



# 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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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, January 22, 2017

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Story found in Matthew 4:12~17

**“The land of Zebulun & the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, & upon those who sat in the region & shadow of death light has dawned.” Matthew 4:15-16**



## Mass Intentions

Jan. 21	4:30 pm	Jennifer Diane Rich by Tom Huss
Jan. 22	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	George & Margaret Schalasky By Francis & Anne Schalasky
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 23	7:30 am	Madonna Kirts by Chas. & Judy Eckert
Jan. 24	12:05 pm	Eckert
Jan. 25	7:30 am	Lorna Jane Brown by CCW
		Arlene Schutte by John & Vicky Hoisington
Jan. 26	7:30 am	Don Calvert by CCW
Jan. 27		Bernard & Rosalia Hoisington
	4:30 pm	By John & Vicky Hoisington
Jan. 28	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Jan. 29	9:00 am	Special Intentions George & Margaret Schalasky By Francis & Anne Schalasky
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Minister Schedule

Sat. Jan. 28~ Sun. Jan. 29, 2017

Sat. Jan. 28, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Karen Sanders

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN: Linda Reis, Celeste White

SERVERS: Kifer Stevens, Anthony Tran

GIFTS: Jack Stanley Family

Sun. Jan. 29, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Shari Eckert

USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor

COMMUNION MIN: Joe Hepner, Phyllis Inboden

SERVERS: Jacob Eckert

GIFTS: Jim Eckert Family

Sun. Jan. 29, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Jim Ping

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: Cameron Davis

GIFTS: Keith Wirey Family

Sun. Jan. 29, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: Karen Free, Roselene Quick

COMMUNION MIN: Mark Ghering, Missy York

SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Cody York

GIFTS: Joel York Family

Collection Counters: *January, 2017: Don Brown, Kaye Holscher, Alan Maddox*

## PSR & Youth Events

01-22-2017 Senior High Youth 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

01-25-2017 PSR 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

02-01-2017-PSR 6:30 pm-7:30 pm ACRE TEST 5 & 8

## Bible Study

## Bible Study

As the holy and sacred season of Lent approaches, you are being invited to accompany Jesus through the events of His Passion, Death and Resurrection in a spiritually enriching and inspiring BIBLE STUDY. In the resource, JESUS'S JOURNEY TO THE CROSS—A LOVE UNTO DEATH, you will be able to follow Jesus on His jubilant entry into Jerusalem, sit with Him during His Last Supper with His chosen apostles, pray beside Him during His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and stand at the foot of the Cross on Golgotha where—WITH A LOVE UNTO DEATH—He offered His life for our salvation. There will be 6 sessions which will include the full Scripture texts to be studied, a short commentary, questions for reflection, discussion, and personal application as well as featuring wisdom from the Saints. During the season of Lent, we are called to deeper conversion and with your participation in the Bible Study you will place yourself firmly on the path to holiness and help you to experience the best spiritual Lent you have ever had. The DATES and TIMES of the BIBLE STUDY are as follows:

Mon. Feb. 20, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Mon. Feb. 27, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Mon. Mar. 6, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Mon. Mar. 13, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Mon. Mar. 20, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Mon. Mar. 27, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center

The session will last ONE HOUR. It is important for you to register before Wed. Feb. 1, 2017, by calling the Parish Office at 544-7526 so that a book entitled JESUS'S JOURNEY TO THE CROSS—A LOVE UNTO DEATH can be ordered for you. The cost is \$10.00 per book. Thank you and God bless you.

## MARDI GRAS NEWS

Mardi Gras 2017 will be here before you know it! We will be taking reservations for tables again this year. We currently have nine tables available for reservation. These tables seat eight and are \$200.00 which includes your party ticket. In order to reserve a table you must prepay for the table. For more information or to reserve a table, call Courtney Ferris at 554-0839. As of Jan. 17, 2017, out of 1,000 Raffle Tickets, 297 have been sold. We are striving to sell all 1,000 tickets & we need as much help as possible. If you are able, please consider purchasing a ticket or two. There are TWO early bird drawings before Feb. 25. The first early bird drawing will take place at 11:30 am on Sun. Jan. 29, 2017 in the vestibule of the Church. This prize is for \$100.00. The second early bird drawing will take place on Sun. Feb. 12, 2017 at 11:30 am in the vestibule of the Church. The prize for this drawing is \$100.00. The winning tickets will be placed back into the spinner. Let's all try to make sure that this is the year that all 1,000 tickets are sold.

