



# The Nuncio



Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

## CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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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

### 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.

March 1, 2015

## Second Sunday of Lent



Some time after these events, God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, & go to the land of Moriah".

Genesis 22:1,2



## Mass Intentions

Feb. 28	4:30 pm	Jasmine Howard by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 1	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Jeanette Kraemer by Anne Loy For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Missy Rees by Ellen Rees
Mar. 2		NO MASS
Mar. 3	12:05 pm	Ed Halter by Ray Halter, Chris Evans & Carol Waters
Mar. 4	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Ron & Janet Mitchell
Mar. 5	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Karen Sanders
Mar. 6	7:30 am	Julie Maloy by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 7	4:30 pm	Ed Halter by Steve & Geri Ezell
Mar. 8	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	William Loy by Anne Loy Edith Smith by Anne Schalasky Tom & Joann Sexton by Terry & Lynne Roche

## Ministry Schedule



*March 7–March 8, 2015*

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Ken Brown USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders, Mike Dorn, Ginger Osborne SERVERS: Cody York, Xavier Brown GIFTS: Mullins Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Linda Sikorski USHERS: Kathy Harris, Carol Zellars COMMUNION MIN: Jack & Marylin Stanley, Kathy Harris SERVERS: Melissa Jenkins, Sarah Rynke GIFTS: Laurie Jenkins Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Keith Wirey USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping SERVERS: Ethan Matson GIFTS: Kocher Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Josh Quick USHERS: Karen Free, Ken Deters COMMUNION MIN: April & Sean Sexton, Matt Hartrich SERVERS: David & Sarah Staller GIFTS: Bob & Karla Birkofer

*St. Elizabeth Collection Counters for March  
Alan Maddox, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka*

Please attend weekly Mass

## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers:  
Judy Smolinski, Daniel Hatfield, Nancy Huber, Billy Skaggs,  
Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Mildred Hinterscher, Cherie  
Stewart, Mark Wagner, Arlene Schutte, Jane Brown, Patti  
Ackerman, Emma Kocher, 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, 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. Mar. 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm–7:30 pm**

Don't forget the **First Annual Crawford County Catholic Youth Chili Cook-Off** on **Sunday, March 1, 2015** from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Cost for this "all-you-can-eat" dinner is \$10.00 per adult, \$8.00 for seniors, \$6.00 for students, and children 5 & under are free. Included will be chili, sides, sandwiches, desserts and drinks. (This is a change of date due to inclement weather.)

The Youth Group will be selling beef house rolls beginning **February 25, 2015 through March 18, 2015**. Rolls will be \$8.00 per dozen & will be delivered in time for Easter dinner. See a Youth Group member to order your rolls or contact Courtney Ferris. There is also an order form in the back of the Church.

Rice Bowls for "Operation Rice Bowl" will be going home with students on **February 25, 2015 until April 1, 2015**.

Youth Group Mtg. on **Wed. Mar. 4, 2015** -6:30 pm-7:30 p.m.

## Youth Pilgrimage

Included in March's offertory envelopes you will see a grey envelope marked "Youth Pilgrimage." Over the next few weeks, there will be students speaking at all the masses to inform the Parishes of the details of our trip to see Pope Francis. This envelope is being provided to the parishioners as a way for them to contribute to the trip funding if they see fit. Please keep in mind that this envelope is an optional giving opportunity. There will be one in each month's set from now until September. We would like to thank you in advance for your support of this journey—your prayers are just as important as any funding we may need.

# Shepherd News

## Scriptural Reflections

Abraham is at last ready to demonstrate his total trust in the word of God. This readiness did not come easily for him. So many times before, Abraham hesitated to place complete trust in that word. He doubted God's promise that Sarah would bear him a son, even going so far as to present his wife Sarah to foreigners as his sister. He put his hopes in Ishmael, born from a union with Hagar. Even when learning that his son by Sarah was to have the name Isaac, Abraham pleaded with God to favor Ishmael.

But now things have changed. Abraham does not speak up for Ishmael when God declares Isaac to be his only son. Now the patriarch follows God's lead to the mountain. He trusts in God's promise concerning many descendants through his son even when God directs him to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice. Abraham needs to display this degree of faith, not for God's sake, but for his own sake. This is his opportunity to prove to God that he has at last put aside all conditions for faith.

Along the way, Abraham assures Isaac God would provide. He is not avoiding the truth in saying this; he is stating a conviction deep within his heart. Because Abraham has at last displayed unconditional faith he gains advantages that could come only from God. His descendants will be more numerous than the stars in the night sky or the sands on the shore. All the

nations of the earth will find blessing in Abraham because he has shown them how to walk with God.

Thus far in Mk's Gospel the disciples have not been able to comprehend who Jesus really is. Neither his miracles nor even his direct prediction of his suffering, death, and resurrection have been able to penetrate their understanding. So, at this point Mk stops the story and, through symbol and word, shows and tells Peter, James, and John who Jesus really is.

