



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday~Thursday 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~12:00 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 Fr. Flach for registration and information.

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, July 9, 2017 The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



COME to *me*,
all you who are
WEARY AND
BURDENED,
and I will give you
rest. Take my yoke
upon you and LEARN
FROM ME, for I am
gentle and
humble in heart
and you will
find REST for
your souls.
For my yoke is
EASY and my
burden is LIGHT.

Matthew 11:28-30



**Come to Me,
all you who
labor & are heavy laden,
& I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28**



Mass Intentions

Jul. 8	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann
Jul. 9	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Louis & Ethel Hardiek by Dave & Eileen Cooper
Jul. 10	7:30 am	Donald Roche by Winnie Tuszyaski
Jul. 11	12:00 pm	Marie Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Jul. 12	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jul. 13	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jul. 14	4:30 pm	In memory of Allen Osborne & Alton Hawkins by Ginger
Jul. 15	7:30 am	Osborne
Jul. 16	9:00 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach For the repose of Michael Boehl by Dave & Eileen Cooper



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 15, 2017 ~ Sunday, July 16, 2017

<u>Sat. July 15, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Celeste White
USHERS:	Terry & Lynne Roche
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins
GIFTS:	Jeff Mueller Family
<u>Sun. July 16, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Mike Uptmor
USHERS:	Kurt & Anne Holscher
COMMUNION MIN:	Jim & Shari Eckert
SERVERS:	Jacob Eckert
GIFTS:	Christopher Bonnell Family
<u>Sun. July 16, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Lori Davis
USHERS:	Ron & Ethel Dhom
COMMUNION MIN:	Wilmer Wilson, Rita Wirey
SERVERS:	Ava Patchett
GIFTS:	Ron & Ethel Dhom
<u>Sun. July 16, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Sam Quick
USHERS:	Karen Free, Roselene Quick
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Joe Quick, Owen Schmidt
GIFTS:	Eric Schmidt Family
Collection Counters:	July 2017: Ed & Linda Reis, Rhonda Stone

Totus Tuus ~ Catholic Summer Youth Camp



TOTUS TUUS CATHOLIC SUMMER YOUTH CAMP. SAVE THE DATES! JULY 16 ~ JULY 21, 2017 ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES. The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire young people to be disciples of Jesus Christ through a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and a total openness to their vocation.

Participants see this mission accomplished by being challenged to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary, and by strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of her. Totus Tuus is a ministry initiative of the Diocese of Springfield in IL. For more information, contact

Courtney Ferris at (618) 544-7526 .

Totus Tuus Parish Potluck



All are invited to our Parish Potluck on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Parish Center to help celebrate Totus Tuus Program in our Parishes. Please bring your favorite covered dish.

Spiritual Reading

As for you, chosen servant of Christ, I know that you desire Christ; I know that all your strength is directed toward this end—the discovery of the means by which you may meet the eternal King in a close union and embrace. So now, prompt your heart and your soul; lift up your whole mind and consider as intently as you can: If good things are so pleasant even when enjoyed singly, imagine how delightful beyond delight that Good must be which contains the delightfulness of all goods! If life created is so precious, imagine how enrapturing must be Life All-creating! If salvation is our best end as an acquired state, how transporting must be Salvation Itself, the Author of all deliverance!... What will a man have who possesses that Good, and what will he not have? Assuredly, he will have everything that satisfies him, and nothing that displeases. Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what bodily and spiritual goods he will enjoy in heaven. Why, then, servant of God, do you wander so far, seeking delights for your body and mind? Love one single Good in which all goods are found, and that will suffice; desire simple Good, which is all good, and that will be enough.... The more we love God here, the more we shall enjoy God there. Therefore, love God much in this life, and you shall enjoy him much in the next; let the love of God increase in you now, so that you may have then the fullness of his joy. This is the truth to be pondered in your mind, proclaimed by your tongue, loved in your heart, expressed by your lips; your soul should hunger, your body thirst, your whole substance crave for nothing but this until you enter the joy of your God, until you are clasped in your Lover's arms, until you are led into the chamber of your beloved Spouse who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever & ever.
Amen.

