



# The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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#### PASTORAL STAFF

Secretary: Halena Estep  
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Custodial Care: Marylin Stanley & Matthew Watson for St. Elizabeth  
Custodial Care: Rita Wirey for Our Lady of Lourdes  
Music Director : Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm  
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.

January 18, 2015

Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



Behold,  
the  
Lamb of God  
John 1:36



## Mass Intentions

Jan. 17	4:30 pm	Florence Huss by Karen Sanders
Jan. 18	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Francis & Annie Begley by Anne Schalasky Anne Arkenberg by Chad & Chris Arkenberg
Jan. 19		NO MASS
Jan. 20	12:05 pm	Barbara Clark by Geri Ezell
Jan. 21	7:30 am	Jim Poettker by Mary Ann Poettker
Jan. 22	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Nancy Truitt
Jan. 23	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Ron & Janet Mitchell
Jan. 24	4:30 pm	Earl Mullins by Karen Sanders
Jan. 25	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Florence Huss by the Jeff Rich Family Francis & Annie Begley By Anne Schalasky Edna Schlosser by Chad & Chris Arkenberg



## Ministry Schedule

*January 24-25, 2015*

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Ken Brown USHERS: Amanda & Randy Mullins COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Ginger Osborne, Jack Stanley SERVERS: Ty Mullins, +Abby Mullins+ GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Shari Eckert USHERS: Kathy Harris, Carol Zellars COMMUNION MIN: Jack Stanley, Joe Hepner, Jim Eckert SERVERS: Melissa Jenkins, Sarah Rynke GIFTS: Mosbey Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Keith Wirey USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping COMMUNION MIN: Courtney & Bob Coffman SERVERS: J. Hermann GIFTS: Wirey Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Josh Quick USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell COMMUNION MIN: April & Sean Sexton, Carol Wong SERVERS: David Staller, Emily Heidorn GIFTS: Lisa & Matt Hartrich

**St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for January**

*Karen Rejnoehl, Chris Tylka, Bob Birkofer*

## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Rosemary & Ed Halter, Roscoe Paul Kincaid, Daniel Hatfield, Nancy Huber, Jeff Rich, Billy Skaggs, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Kirk Wirey, Mildred Hinterscher, Cherie Stewart, Mark Wagner, Arlene Schutte, Jane Brown, Patti Ackerman, Dan Schalasky, Emma Kocher, Michelle & Kevin Boyd, Mary Rogers, Jason Genta, Sherry Mitchell, Lorraine Snerecky, Dr. John Newlin, John Skaggs, Sam Mitchell, Lori Brown, Jared Holmes, George Inboden, Theresa Bowen, Bobbie Cheesman, Amie Cornwell, Ben Curtis, Daniel Ferguson, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Hartrich Family, Judy Hester, Ira Inboden, Joe King, Madonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Val Pescatore, Kristi Rawlings, Brice Reed & family, Missy Rees, Levi Richardson, Jason Richardville, Ellis Sanders, Marian Scott, Mike & Judy Smolinski, John Stedelin, Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Linda Stewart, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Bertha Taylor, Becky Van Schoyck, Ginny Varner, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Bill Wilson, Jennifer Winstead & the men &

## Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

**Sun. Jan. 18, 2015**-High School Youth Group Meeting concerning the DYC from 6-7:00 pm in the Parish Center.  
**Wed. Jan. 21, 2015**-We will begin to collect food for the FCA's Annual "Souper Bowl of Caring." All canned and non-perishable foods can be brought to PSR classes on Wednesday nights. We need to stress to our students how important it is to support the local food pantry and help those who are in need. **Wed. Jan. 28, 2015**-During PSR the 5th and 8th grade classes will take the ACRE assessment. These students should report to the Parish Center at 6:30 pm. If the testing takes longer than the hour of classes, the students will finish on 02-04-15. **Wed. Feb. 11, 2015**-FCA meets at St. Elizabeth. I am thinking a Mardi Gras theme since it is the week before Ash Wednesday. **Wed. Feb. 11, 2015**-Fellowship Dinner from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. **March 6-March 7, 2015**-Diocesan Youth Conference at Lake Williamson Conference Ctr. in Carlinville, more will follow.

## January Stewardship Corner

It is important to measure our generosity not by what we give, but by what we have left.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Linda & Ared Allen in the loss of Linda's brother-Walter Rosenski who passed away on January 12, 2015. Please keep this family in your prayers.

## Victim Assistance

If you or someone close to you have been a victim of abuse by a priest, deacon or individual representing the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, you or they are encouraged to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator-Patricia Kornfeld at 217-321-1155.

**Please remember to attend weekly mass**

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

In our first reading, Hannah prayed for God to gift her with a child. When God answered her prayer, she dedicated her first son to God. And so Samuel spent his early years in the service of Eli the priest at Shiloh, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. This reading relates the special calling Samuel received from God during his service at Shiloh.

Samuel's dedication to spiritual matters is already suggested by the fact that he sleeps in the Lord's temple close to the ark. Eli the priest, on the other hand, seems to be sleeping some distance from the temple. This contrast will become all the more apparent when God speaks to Samuel of the judgment in store for the house of Eli. But at this early stage in his life, Samuel is unfamiliar with the ways of God. Twice he runs to Eli when he hears God's voice, thinking the priest must have called out to him. Only the third time does the priest finally realize that God must be calling his young apprentice.

To his credit, Eli at least knows the proper response to God. He instructs Samuel to declare that he is ready to listen to whatever God has to tell him. Sadly, Eli did not apply his own instructions to himself or to his sons, whose disregard for the standards of God is the reason for the judgment against them. But Samuel has great respect for the values of heaven. When he enters God's

service as an adult, it is clear that he is a true spokesman for God. And the stage is set for the narratives that follow.

