



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



## CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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### Father James Flach

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Office Manager: Halena Estep

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Director of Religious Education: Courtney Ferris

Custodial Care: Jerry Pittman, St. Elizabeth

Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis, Our Lady of Lourdes

Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Parish Office closed from 8:00 am~12:00 noon

Monday open from 1:00 pm~4:00 pm

Tuesday~Friday from 8:00 am~4:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday~7:30 am

Tuesday~12:05 pm

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

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Flach.

#### BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Center for registration and reservation.

#### 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.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

## Sunday, February 12, 2017 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Swonder Ice Arena 02-05-2017

Simply Let your 'Yes' be  
'Yes', and your 'No',  
'No'; anything beyond  
this comes from the evil  
one.

Matthew 5:37



## Mass Intentions

Feb. 11	4:30 pm 7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Feb. 12	9:00 am 10:30 am 7:30 am	Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Anna Marie Flach By William & Nancy Bence
Feb. 13	12:05 pm 7:30 am	Ray Halter by CCW Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Feb. 14	7:30 am	Howard Rio by
Feb. 15		Terry & Lynne Roche
Feb. 16	7:30 am 4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Carol Wong Bobby & Phil Koontz by
Feb. 17		Maxine Koontz
Feb. 18	7:30 am	Gene & Betty Uptmor by Mike & Jona Uptmor
Feb. 19	9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions



## Ministry Schedule

*Sat. Feb. 18~ Sun. Feb. 19, 2017*

Sat. Feb. 18, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: John Grimm, Mark Grimm

COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Celeste White

SERVERS: Braden Hatfield, Ella Jenkins

GIFTS: John Grimm Family

Sun. Feb. 19, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Jeff Rich, Travis Rich

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Jacob Eckert

GIFTS: Christopher Bonnell Family

Sun. Feb. 19, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS: Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice

COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

SERVERS: J. Hermann

GIFTS: Keith Wirey Family

Sun. Feb. 19, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: April Sexton

USHERS: Geraldo Rios, Miguel Vega

COMMUNION MIN: Teresa Gower, Roselene Quick

SERVERS: Breanna Briggs, Halle Gower

GIFTS: Gene Gower Family

Collection Counters: *February, 2017: Joshua & Roselene Quick, Janet Mitchell*

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

## PSR & Youth Events

02-12-2017~Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm~8:00 pm  
02-15-2017~PSR 6:30~7:30 pm



## Happy Mardi Gras 2017

HAPPY MARDI GRAS ~ Join us for the 16th Annual Crawford County Catholics Mardi Gras~Sat. Feb. 25 6pm~12:00 am Quail Creek Country Club Party tickets are \$25.00 & includes dinner. Dinner Menu: Barbeque Chicken Sliders, Shrimp Po Boys, Jambalaya, Peel & Eat Shrimp, Cornbread, Black Eyed Peas, Fruit, King Cake. Tea/Water/Coffee. Big Divvy & Raffle drawings will be announced at 9:00 pm. Big Divvy tickets are \$25.00. Big Divvy winners need not be present at Mardi Gras to claim their prize.

## The Most Holy & Sacred Season of Lent

# Lent



Ash Wednesday-March 1, 2017 to  
Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Ash Wednesday-March 1, 2017

As we begin this holy & penitential season of the Church Year, the Season of LENT, we are invited to enter into the spirit of sacred time through the ancient tradition of receiving the BLESSED ASHES upon our foreheads. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lenten Season & a day of universal fast, penance, & abstinence within the Catholic Church. On this particular day of Prayer, Penance & Fasting, Blessed Ashes will be placed upon our foreheads in the Sign of the Cross to express our willingness & sincere desire during the remaining forty days of Lent to enter into the true spirit of this season of conversion. Through the gifts of God's grace, we will strive to receive into our hearts & souls the Christian virtues—the important symbols of the Spirit of lent, the Spirit of Discipline, the Spirit of Sacrifice, the Spirit of Penance, the Spirit of Fasting, the Spirit of Reconciliation & the Spirit of Almsgiving. To symbolize our sincere desire to begin this Holy & Sacred Season of Lent & to help us prepare our hearts & souls for the Spirit of Lent, below is the schedule for Ash Wed.



Ash Wednesday-March 1, 2017

7:30 am Sacred Eucharist & Distribution of Blessed Ashes

8:00 am Exposition ~ 11:15 am Stations of the Cross

5:00 pm Sacred Eucharist & Distribution of Blessed Ashes

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

6:30 pm Sacred Eucharist & Distribution of Blessed Ashes

## Lenten Mass & Devotions



During this special season of the Church Year, the holy spiritual season of Lent, we are blessed to be able to gather in prayer. During Lent, the Son of God, our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ invites us to come to Him so that our hearts will be renewed, enriched & converted. So that those who work during the day will have an opportunity to celebrate the Sacred Eucharist during the week, there will be Mass & the Stations of the Cross on the Wed. evenings of the Lent. 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross. 6:30 pm Sacred Eucharist. Please give serious thought & reflection to your attendance at the Lenten Devotions so that you will be able to take advantage of these sacred & holy days of Lent. The Lenten Schedule of Events will be published in next week's bulletin. All of the events of LENT will be listed.