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting

There is a Finance Council Meeting for St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

God cannot stay angry when it comes to his creation. He sent his son to show his people how true nobility is lived. Jesus, the self-sacrificing Messiah, rides a donkey, preaching God's message with a meek and humble heart. Jesus praises the Spirit for spreading the kingdom and scattering God's glory in his wake. In turn, the Spirit invites into this kingdom only those Jesus signifies. They are the wise who recognize that Jesus is from God. They know this from Jesus' words of mercy and kindness, his acts of love and compassion, and the soothing way he brings peace where disharmony and division flourished. What distinguishes the wise from the learned is that the wise see God, the loving Father, in Jesus' every word and the Spirit inspiring every action. His meekness and humility make every extraordinary wonder, such as healing the blind or turning water into wine, into an ordinary feat. The unpretentious carpenter astonishes, not with pride but with humility. There are many families who face weeks when the budget is tight. Yet, each night, there is a meal on the table for the family dinner. Those who gather around the table may never realize this. Looking back, they remember having pasta or macaroni & chesse four or five times a week, which they loved. What was extraordinary-finding food when the money was short—became ordinary. When Paul urges his Roman followers "to have the Spirit of Christ," he means to live as unpretentiously as Christ lived, which is extraordinary. Christ's love held nothing back, even giving his life so his followers can gain eternal life. Paul & Jesus urge the same goal for us: to live this message in the ordinary moments of our lives in good times or in challenging times. Jesus goes one step further. He promises his disciples, & us, that when burdens weigh us down & we feel we cannot take one more step, Jesus will carry our cross for us. In these ordinary moments, Jesus promises to act extraordinarily until all rest with him forever.

In St. Martin's Footsteps

While later serving as the bishop of Tours, in central France, Martin encountered a beggar at the entrance of the sacristy. He asked his archdeacon to give him a cloak, but the poor man, seeing that the archdeacon was slow in returning, burst into the sacristy. Unperturbed, the bishop turned to meet Christ in the poor man and exchanged garments with him, putting on the pauper's tunic. Martin then entered the church to offer the sacrifice of the Mass. No longer content to give the beggar only his cloak, Martin now wished to vest himself with the very poverty of his crucified Lord. St. Martin was the apostle of the Gallo-Roman countryside in a time of great change. As the Roman Empire' was declining, the nascent West came gradually to be cared for by a Church that continues to face major sociocultural change today. As bishop, Martin foynDED communities of monks or priests that were both contemplative and apostolic. He wanted to create centers of evangelization, community -life and fraternal charity. He also formed evangelical communities of clerics that animated village life, a system that would become the model for today's parishes. He personally visited the parishes in his diocese and encouraged the villagers in their faith. In 1975, Pope Paul VI wrote, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (Evangelii Nutiandi, 41).

Soldier & Monk

It is believed that Ste. Martin was born in the year 316, in the Roman province of Pannonia (present-day Hungary). His father, an officer-in the imperial army, was a pagan who named his son after the Roman god of war, Mars. Martin spent much of his childhood in Italy. Against the will of his parents, he began attending a Christian church at a young age, before being conscripted into the Roman army. Although he later left the army as a matter of conscience, he would remain a soldier until the end of his life wielding the sword of God's Word. Sulpicius Severus, his disciple and biographer, recounted Martin's retirement from military service. Addressing his commanding officer, Martin said, "Hitherto I have served you as a soldier: allow me now to become a soldier to God." Martin was a man of courage and strong character, and his military training helped prepare him to wage spiritual battles against Satan, the cults of idolatry and all forms of heresy. Severus recorded one of Martin's most beautiful and powerful prayers: "Terrible, indeed, Lord, is the struggle of bodily warfare, and surely it is now enough that I have continued the fight till now; but, if you command me still to persevere in the same toil for the defense of your flock, I do not refuse. Wholly given to you, I will fulfill whatever duties you assign me." I do not refuse! This is a disposition Martin manifested throughout his earthly life. Even while approaching death, he proclaimed, "O Lord, if I am still necessary to your people, I do not shrink from toil: your will be done." Having left the army, Martin became a monk at LiguEY in western France, on land received from St. Hilary, bishop of Poitiers. In solitude & prayer, he nourished his friendship with Christ. According to Severus: "Never did a single hour or moment pass in which he was not either actually engaged in prayer; or, if it happened that he was occupied with something else, still he never let his mind loose from prayer." Martin lived for a time as a hermit before serving as a missionary monk, traveling & evangelizing. His solitude before God was not isolating but rather engendered in him a deep communion & true compassion for the poor.

In St. Martin's Footsteps cont.

The pope could well have been speaking about St. Martin, who spread the message of the Gospel through personal witness. St. Martin likewise understood that priests are called to be specialists in promoting the encounter between man and God," as Pope Benedict noted in an address to Polish clergy in 2006. Today, as our cities and villages change, our parishes may not resemble those that we knew in the past. The example of St. Martin invites us to be creative and reimagine them as dynamic communities of faith, centered on Christ. If our parishes are to be the place where the Gospel is proclaimed and where Christ is encountered, we must be bold in our mission. So, in our own work, may we look to the example of St. Martin — a servant of the poor, a man of peace and reconciliation and a sign and instrument of God's mercy.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Jeremy Babbs, Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Bonnie Field, Dan Hatfield, Jamie Hartrich, Susan Hills, Leona Kocher, Logan Inboden, Trent Matthews, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Vickie Wilson, the men & women in armed forces.

