bless you both.**

## Mom's Group



Mom's Group meets at 9:00 am—10:30 am on Fridays during the school year.



## Fellowship Softball Game

There will be a Fellowship Softball Game on **Sun. Nov. 8, 2015 at 2 pm** at Robinson Ball Park.

## Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy



*Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy*, the moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Effingham Performance Center on **Fri. Nov. 13 at 7:00 p.m.** See outside bulletin board.

## Natural Family Planning Class



Natural Family Planning class scheduled at St. Isidore Parish to be held in St. Aloysius Hall on **Sat. Nov. 14, 2015 at 10:00 am.** Please call Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 to register.

## 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 **Nov. 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.

## 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).

## The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on **Tues. Dec. 8, 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."



## 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 dinner catered and more details will be posted later.

## 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 pm  
Thurs. Dec. 24, 2015-Vigil Mass at 7 pm  
Thurs. Dec. 31, 2015-Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm

## 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

## 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, October 18, 2015

Envelopes \$2,088.00 Loose \$337.00

Caritas \$45.00 Online thru Give Central \$50.00

World Missions \$681.00

**Total Deposit \$3,201.00**

### Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday, October 18, 2015

Envelopes \$665.00 Loose \$77.00 Caritas \$5.00

Youth Pilgrimage \$20.00 World Mission \$257.64

**Total Deposit \$1,024.64**

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

## Please remember to attend weekly Mass



You can make online donations through Give Central. To make a donation to St. Elizabeth, you can go to the Church Website [www.crawfordcountycatholics.com](http://www.crawfordcountycatholics.com) and click on DONATE. All monies go directly to St. Elizabeth.



## 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 **until Tues. Nov. 17, 2015.**

### Courage, Encourage, and Same-Sex Attraction

Courage is the only national, ecclesiastically approved Catholic Ministry to men and woman living with same-sex attraction. Our approach is primarily spiritual support for those who wish to live chastely in accordance with the teachings of the Church. Courage is not an orientation change group or therapy. To speak with the priest chaplain who works with Courage, please e-mail: [courage@dio.org](mailto:courage@dio.org). Your confidentiality is respected. More information about the **Courage** apostolate can be found at: [www.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.net)