



# 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  
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Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis, Our Lady of Lourdes  
Custodial Care: Katrena Burton, St. Elizabeth  
Custodial Care: Marilyn Stanley, 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. Sept. 13, 2015  
24th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



“Who do people  
say that I am?”  
Mark 8:27



## Mass Intentions

Sept. 12	4:30 pm	Eugene Vanarsdalen by Ginger Osborne
Sept. 13	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Kirk Wirey by the Hinterscher Family Don & Missy Rees by Ellen Rees
Sept. 14		NO MASS
Sept. 15	7:30 am	Communion Service
Sept. 16	7:30 am	Communion Service
Sept. 17	7:30 am	Communion Service
Sept. 18	7:30 am	Communion Service
Sept. 19	4:30 pm	Ira Inboden by Regina Veach
Sept. 20	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Favorable Weather Bill Wilson by the Wilson Family Ira Inboden by Regina Veach



## Ministry Schedule

September 19-20, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Celeste White USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower COMMUNION MIN: Marylin & Jack Stanley, Ginger Osborne SERVERS: Evan Ferris, J. Hermann GIFTS: Griffin Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Janet Jenkins USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor COMMUNION MIN: Joe Hepner, Jim Eckert, Kathy Harris SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert GIFTS: Joe & Carol Hepner Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman USHERS: Keith Matson, Ethan Matson COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson SERVERS: J. Hermann GIFTS: Coffman Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Geri Ezell USHERS: Kandice & Charles Richey COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Carol Wong, Eileen Hartrich SERVERS: Abby Ferris, Evan Ferris GIFTS: Karen Free, Lulu Vega
Collection Counters: <i>September, 2015</i> <i>Rhonda Stone, Ellen Rees, Alan Maddox</i>	

## Prayer Requests

**Please remember the following in your prayers:**  
Patti Ackerman, Karla Birkofer, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Roger Burton, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Linda Dudine, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Judy Hester, Mildred Hinterscher, Jared Holmes, Nancy Huber, Charlie Hryniewicz, George Inboden, Kevin Kirk, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Rev. Dennis Kollross, Emma Koher, Cindy Lewis, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Chuck Reinoehl, 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, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.

## PSR

PSR will begin on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm.**

## Youth Pilgrimage Update

**On September 19, 2015,** Bishop Paprocki will travel to Robinson to celebrate the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth and to bless the "Welcoming Jesus" statue. He will also be blessing the pilgrims who are going to see Pope Francis in Philadelphia. The Youth and pilgrims will be departing from Robinson in the early evening on Thursday, September 24, 2015 and arriving in New York City on Friday, September 25, 2014. On Friday, they will see historic landmarks such as St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ground Zero and Ellis Island. They will continue sight seeing on Saturday, September 26 and travel to Philadelphia on Sunday for the Mass with Pope Francis. This mass will be held on Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Following the mass, the Youth and pilgrims will return to Robinson and will arrive early in the morning on Mon. Sept. 28, 2015.

## Mom's Group

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

## Fellowship Dinner

Our first Fellowship Dinner of the PSR year will be held on **Wed. Sept. 30 at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** in the Parish Center. Our theme will be "Breakfast for Supper." All parishioners are welcome to attend.

## Communion Services

The week of Tuesday, September 15-Friday September 18th, there will be no Mass but Communion Service daily at 7:30 am.

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

This is one of the famous oracles featuring the ideal Servant of God. This figure is a welcome contrast to others who resisted Isaiah's message. Most notorious of these others are Kings Ahaz and Hezekiah. Both monarchs relied on earthly resources for security, dismissing the prophet's invitation to seek security in the God of Israel.

The oracle begins with the Servant confessing total openness to the word of God. This is precisely where others failed. Unlike the ideal Servant, others did rebel against God's effort to steer them in the right direction. They turned their backs on God, placing their own agendas over God's plan for them. King Ahaz refused to trust in God's word conveyed to him by the prophet. Hezekiah promised to seek security in God alone, but soon afterwards he made an alliance with a foreign power. By contrast, the Servant in this reading remained loyal even though that loyalty brought personal suffering. Such hardship included beatings, disgrace, and disfigurement.

The Servant's source of strength is reliance on God. Displays of disrespect by others cannot shake the Servant's resolve to do God's will. The Servant finds honor and respect in serving God. The privilege of serving God cannot be removed by earthly attempts to disparage this vindication. The Servant does not shrink from confrontation. God puts the Servant in the right. No earthly court can remove it. If only the kings of Isaiah's day had such confidence in God, they would not have yielded to the influences of their

misguided courtiers.

This passage describes the first of three times in Mk where Jesus will predict his suffering, death, and resurrection (8:27-35; 9:30-37; 10:32-45). Each occasion consists of three movements. First, Jesus will predict his suffering, death, and resurrection. Second, the disciples will misunderstand the meaning of Jesus' prediction. Third, Jesus will offer a corrective teaching meant both for the disciples and the readers or hearers. It is precisely in the corrective teaching that Jesus will express the theology of the cross as the way of discipleship.

The stage is set for the first passion prediction through a conversation Jesus is having with his disciples regarding who people say that Jesus is. After a few responses, Jesus point-blank asks the disciples who they think he is. Without hesitation, Peter gives the right answer, "You are the Christ." This allows Jesus to give his understanding of what it means to be the Christ (Messiah) by predicting his suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter does not comprehend what Jesus is saying. He responds to it violently and ends up being cursed as Satan.