Spiritual Reading

When you would be happy, Lord, I will not be happy unless I have given all things to you and unless I have given myself to you without reserve. As I am obliged to serve only you, therefore I want to serve only you. All other servitude is shameful to me, is unbearable to me. I will obey willingly the one who commands nature; but I never will be the slave of another slave: My Lord, and my God. If I necessarily must choose a master, I want no other one than you, O my God, who have deigned to choose me, among so many other people, in order to number me among your servants; who have delivered me from the tyranny of the demon; who have been pleased to descend even to the condition of slave in order to free me. Hey! What yoke could I embrace that were lighter than yours, since you yourself help to carry it; since, quite far from overwhelming by its weight, it even has the power to make all other burdens light? What could be gentler than your authority! You give everything that you require; you yourself accomplish, by your grace, all that you command, in such a way that, although your rewards be very magnificent, all the same you never reward but your own gifts. You are not content to facilitate the execution of your wishes; you execute in turn all the wishes of those who obey you. Either you make everything you do suit them, or you do only what pleases them. So that if we still want to seek glory in servitude, this raises us above all the miseries of the world, above all the grandeurs of the world; it subjects to us all that is subject to God and makes us free in the freedom of God himself. Let us then love it, Christian company, this gentle, this glorious servitude. Let us bind ourselves exclusively to the only Master who has the right to govern us. He is good; he is faithful; he is rich; he is generous; he is immortal. To surrender to him, that is, to begin in this life and to assure ourselves for the next life a kingdom that will never end. So be it.

A Spotlight on St. Martin of Tours: An Icon of Mercy

For the past year, we have celebrated an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, a special year declared by Pope Francis so that the Church may more deeply contemplate, share and experience the mercy of God. This year also marked the 1700th anniversary of the presumed birth of one of the greatest models of mercy: St. Martin of Tours. Concluding his first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God Is Love), Pope Benedict XVI wrote in 2005, "Our thoughts turn especially to Martin of Tours (f 397), the soldier who became a monk and a bishop: He is almost like an icon, illustrating the irreplaceable value of the individual testimony to charity." Pope Benedict recounted the well-known story of young Martin's encounter with the beggar. One winter, as he approached the gates of Amiens in what is now northern France, Martin met a scantily clad beggar. Cutting his military cloak in two with his sword, he gave half of it to the man. As Benedict explained, "Jesus himself, that night, appeared to him in a dream wearing that cloak, confirming the permanent validity of the Gospel saying: 'I was naked and you clothed me as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me' (Mt 25:36, 40)." This charity and closeness to Christ defined the rest of St. Martin's life and service to the Church.

Scriptural Reflections for the 14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus declares, "All things have been handed over to me by my Father." The pinnacle of this is the handing over of "the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead." Christ assures us that what the Father has handed over to him is the ability to console those "who labor and are burdened." These things of heaven are "revealed to little ones" because they refuse to rely on themselves, and thus they remain best disposed to receive all that God is eager to give. They "rejoice heartily" and "shout for joy" at the coming of our meek King, who, by his very presence, "proclaims peace"

Baby Bottle Collection 2017

Special & sincere THANKS to all those parishioners who participated in THE BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION on behalf of St. Elizabeth & Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish. The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Eastern Illinois is extremely grateful for your outstanding kindness & generosity. Each person that is served through your donation thanks you from the bottom of their heart. OLOL collected \$316.12 & St. Elizabeth \$1,082.63. Special & sincere thanks to ANGELA BONNELL, ANITA KOCHER & NANCY PING. Thank you & God bless you.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, July 2, 2017

Envelopes \$ 3,257.00 Loose \$358.00

2 Online @ \$180.00 Building Fund \$95.00

Peter's Pence \$70.00

Deposit \$3,960.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, June 25, 2017

Envelopes \$ 550.00 Loose \$122.00 Baby Bottles \$47.36

Peter's Pence \$230.00

Deposit \$949.36

Daily Mass Readings July 10~ July 14, 2017



Mon. July 10, 2017 Reading 1~Gen.28:10-22A

Gospel Mt. 9:18-26

Tues. July 11, 2017 Reading 1~Gen. 32:23-33

Gospel Mt. 9:32-38

Wed. July 12, 2017 Reading 1~Gen. 41:55-

57,42:5-7A,

17-24A, Gospel Mt. 10:1-7

Thurs. July 13, 2017 Reading 1~Gen. 44:18-21,23B-29;

45:1-5

Gospel Mt. 10:7-15

Fri. July 14, 2017 Reading 1~ Gen. 46:1-7,28-30

Gospel Mt. 10:16-23

Please remember to attend weekly Mass