## Congratulations



We are proud to announce the arrival of a new baby, Leah Genevieve Davis, daughter of Adam & Lori Davis. She was born on Jan. 17, 2017 at 1:44 am & weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. She is welcomed by her brother-Cameron, & her sisters-Emma & Abby.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

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

We are now 22 days into the New Year. How are our resolutions working out? The YMCA reports that there was the usual huge swell in membership around the first of the month, but that now the number of people coming has fallen back to almost the number before the Christmas holidays. What is annually made obvious is that starting something new is easy, but sustaining it is difficult.

What becomes even more obvious is how difficult it is to make changes in lifestyle.

If keeping just a few simple New Year's resolution is hard for us, how much more, then, should we appreciate how amazing it was for the disciples to walk away from the only life they had known!

The disciples left behind family, occupations, & possessions.

Jesus made Capernaum in Galilee His home & a base for His journeys. The province of Galilee was small, about 50 miles long & 25 miles wide, but it had a huge population.

Many of the major ancient roads traveled through Galilee. Isaiah mentions the "seaward road." Galilee was also the land of the Jewish tribes of Zebulun & Naphtali mentioned today. Given Galilee's strategic location, it suffered many conquests, which made for an interesting mix of people, a people comfortable with new ideas. Josephus says of Galileans. "They were ever fond of innovations & by nature disposed to changes... They were ever ready to follow a leader & to begin an insurrection... Yet withal they were the most chivalrous of men."

When Jesus moved from Nazareth to Capernaum following the death of John the Baptist, He did a rare & frightening thing. We must understand how unusual it was then for someone to leave their ancestral home & family. To leave your family was to leave everything! Precious few people had the courage or wherewithal to literally abandon their family, their lifeblood, & their source of identity & status. Furthermore, Jesus move to Capernaum offered

no advantages, except perhaps for its location. While the population of Nazareth probably numbered slightly over 300, the population of the out-of-the-way village of Capernaum was only about 1,000, tiny compared to surrounding villages & towns. Its overall size only covered about 25 acres. Although on the Sea of

Galilee, Capernaum was oppressively hot, its land rocky & difficult to farm. There were few if any permanent structures.

Despite fishing being its main livelihood & men fished only to survive, there were no docks or wharfs.

In today's Gospel, we meet four residents of Capernaum: Peter &

Andrew, & James & John, Zebedee's sons. In some kind of partnership together with Zebedee, the four must have done better than most, as Zebedee had hired servants & they owned the equipment necessary to make a living.

Jesus may have left everything when leaving Nazareth, & many would have thought Him foolish for doing so, but to think that others would do the same was ludicrous. However, Jesus walked right into the midst of these fishermen & said, "Come after me, & I will make you fishers of men." Without question they did.

These four Galileans not only followed, they left behind secure & stable lives. Readers of Matthew in that day would have found in the move of Jesus & in the willingness of the four disciples to leave everything behind to follow a stranger short of craziness or something of a divine event.

Matthew tells us that it was a divine event. He reaches back to Isaiah to make clear that an ancient prophecy was new again.

The lands of Zebulun & Naphtali, two of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, had been conquered & destroyed. Isaiah had shared his dream of hope that one day a king would come & once again a light would shine, that Zebulun & Naphtali would be rescued & exist again. Capernaum was in the heart of the land of Zebulun & Naphtali, & Jesus chose to go to those lands. The first lands to disappear were now the first lands to which Jesus brought salvation. The question given for us today is how are we to respond to Jesus? New Year's always represents a chance to start over, so we make resolutions to improve our health or our lifestyle. We see Jesus completely start over as He begins His public ministry. We see four disciples completely start over in order to respond to His call. How can we start over? What are we willing to abandon this year to be better disciples? And, how long will we keep such a resolution?

### IN SINCERE GRATITUDE

Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is sincerely grateful to all those who helped to prepare for the music for our Christmas Masses. We are well aware of the amount of time that it took to prepare & we are so grateful for your devotion & dedication. The music was simply BEAUTIFUL & we want you to know that it helped all of us to appreciate the true spirit of Christmas. Many thanks for a job well done & we want to say THANK YOU to the following parishioners: MUSIC DIRECTOR: CHRIS JANSEN, CHOIR DIRECTOR: MIKE EMMERICH. KEYBOARDISTS: Chris Jansen, Josh Quick

Choir Members: Jacob Blankenbeker, Larry Dix, Mike & Susan Emmerich, Emily Ferris, Evan Ferris, Halle Gower, Teresa Gower, Marian Hatfield, Jill Jansen, Sarah Laski, Maddy Myers, Jeff Mueller, Ginger Osborne, Ian Quick, Jessie Quick, Joe Quick, Josh & Roselene Quick, Sam Quick, Barb Shimer, Anthony Tran, Lindsey Watts.