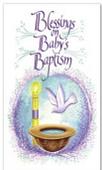
## Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let's not dwell on a scriptural caricature of scribes & Pharisees. As in every religious & secular movement, there are people who are fundamentalists, literalist & legalistic types, & those who pursue some form of perfectionism. That was probably true about some of the scribes & Pharisees, just as it remains true today for some Christians. We can miss the spirit of the law, so that while we appear to be in conformity, we have missed the point. Jesus referred to it once as being circumcised but not have circumcised the heart. "The reign of God is at hand!" Jesus told his disciples that unless their way of living surpassed legalism, they would miss out on the wonder of what God is doing in their midst; unless their spirituality went beyond a kind of perfectionism, they were blocking themselves from being drawn into the mystery of God's activity in the world. Jesus gave some examples of that, urging us to get beyond legalism & a minimalist approach to our spirituality.

It's not just adultery that keeps you out of God's reign, but the lust that leads to adultery. It's not just murder that blocks your entering God's reign, but the anger that can lead to murder. It's not just swearing a false oath that's contrary to God's way, but anything that misleads. Next week's Gospel contains more examples: It's not justice to seek the revenge of "an eye for an eye & a tooth for a tooth"-that is contrary to the reign of God; you must go further by doing good when you have been hurt. It's not fair to "love your neighbors & hate your enemies"-that is contrary to God's way; you must go further & love your enemies & return good to those who have harmed you. Jesus uses the example of legalistic people to make his point; unless your behavior goes beyond that kind of superficial morality, you can't be my disciples.

Jesus isn't demanding mere conformity to a set of laws; He is calling us to deeper spirituality. Jesus is calling us to greatness by our participation in the reign of God. Living this way requires a certain level of maturity, & we aren't necessarily there yet. But God recognizes this & understands. Sirach reminds us that God understands our sinfulness (it's not hidden). God understands our intentions & motives (whether for good or evil). We don't read about Jesus being upset with struggling sinners. He did get upset with people who used their cleverness to get out of things, who at the same time lay burdens on others. When we're discouraged or feeling weak & sinful, we may start to think that it's impossible for us to be holy. Or we may think that holiness is reserved for a few people-the religious, or smart people, or the lawyers! But that is not what the Scriptures tell us today. Sirach points out that we have choices to make-for fire or water. Our choices have the potential for growth or destruction, for life & death. But they are our choices to make, & each person has the freedom to make them. Making those choices happen does not always come easily. Growing toward holiness requires time & effort. We don't get it perfect every time, even when we're trying hard. We're blessed to know that God understands as we stumble through, extending mercy again & again, all the while calling us to greatness.

### Baptism Congratulations



Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is happy to welcome **CHOLE OLIVIA ORTEGA & ZOE FE ORTEGO** into the Catholic Church & the Christian Community through the oils & waters of the Sacrament of Baptism. As you both begin your

Baptismal Journeys into eternal love & eternal life with GOD, we promise that we will be by your side to lead & guide you **CHOLE OLIVIA & ZOE FE** with our constant prayers, good example, & God's Love. Chole Olivia & Zoe Fe received the oils & waters of BAPTISM on Sat. Feb. 4, 2017. Heartfelt & Sincere Congratulations to **CHOLE & ZOE ORTEGA**.

### Prayer Requests



Please remember the following in your prayers: Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Maxine Cook, Renee Craig, Karen Free, Susan Hills, Logan Inboden, Chadd Murray, Jay Ping, Dorla Shook, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Jeannie Veach, Vickie Wilson, & and all the men & women in the armed forces.

### St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meetings



There will be a Finance Council meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall on Tues. Feb. 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm.



### Bible Study News

As you know, our first session for our Bible Study is on Mon. Feb. 20 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Fr. Flach will give you the resource Jesus' Journey to the Cross-A Love Unto Death, at the first class. At the first session, Fr. Flach will explain the resource. If you have not already provided payment for the resource, you may do it that evening. I am sincerely grateful for your interest. God bless you!

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting



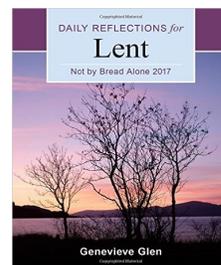
There will be a Finance Council Meeting at Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish Hall on Tues. Feb. 21 at 6:00 pm.