John takes the initiative and proclaims Jesus the Lamb of God. This is a theological phrase that mutually identifies God the Redeemer with the instrument of redemption, the paschal lamb. Jesus is the paschal lamb in that he was slain and raised up by God. All of this and more is implied by John identifying Jesus as the Lamb of God.

John's witness leads his disciples to become followers of Jesus. The dialogue between Jesus and his potential disciples is theologically very important. Jesus presents them with the key question: "What are you looking for?" They address Jesus as "Rabbi," and so they recognize him in his role as teacher. What they will learn from him is the revelation of God. The disciples' question seeks to know where Jesus is staying.

This implies more than simply location. This is another way of asking Jesus who he really is. Ultimately, what the disciples are really seeking is God, and in this Gospel, following Jesus through faith is the only way to find God.

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### Parish Office Closed



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 19, 2015** in celebration of Martin Luther King, JR. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

### Church in Latin America Collection

Next week, **Sun. Jan. 25, 2015**, we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your generosity to this collection.

### Soup Supper

Fr. John Titus & the Friends of St. Hedwig Haus of Hospitality invite you to their Soup Supper & Raffle being held in Moriarty Hall at St. Charles Church in Charleston on **Sun. Jan. 25, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.** Free-will offering dinner includes your choice of various soups, homemade desserts, and drink (tea, coffee, or lemonade). There will be large & small raffles and 50/50 drawing. All proceeds go towards the operating expenses of the Charleston House which serves women & children in need. Everyone is welcome.

### The Need for Military Caring Webinars

Please see bulletin insert for information on Military Outreach FREE webinars starting on January 28th.

### Wine Tasting at St. Thomas Church

#### St. Thomas Church's Annual Wine Tasting You're Invited!

This beneficial event for St. Thomas Church in Newton, IL will be held on **Saturday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. Your \$10.00 minimum per adult donation will go towards the new church capital campaign. The Parishioners of St. Thomas want to thank everyone for their support and look forward to seeing all of you. Be sure to mark your calendars! Sponsored by Koerner Distributors, Knights of Columbus and Friends of St. Thomas.

### Retrouvaile of St. Louis

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart...if there's little or no meaningful communication...even if you are considering or are already separated or divorced, RETROUVAILLE can help you work to heal your marriage. It CAN be better than it ever was! For confidential information, call toll free 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)  
St. Louis Retrouvaille upcoming weekends:  
**February 6-8, 2015 & June 5-8, 2015**

### Catholic TV

visit [GetCatholicTV.com](http://GetCatholicTV.com) as an easy way to petition your cable or satellite provider.

## First Friday of the month Mass at OLOL

The first Friday of the month mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

## Mardi Gras

**Sat. Feb. 14, 2015**-The Crawford County Catholics annual Mardi Gras Party will be at Quail Creek Country Club. This event is open to the public and begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 at the door & you must be 21 years old to attend.

## Up-coming Meetings

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at the Parish Office at St. Elizabeth on **Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:30 pm.**

## Lenten Stations of the Cross

The Lenten Stations of the Cross will be as follows:

<u>St. Elizabeth</u>	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>
7:00 pm Fri. Feb. 20, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Feb. 20, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Feb. 27, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Feb. 27, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 6, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 6, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 13, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 13, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 20, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 20, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Mar. 27, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Mar. 27, 2015
7:00 pm Fri. Apr. 3, 2015	5:30 pm Fri. Apr. 3, 2015

## "24 Hours for the Lord"

After the 7:30 am morning mass on **Friday, March 13, 2015**, at St. Elizabeth, there will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Elizabeth. The Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 6:30 pm.

## Fish Fry Dates

The dates for the upcoming fish fries are as follows: **Fri. Mar. 6, Fri. Mar. 13 & Fri. Mar. 20, 2015 from 4 pm-7 pm.** We are going to try to provide babysitting for the volunteers working the fish fry. If interested, please call Lenzi Ippolito at 562-8946.

## Weather Policy

As the temperature turns colder, we remind you that in cases of severe weather, please listen to WTAY (101.7 FM) for Mass and parish activity cancellations. The decision to cancel Mass is never taken lightly, but the safety of our parishioners is very important.

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

### 2014 Parish Goals ~ St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$22,520.00  
Amount pledged to date: \$20,698.00  
Amount paid to date: \$18,023.00  
57 contributors have paid 80.03% of the pledged amount. A total of 91.90 (20%) of 285 parishioners have paid to date.

### Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$3,799.00  
Amount pledged to date: \$2,200.00  
Amount paid to date: \$1,740.00  
46 contributors have paid 45.80% of the pledged amount. A total of 57.90 (26.08%) of 46 parishioners have paid to date.

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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  
Ushers: Ed Halter 544-7106

### 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, January 11, 2015

Envelopes-\$3,351.00~68=\$49.27 per envelope  
Loose Offering~\$245.75  
Caritas~\$52.00~4=\$13.00 per envelope  
Building Fund-1@ \$10.00  
Online~1@\$50.00 Catholic Times Loose~\$221.00  
First Offering~\$20.00~2=\$10.00 per env.  
Catholic Times~\$462.00~31=\$14.90 per envelope  
**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$4,411.75**  
Give Central.org online collection for St. Elizabeth

### Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sun. Jan. 11, 2015

Envelopes-\$455.00~18=\$25.27 per envelope  
Loose Offering-\$98.00  
Building Fund-\$20.00~2=\$10.00 per env.  
Catholic Times~\$190.00~13=\$14.61 ea.  
Catholic Times-\$7.00 cash loose offering  
First Offering~\$20.00~2=\$10.00 per env.  
**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$790.00**

**Thank you and may God bless you**