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Jessie Quick-Flute, Chris Jansen-Trumpet, Sam Quick-Trumpet, Xavier Brown-Horn & Trumpet, Mike Emmerich-Trombone, Evan Ferris-Trombone, Joe Quick-Euphonium, David Staller-Euphonium, Josh Quick-Tuba.

### Daily Mass Readings 01/23/17~01/27/17

Mon. Jan. 23, 2017 Reading 1 Heb. 9:15. 24-28  
Gospel Mk. 3:22-30 Tues. Jan. 24, 2017 Reading 1  
Heb. 10:1-10 Gospel Mk. 3:31-35  
Wed. Jan. 25, 2017 Reading 1 Acts 22:3-16 or  
Acts 9:1-22 Gospel Mk. 16:15-18 Thurs. Jan. 26  
2017 Reading 1 2 Tim. 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 Gospel  
Mk. 4:21-25 Fri. Jan. 27, 2017 Reading 1 Heb. 10:32  
-39 Gospel Mk. 4:26-34

### Prayer Requests



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



## CALLING ALL LECTORS

Please note that NO LONGER will the Book of the Gospels be carried in the Entrance Procession for the Eucharist. This practice has been discontinued for some time. This Lector information is for both St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you for your devoted & faithful service as a Lector in our Eucharist. God bless you.

### CCW News

Christmas & New Year Greetings from Fr. Aloy to the women of CCW. "Thanks for your kindness & generosity while assigned to your Parish". "God is good"!



### Chili Cook-Off

Our Parishes, St. Elizabeth's & Our Lady Of Lourdes' have planned the "2017 Chili Cook-Off" to take place on Sun. Feb. 12, 2017 between 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish Hall, Oblong, Illinois. Competitors are invited to register with Jeff Mueller. Telephone Number: 713-264-1601 or email: [jmueller28@yahoo.com](mailto:jmueller28@yahoo.com). Registration fee of \$10.00 with 4 quarts of chili from competitors & a free will donation from the "hungry" would be appreciated. Come & enjoy!

### SPIRITUAL READING

The "progress of peoples" is closely connected with the proclamation of Christ's message of salvation & hope. Of this salvation Isaiah speaks...: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone (Is. 9:1). This darkness stands for the spiritual darkness which sometimes envelops people, nations, & history itself, in its desolate mantle. Certainly the 20<sup>th</sup> century has witnessed such periods of gloom...For many people; the 20<sup>th</sup> century continues to be a time of terrible anguish & torture. From the depths of such sad experiences the human family searches for a path of justice & peace...

What kind of society is worthy of the human person? The Church responds with the unique perspective of salvation history. She proclaims the truth that the Word of God, through whom all things were made, was himself made flesh & dwelt among us. He entered the world's history-our history-as a man, a human being, a divine person; he took on our history & made it complete. By His Resurrection He became Lord & was given full power in heaven & on earth. Thus through the power of His Spirit, Christ is now at work in our hearts & in our world. The Spirit instills in us a desire for the world to come, but He also inspires, purifies, & strengthens those noble longings by which we strive to make earthly life more human...In practical terms, this truth tells us that there can be no life worthy of the human person without a culture-& a legal system-that honors & defends marriage & the family. The well-being of individuals & communities depends on the healthy state of the family...This is the way which leads to the true progress of nations & peoples; it is the path of justice & peace, the light which shines in darkness, the yoke which is easy & the burden which is light. This is where our souls will find rest.

## 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 9, 2017, the St. Elizabeth Parish Goal is \$26,747.00 with the amount of \$17,515.00 being pledged & the amount of \$15,590.00 being secured.

As of January 9, 2017, the Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish Goal is \$6,656.00 with the amount of \$2,290.00 being pledged & the amount of \$1,840.00 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, January 15, 2017  
Envelopes: \$2,840.00 Loose: \$277.00 Caritas \$35.00  
Give Central \$80.00 Catholic Times \$55.00  
Building Fund \$40.00 Solemnity of Mary \$40.00  
First Offering \$30.00  
Total Church Offerings Deposit \$ 3,397.00

#### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Envelopes will be posted next week for January 15, 2017  
Total Church Deposit \$793.00



### 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.

### DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND



One of our parishioners, Anne Holscher, has offered to provide simple light housekeeping for those in our parishes who may be suffering from infirmities. If Anne could be of help or assistance to you in this regard, please contact Father Flach & he will place you in contact with Anne.