



# 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. 6, 2015  
23rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



“He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and  
the mute speak.”

Mark 7:37



## Mass Intentions

Sept. 5	4:30 pm	Joetta & Patrick Goda by George & Jane Bohman
Sept. 6	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Clarence & Arlene Schutte
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	10:30 am	Patrick Goda by George & Jane Bohman
Sept. 7		NO MASS
Sept. 8		NO MASS TODAY
Sept. 9	7:30 am	Linda Sparks by Robb Sparks
Sept. 10	7:30 am	Janet Wagner Mitchell by Carol Wong
Sept. 11	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
Sept. 12	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Virginia Osborne
Sept. 13	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Kirk Wirey by the Hinterscher Family
	10:30 am	Don & Missy Rees by Ellen Rees



## Ministry Schedule

September 12-13, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Jack Stanley
	USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower
	COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders, Mike Dorn, Ginger Osborne
	SERVERS: Cody York, Xavier Brown
	GIFTS: Gene Gower Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Linda Sikorski
	USHERS: Kathy Harris, Carol Zellars
	COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Jack Stanley, Marilyn Stanley
	SERVERS: Sarah Rynke, David Jenkins
	GIFTS: Laurie Jenkins Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Keith Wirey
	USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping
	COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping
	SERVERS: Kayla Matson
	GIFTS: Keith Wirey Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Josh Quick
	USHERS: Karen Free, Ken Deters
	COMMUNION MIN: Matt Hartrich, Carol Wong, Jack Stanley
	SERVERS: David Staller, Sarah Staller
	GIFTS: Bob & Karla Birkofer Family
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 begins on **Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 pm.**  
There will be the **6:45 pm** Mass.

## 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 10:30 am on Fridays during the school year.

## Fellowship Dinner

There will be a Fellowship Dinner on **Wed. Sept. 30 at 5:30 pm** at the Parish Center-"Breakfast for Supper".

## Mass Time Changes - Communion Services

There will be no **12:05 pm Mass** or Communion Service on **Tues., Sept. 8th.** 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

In his vision of the court of heaven, Isaiah volunteers to deliver God's decision to the people. But Isaiah is directed by God to do this in a way different from so many other prophets—and even from Isaiah's own way in earlier chapters.

Isaiah is instructed to fatten the hearts of the people even though it is very unlikely they will give the right response. It seems Isaiah's task is to saturate the people with news of the good things in store for them. Since oracles of judgment failed to motivate them to repent, perhaps bright oracles of blessing might so move them. Of course, they will have to recognize the challenge to repent implied in such good news. This oracle is a good example of Isaiah's new strategy. He encourages the fearful with news that God will soon approach to save them.

The spiritually blind will be able to see the path of life before them again. The spiritually deaf will be able to once again hear the word of God inviting them to life. Their progress in the journey of faith will be so dramatic; it will be as if the lame were suddenly leaping about like antelopes. People once unable to speak a word of respect for God will soon be singing God's praises all the time. Such a marvelous transformation in Israel's relationship with God may motivate them to make the inner changes necessary to bring it about more quickly. The final verses use the natural world to express this new order of things: An arid desert teems with life fostered by abundant fresh water.

Once again, Jesus orders the people not to tell anyone

about this healing, but such effort are fruitless. Jesus is recognized as an extraordinary healer, and there is no way that he can silence those who witness what he does. Toward the end of the passage, the people are reported to have said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." This is almost a direct quote of Is 35:5. It was used in pre-Christian Judaism to refer to the coming Messiah. Later on, Christians themselves would make reference to it. What makes it so important is that it comes from mouths of gentiles. They see Jesus as the potential Messiah.

At this stage in Mk's Gospel, even the disciples have not been able to make such a declaration. It is part of Mk's irony that the people who should know who Jesus really is do not—and those who really have no reason to recognize his true identity do so.

All the Gospel writers attest to the fact that Jesus did indeed heal people with illnesses and cast out demons. However, this would not in and of itself mean that Jesus was the Messiah or the Son of God. Mk shows Jesus attempting to play down the meaning of his healing activity. However, the people see more at work in Jesus than simply an ordinary miracle worker. The way he is able to mediate the power of God and his willingness to exercise this power beyond his own religious and cultural boundaries point to more than a mere standard miracle worker. Thus, the people who witness what Jesus does cannot keep quiet about it.

### Welcoming Jesus Statue Update

There have been a total of \$18,869.00 of donations for the "Welcoming Jesus Statue" to date. There is a balance of \$17,431.00 that will totally pay off the statue project. Thank you to all who have donated on this project.. If anyone wants to help us in paying off the balance, we will appreciate your help.

### Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on **Mon. Sept. 7th** for the Labor Day Holiday. The Parish Office will re-open **Tues. Sept. 8th.**  
Have a happy and safe Labor Day 2015!



### Catholic Camporee

Scouts & their families are invited to our fall Camporee celebrating "duty to God" for all scouts on **Sept. 11-13, 2015** at Camp Illinek in Springfield.

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on **Sun. Sept. 13 from 10:30 am—2:30 pm at the Effingham Knights of Columbus.** For more information, see Church bulletin board.

### 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.

### Annual Catholic Service Appeal

The Annual Catholic Service Appeal will be the weekend of **Saturday, September 19– Sunday, September 20, 2015.**

### 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.**

### Supper with the Bishop

**Sat. Sept. 19th after the 4:30 pm Mass,** there will be "Supper with the Bishop" at the Parish Hall. Last names A-M, please bring a side dish. N-Z dessert. Meat & drinks provided.



## 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

## 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, October and November are: **Sept. 8 – acceptance; October 13 – prayerfulness and faith; and Nov. 10 – gratitude.**

## Retrouvaille for Marriage Challenges

Retrouvaille is a French word meaning rediscovery & is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The Retrouvaille program starts with a Friday-night thru-Sunday "Weekend" & includes six follow-up meetings over the next three months. 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).

## 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.

## Italy Pilgrimage

11 days—Nov. 2-12, 2015

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Catholic Church at Bishop Creek. See Church bulletin board.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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, August 30, 2015

Envelopes \$2,697.00 Loose \$404.40

Youth Pilgrimage \$1,089.00

Online thru Give Central \$50.00

**Total Deposit \$4,240.40**

### Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday, August 30, 2015

Envelopes \$585.00 Loose \$50.00

Youth Pilgrimage \$171.00

**Total Deposit \$806.00**

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

## 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**