



# 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: Eileen Hartrich  
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.

February 8, 2015

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon & Andrew with James & John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.*

*Mark 1:29-31*



## Mass Intentions

Feb. 7	4:30 pm	Rich Halter families by Anonymous
Feb. 8	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Francis & Stephen Begley by Anne Schalasky Charles Schollosser by Chad & Chris Arkenberg
Feb. 9		NO MASS
Feb. 10		NO MASS
Feb. 11	7:30 am	Jim & Julie Maloy by George & Jane Bohman
Feb. 12	7:30 am	Jackie Wagner by Harry & Carol Wong
Feb. 13	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Karen Sanders
Feb. 14	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Karen Sanders
Feb. 15	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Joseph Kim by Sunny & Chad Veenstra George & Margaret Schalasky by Anne Schalasky Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin



## Ministry Schedule

*February 14- 15 2015*

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Jack Stanley USHERS: Jack & Marylin Stanley COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders, Linda Reis, Celeste White SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Ty Mullins GIFTS: Griffin Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Dave Holscher USHERS: Jona & Mike Uptmor COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Mike Dorn, Jim Eckert SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert GIFTS: Jack & Marylin Stanley
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman USHERS: Ron & Ethel Dhom COMMUNION MIN: Wilmer Wilson, Nellie Schalasky SERVERS: Ethan Matson GIFTS: Fitzmaurice Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Patti Buercklin USHERS: Brad Sexton, Logan Sexton COMMUNION MIN: Roselene Quick, Phyllis Inboden, Carol Wong SERVERS: Chase Knoblett, Joe Quick GIFTS: James & Maria Morris

*St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for February  
Janet Mitchell, Kay Pescatore, Ione Lopiccio*

## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers:  
Judy Smolinski, Harry Wong, Rosemary Halter, 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, 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, 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, & the men & women in armed forces.

## Parish School of Religion (PSR) News

**PSR Wed. Feb. 11, 2015 at 6:30 pm-7:30 pm**

Think you have the **BEST** chili recipe in all of Crawford County? If you have what it takes to be crowned the champion, be sure to enter the First Annual Crawford County Catholic Youth Chili-Cook Off on **Sun. Feb. 22, 2015**. Entry fee is \$20.00 and the winner will receive half the total of the entry fees, a trophy and of course, bragging rights. Contact Courtney Ferris to enter.

**PSR:** Our final night for food collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring will be on **Wed. Feb. 11, 2015**. We are only 85 cans away from our goal of 400. Once we reach 400, Courtney Ferris DRE will let the students "pie" her. Be sure to support this worthy cause and help the RHS FCA support the Robinson Food Pantry.

**Youth:** We are in need of volunteers to provide food for the RHS FCA meeting that will be taking place at St. Elizabeth on **02/11/15**. This will be the last time FCA meets at St. Elizabeth during this school year, so let's go out with a **BANG!** Please contact Courtney Ferris to volunteer.

**Fellowship Dinner:** Due to lack of volunteers for main dishes, we have changed the theme of our **02/11/15 Fellowship Dinner** from Italian to Breakfast for Supper. This one is always a hit with the kids and seems to be easier for people to commit to. Please contact Courtney Ferris to volunteer.

## Fellowship Dinner Night

There will be a Fellowship Dinner at the Parish Hall on **Wed. Feb. 11th, 2015 from 5:30-7:00 pm.**

Please attend  
weekly mass

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

Job's three friends have begun to dialogue with him. Eliphaz politely suggests that Job recognize his spiritual weaknesses and take steps to put his relationship with God back on track. This friend is confident that, if Job can do this, good things will come his way again. Because Job had earlier cursed the day he was born, Eliphaz worries that Job is allowing his suffering to steer him toward being incautious with his words.

When he responds, Job does not tone down his remarks as Eliphaz hoped he would. Instead, Job's words become even brasher. The advice of his friend Eliphaz was good except for one thing: He presumes that Job is guilty of some offense and that this is the reason for his hardship. Job knows he is innocent, and so he cannot do what Eliphaz asks of him. In this reading, Job paints a very dark picture of life on earth. He says a man like himself is nothing more than a slave and a hireling. He speaks of the seemingly endless nights when even the little sleep he gets is interrupted by dreams filled with terrifying visions. Job's words imply that God is a cruel master who oversees the drudgery of human existence.

To capture the fleeting nature of human life, Job uses the image of a weaver's shuttle crossing rapidly back and forth over the threads of a loom. But in the end, there will be no beautiful tapestry to display; Job's life is no more substantial than the wind that blows. He is confident he will never see happiness again.