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### Crawford County Catholic Moms Group

On **Tues. Sept. 15, 2015** the Crawford County Catholic Moms Group will begin a book study of Matthew- Kelly's "Rediscover Jesus." We will meet at 7 pm in the Parish Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

### Retrouaille for Marriage Challenges

The next program begins the weekend of **Sept. 18-20, 2015**. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### Annual Catholic Service Appeal

The Annual Catholic Service Appeal will be the weekend of **Sat. Sept. 19- Sun. Sept. 20, 2015**.

### Supper with the Bishop

**Sat. Sept. 19th** after the 4:30 pm Mass, there will be a "Supper with the Bishop" at the Parish Hall. Last names beginning with A-M, please bring a side dish. Last names with N-Z, please bring a dessert. We will be having ham & chicken, cake & punch. Drinks will be provided.

### Choir Practice for Welcoming Jesus Statue

Choir for the Mass to bless the welcoming Jesus statue on **Sept. 19**. New choir members are welcome. There will be two practices- **Sun. Sept. 13** at 9 am, **Sat. Sept. 19** at 3 pm.

### Habitat for Humanity

Pope Francis House Ground breaking is scheduled for Sept. 19 with a rain date of Sept. 26. The blitz Build starts on Oct. 1-2-3 & Oct. 8-9-10. Many volunteers will be needed, as this is when the walls will be raised, roof installed, insulation & siding completed. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up through the website: [www.habitatsangamon.com](http://www.habitatsangamon.com) or call the Habitat for Humanity Office: 217-523-2710. Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 am- 4 pm.

### Prayer Vigil For Life

Sacred Heart, Effingham, will host the **Mon. Sept. 21st** Prayer Vigil For Life. Fr. Ron Hilt, will be celebrant & homilist for the 6:30 pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Praying the Rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Pro-family legislation & current local pro-life events will be on the evening's agenda. Everyone is urged to join us in prayer for an end to abortion. Refreshments will be served.

### 26th Annual Family Camp/Renewal

Families are invited to come & share the fun of the 26th Annual Family Camp/Renewal Days for family & friends of persons with special needs. **Sept. 26-27, 2015** at Lake Williamson Christian Center, Carlinville, Illinois. Information & registration forms are available at the (dio website) [dio.org](http://dio.org). Early registration is due by August 1st. Some financial assistance or sponsorship monies are available upon request. For more info. contact: Elaine Vonderheide at 217-342-2718.



## Catholic Charities Fall Fun Run

On **Sat. Sept. 26th at 8:00 am** at the Teutopolis, IL. Community Park Pavilion will be the Catholic Charities Fall Fun Run. See Church bulletin board for more information.

## Taizé at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for an ecumenical Taizé Prayer gathering from **7-8 p.m., on the second Tuesday of each month**. The prayer gatherings will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The 2015 theme is "For the life of the World: The many virtues of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin." The focus for September, : **Sept. 8 – acceptance**.

## Granite City Mass & Rosary Walk

Bishop Paprocki will celebrate Mass & lead a rosary walk in Granite City, **Sat. Oct. 3**. The rosary walk is from Holy Family Parish to an abortion facility just down the road. Lunch will be served after the walk. Please join us in collectively praying for an end to abortion. Your presence at this event is very meaningful to the attendees. Mass begins at 9:00 am.

## Divorced & Separated Koinonia (DASK)

There is a Divorced & Separated Koinonia (DASK) weekend on **Oct. 2-4, 2015** in Springfield, Illinois at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center on Lake Springfield. The weekend is a safe environment to be understood by others that are separated or divorced, from ages 20-something on up. The cost is \$110.00 which covers shared room, meals & materials (private room \$160.00, if available). Call Carlos Tejeda at 217-321-1132. DASK is non-denominational gathering open to people of all faiths & beliefs, but is based upon Catholic rites & traditions.

## 50 or More Yrs. Marriage Anniversary Mass

**Sun. Oct. 4, 2015**-we will again host a Diocesan celebration for couples who have been married 50 years or more. The celebration will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception starting at 1:45pm with a Musical Prelude. Holy Mass will follow at 2:00 pm with a reception afterward. If you have been married 50 years or longer (or will be by Dec. of this year), contact us for your certificate today! Register by calling 217-321-1139 or email: bsmith@dio.org.

## White Mass

Physicians, nurses, administrators, allied health care providers & all others involved in the healing ministry are welcome to join Bishop Thomas John Paprocki on **Sat. Oct. 17th at 4 pm**. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Hors d'oeuvres & beverages to follow with presentation. Please RSVP: bsmith@dio.org or 217-321-1139 by Oct. 15th.

## Italy Pilgrimage

Nov. 2-12, 2015. Celebrating 150th Anniversary of the Catholic Church at Bishop Creek. See Church bulletin board.

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

### The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00

### Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$2,873.00  
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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 ~ Sunday, September 6, 2015

Envelopes \$2,387.00 Loose \$297.57

Youth Pilgrimage \$245.00

Building Fund \$95.00

Caritas \$70.00

Online thru Give Central \$50.00

**Total Deposit \$3,144.57**

### Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday, September 6, 2015

Envelopes \$415.00 Loose \$35.00

Building Fund \$95.00

Youth Pilgrimage \$20.00 Caritas \$20.00

**Total Deposit \$585.00**

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

## Give Central

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.

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**