### Daily Reflections For Lent

The Holy & Sacred Season of LENT begins with ASH WEDNESDAY on March 1, 2017. To help us spend a few moments in private prayer during the 40 days of LENT, a spiritual guide, a prayer book entitled Daily Reflections for LENT is being given to you. The Lenten Season is the desert season, when we go out into the harsh places of the Spirit to find the living water believers will celebrate at Easter. The Scripture readings challenge us to look to the roots of our own attitudes, words & actions. They offer us tools: maps of the paths of life we may have strayed from & painful warnings about the poisoned wells we might be tempted to drink from. They unmask the tricks of the Tempter who clouds our direction with mirages. The Scriptures

show us the ever-present Christ from whom the living waters flow & in whom alone we will find our way. May this spiritual resource Daily Reflections for LENT be a helpful tool for you to stay close to Jesus in prayer, sacrifice, fasting & almsgiving. God bless you. This resource will be distributed the 18th & 19th of Feb. 2017.



## THE MORAL VIRTUE OF HOPE



Hope is centered on God. Through this virtue, we confidently expect the fullness of glory, our eternal destiny, the face-to-face vision of God. For the early Christians, the anchor was the favorite symbol of hope (Hebrews 6:18-19) because it symbolized strength & stability. We are reminded that our hope comes not from within but from our gracious God & our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Saint Alphonsus was convinced that we do not sufficiently realize that God has made great promises to us & that we can be sure God will be faithful to those promises. During February, you could feature the act of hope in your prayers, saying often during the day? "My God, I place my hope in You." You could also frequently make a conscious effort to let go of fears & worries that beset you and place your trust in God.

## WHY DO WE FAST DURING LENT?

FASTING is a traditional form of penance & helps us to develop willpower & temperance. Limiting the quantity of food or drink is sometimes recommended as a way of cleansing the body &, when penitential, helps cleanse our souls. By creating hunger & a desire for that which is denied, we are reminded of the reason why we are fasting. We also fast to sympathize with those who are hungry or poor. Fasting helps to make us more loving & compassionate.

## Daily Mass Readings 02/13/17~02/17/17



Mon. Feb. 13, 2017 Reading 1~ Gen. 4:1-15,25

Gospel~Mark 8:11-13

Tues. Feb. 14, 2017 Reading 1~ Gen. 6:5-8, 7:1-5,10

Gospel~Mk.8:14-21

Wed. Feb. 15, 2017 Reading 1~ Gen. 8:6-13, 20-22

Gospel~ Mk 8:22-26

Thurs. Feb. 16, 2017 Reading 1~Gen. 9:1-13

Gospel~Mk. 8:27-33

Fri. Feb. 17, 2017 Reading 1~Gen. 11:1-9

Gospel~Mark 8:34-9:1

Gospel Mk. 8:34-9:1

## Church in Central & Eastern Europe



This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/cee](http://www.usccb.org/cee). This collection will be on Ash Wed.

Happy Valentine's Day



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## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The programs, services, & ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Services Appeal meet the larger Diocesan needs of Catholics & others in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The theme this year for the ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL is "CONTINUING THE MISSION OF CHARITY." The Diocese serves each of us & our financial support is needed to continue God's work in Diocese. As of January 31, 2017, the St. Elizabeth parish goal is \$26,747.00 with the amount of \$17,515.00 being pledged & the amount of \$15,690.00 being secured. As of January 31, 2017, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish goal is \$6,556.00 with the amount of \$2,290.00 being pledged & the amount of \$1,910.00 being secured. Sincere thanks to all those parishioners who have already participated in this important and necessary fundraiser for the Diocese and may God bless you for your devoted and faithful generosity.

## Liturgical Ministry Contacts

St. Elizabeth Parish

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251

Servers: Father Flach 544-7526

Art & Environment: Robb Sparks 546-5606

Ushers: Ron Mitchell

Our Lady of Lourdes

Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Keith Wirey 592-4179

Music & Liturgy: Dorla Shook 592-3893



## Weekly Collection

### St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, February 5, 2017

Envelopes: \$3,997.00 Loose: \$281.00 Caritas \$35.00

Give Central 2 @\$80.00 Church in Latin America \$5.00

First Offering \$20.00 Building Fund \$126.00

Total Church Offerings Deposit \$ 4,544.00

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Envelopes week ending Sunday, February 5, 2017

Envelopes \$885.00 Loose \$76.00

Building Fund \$80.00

Total Church Offerings Deposit \$1,041.00

Thank you & God bless you.



## Give Central

The Church has an online service called, Give Central. You are able to go there to make donations, if you would like to. If you would like to donate, you can click on DONATE on the church website. You can donate to what donation you like. All monies go directly to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Thank you to all who use this service. God bless you.

## Victim Assistance

If you or someone close to you have been a victim of abuse by a priest or 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.