They are led by Jesus to a high mountain. In the Bible this kind of location is a favorite place for manifestations of God ("theophany"). We are simply told that on the mountain Jesus was transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John. There is no direct explanation of the meaning of the term "transfigured." Its effect is that Jesus' clothing became dazzling white. What has really happened is that Jesus has been transformed into a more divine manifestation right in front of his disciples. Two other famous biblical characters, Elijah and Moses, appear alongside Jesus.

Many commentators think that Elijah symbolizes the prophets while Moses symbolizes the law (Torah). Traditionally, the law and the prophets was the way of referring to divine revelation. Thus, Jesus is the fullness of this revelation.

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## Lenten Stations of the Cross

St. Elizabeth	Our Lady of Lourdes
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

## Catholic Charities Collection

Catholic Charities serves literally thousands of people every year. Through its many programs and facilities, Catholic Charities provides the poor with food, clothing and shelter, cares for abused children, protects senior citizens and strengthens families. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection this weekend.

## 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.

## Sympathy

Our sympathies to Betty Moore & Susan Kerr in the loss of Helen Pretz. Helen passed away on Feb. 17, 2015. She was 86 years young. She was the sister of Betty Moore and the aunt of Susan Kerr.

Our sympathies also to Sharon Skaggs & Karen Boyd at the loss of Michelle Boyd. Michelle Boyd passed away on Tues. Feb. 24, 2015. She was 54 years young. Michelle was the niece of Sharon & sister-in-law to Karen Boyd.

Our sympathies to Terry & Lynne Roche at the loss of Lynne's aunt-Betty Wolf. She passed away this past week and was 87 years of age.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

## "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.

## 1st Friday of the Month Mass OLOL

There will be no 1st Friday of the month Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes during Lenten Season-Fri. Mar. 6 & Fri. Apr. 3, 2015.

## Altar Society Ladies

The meeting for the new ladies group at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) will be right after the Mass today on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at OLOL Parish Hall. This new group is welcoming all the ladies of the Parish to join us after Mass. Come and bring your own ideas!

## Mass Cancelled

There will be no Tuesday, March 10, 2015 12:05 pm or Wednesday, March 11, 2015 7:30 am mass.

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for Operation Rice Bowl will take up their collection on **Easter Sun. Apr. 5, 2015**. This collection helps those in Africa during the Lenten Season. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

## Up-coming Meetings

St. Elizabeth will be having the regular quarterly meeting-the **Pastoral Council Meeting on Thurs. Apr. 30, 2015 at 5:00 pm.** at Our Lady of Lourdes.

## Confirmation of Catechized Catholics

Confirmation of Catechized Catholics, 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 Sunday, May 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.**

## Thank You

A big "thanks" to Don Brown, Mike Uptmor, Todd Weber, Ken Bergbower, Larry Dix, Jeff & Garrett Rich, Joe Hepner and Mike Dorn for the help in removing snow from the Church grounds.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Nellie Schalasky from OLOL! She has been chosen as a Totus Tuus team member for the summer of 2015. She's the first team member from our parishes, & we are all so very proud of her.

## 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.

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

### 2014 Parish Goals

#### St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$22,520.00  
Amount pledged to date: \$20,913.00  
Amount paid to date: \$19,938.00  
Pledge balance: \$975.00

#### 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: \$1,970.00  
Pledge balance: \$230.00

Updated 02-25-2015

*This information current as of 02-25-15 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

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 ~ Ash Wed. Collection February 18, 2015

Envelopes \$405.00~22=\$18.40 ea. Loose-\$211.00

Church in Central & Eastern Europe Envelopes

\$327.00~16=\$20.43 Loose-\$128.95

Operation Rice Bowl Collection-\$130.00~8=\$16.25

**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$1,201.95**

Feb. 22, 2015 Envelopes-\$2,558.00~64=\$39.96 per envelope

Loose Offering~\$211.00

Caritas~\$7.00~2=\$3.50 per envelope

Online~1@\$50.00 envelope

Building Fund~\$7.00~2=\$3.50

Operation Rice Bowl~\$97.00~8=\$12.12

Ash Wednesday~\$47.00@=\$23.50 ea.

Church in Central & Eastern Europe-1 @ \$2.00

Youth Pilgrimage1 @ \$25.00

CCW 1 @ \$2.00 Flowers-\$532.00~28=\$19.00 ea.

**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$3,538.00**

### OLOL ~ Ash Wed. Collection February 18, 2015

Church in Central & Eastern Europe Envelopes-\$89.00~7=\$12.71

Ash Wednesday Envelopes \$110.00~9=\$12.22

Loose Offering-\$22.00

**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$221.00**

Feb. 22, 2015 Envelopes \$530.00~18=\$29.44 per env.

Loose Collection-\$93.00

Building Fund-1@\$20.00

Easter Flowers Collections-\$115.00~9=\$12.77 ea.env.

Church in Central & Eastern Europe-1@\$5.00

Operation Rice Bowl-\$65.00~3=\$21.66 ea. Env.

**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$828.00**

Thank you and may God bless you