Today's Gospel begins with an interesting healing of the mother-in-law of Simon. This makes it obvious that Simon Peter was married, but no details are ever given. Jesus does only two things. He grasps her hand, and he helps her up. The completeness of this instantaneous healing is demonstrated by the fact that the newly healed woman waits on them.

Some commentators see symbolic references implied by the gesture of Jesus "raising up" Simon's mother-in-law. They see in this gesture a reference to resurrection to new life. Also pointed out is the fact that she immediately "served them." This is sometimes seen as a reference to discipleship. Thus, the woman has been raised to a new life of discipleship. If this kind of symbolism is intended by the Gospel writer, he does not dwell on it.

### Happy Valentine's Day-Feb. 14, 2015



### 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.

### Valentine Breakfast

There will be a Valentine Breakfast on **Sun. Feb. 15, 2015** at the St. Valentine's Hall in The Bend at **9:00 am to 12:00 pm**.

### Farewell Celebration for Bishop-elect Cheri

All are invited to the celebration & farewell for Bishop-elect Cheri, OFM, to be ordained Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans on **Sun. Feb. 15, 2015 at 5 pm Mass** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, IL. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be the main celebrant with Bishop-elect Cheri concelebrating. A reception with Jazz Music & New Orleans style food will follow the liturgy in the Cathedral Atrium. Please join us to congratulate Bishop-Elect Cheri, OFM.

### Parish Office Closed



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 16, 2015** for the Presidents Day Holiday. We will re-open on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015**.

### Ash Wed.-Wed. Feb. 18, 2015 Services

There will be Ash Wednesday Services as follows:  
St. Elizabeth~Wed. Feb. 18, 2015 at 12:05 pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes~Wed. Feb. 18, 2015 at 5:00 pm  
& St. Elizabeth~Wed. Feb. 18, 2015 at 6:45 pm

### Aid to Church in Central/Eastern Europe Collection

The Collection next week will be for the Collection for the Church in Central/Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter & train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet Rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, & funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church & build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week. Thank you in advance.

The collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe will be on **Ash Wednesday, Wed. Feb. 18, 2015**

## 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

## Chili Cookoff

The Youth Group sponsored Chili Cook Off is scheduled for **February 22, 2015 from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm** at the Parish Center.

## 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.**

## Up-coming Meetings

We will be having our regularly quarterly meeting on **Thurs. Apr. 30, 2015 at 5:30 pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes.

## “24 Hours for the Lord”

After the 7:30 am morning mass on **Fri. Mar.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.

## Florence Huss Morning Prayer

Good morning, Lord, Thank you for another day, Take my hand, Oh, Lord, I pray, Take my problems big and small, Lead me, Lord, 'er I should fall. Walk with me, Oh, Lord, I pray. Prompt me what to do and say. Let me feel you always there. Lead me Lord, should I despair. Bless me, Oh Lord, this I pray, Guide me, Lord, should I stray. Thank you, Lord, for all your care, Oh, Thank you Lord, .....my little prayer. This prayer Florence said every morning before her feet hit the floor and she did so for years.

## Confirmation of Catechized Catholics

Confirmation of Catechized Catholics, **Sun. May 24, 2015**—following the directives established by Bishop Paprocki, adult Catholics who are catechized but not confirmed are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Pentecost

## Silent Auction Donations

Several unique items have been donated for Silent Auction including a Grandfather clock, a handcrafted stained glass window, and hand quilted baby blanket. Please join us for Mardi Gras for a chance on many wonderful items.

## 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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*This information current as of 01-06-2015 Parish Master Report*

## Liturgical Ministry Contacts

### St. Elizabeth Parish

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251  
Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526  
Art & Environment: Robb Sparks 546-5606  
Head Usher:

### 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, February 1, 2015

Envelopes-\$2,711.00~66=\$41.07 per envelope  
Loose Offering~\$351.00  
Caritas~\$105.00~4=\$26.25 per envelope  
Online~1@\$50.00 envelope  
Building Fund~\$390.00~8=\$48.75  
Church in Latin America~1 @\$5.00  
First Offering 1@\$10.00  
**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$3,622.00**  
Give Central.org online collection for St. Elizabeth

### Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sun. Feb. 1, 2015

Envelopes-\$860.00~23=\$37.39 per envelope  
Loose Offering-\$77.00  
Easter Flowers Collection~1@\$25.00  
Caritas~1@\$10.00 Building Fund~\$35.00~2=\$17.50 ea.env.  
**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$1,007.00**

**Thank you and may God bless you**

## Give Central Online Donation Collection

[www.GiveCentral.org](http://www.GiveCentral.org)  
Or go to the Church Website and click on Donate  
You can donate to whatever collection you would like to.  
All monies donated go directly to St. Elizabeth