



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, June 18, 2017 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



**I AM the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”
John 6:51**



Mass Intentions

Jun. 17	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann
Jun. 18	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Jun. 19	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Jun. 20	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Anonymous
Jun. 21	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Jun. 22	7:30 am	First Communion Teachers by Francis & Anne Schalasky
Jun. 23	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jun. 24	9:00 am	Vera & Michael Kirts by Fred & Ann Kirts
Jun. 25	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 24, 2017 ~ Sunday, June 25, 2017

Sat. June 24, 2017 4:30 pm	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Celeste White
USHERS:	Mark & Cindy Grimm
COMMUNION MIN:	Patti Buercklin, Kitty Platt
SERVERS:	Braden Hatfield, Kifer Stevens
GIFTS:	Chad Wirey Family
Sun. June 25, 2017 7:30 am	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	David Holscher
USHERS:	Craig Weber, Nick Weber
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher
SERVERS:	Sarah Rynke
GIFTS:	Chad Arkenberg Family
Sun. June 25, 2017 9:00 am	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Lori Davis
USHERS:	Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Cameron Davis
GIFTS:	Fitzmaurice Family
Sun. June 25, 2017 10:30 am	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Cydnee Weber
USHERS:	Ken Deters, Chris Weber
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Emily Heidorn, Isabel Heidorn
GIFTS:	Clark Myers Family
Collection Counters: <i>June, 2017: John Ferris, Kay Pescatore, James Hill</i>	



Peter's Pence Second Collection will be on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

June 18, 2017 ~ Happy Father's Day



As a sign of our love and affection for all of our FATHERS on the approaching day of FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 18th, 2017, we offer you these SINCERE and HEARTFELT PRAYERS that you will know in our hearts the depth of our appreciation and gratitude for all that you do for us. May God bless all of our FATHERS & all that you do for us in a special way.

Prayer for Fathers

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, We thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children. We thank you, also, for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people. May our earthly fathers imitate the manly courage of Abraham, Jesse, and Joseph, and all the holy fathers of the past in providing wise counsel to the children you have given to their care. And may our spiritual fathers be guided by the examples of Saints Peter and Paul, all the Apostles, and their saintly successors. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you, for their families, and for all your people throughout the world. Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers, and all- Christian men, that through your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them. As You, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world, sending Your Only Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, we ask you to help all men to imitate His fatherly gentleness and mercy toward those who are weak; His humility, perfect obedience to Your Will, and fearless witness to Your Truth. May their lives be examples to all of heroic faithfulness to You. We ask Your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted fatherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your Presence in the life to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and Our Lord. + Amen.

Novena for Fathers

Novena for Fathers. Heavenly Father, 'My rock, my fortress, my deliverer...in whom I -take refuge; My shield and the Horn of my Salvation, my stronghold,' and the Author of life, all fatherhood finds its origin and true destiny in You. We pray for our earthly fathers. Though human, their calling is to reflect your Divine Fatherhood. Forgive their faults and failings. May they understand the importance of their vocation and live it without fear. We ask this through Your Son, the Lord Christ, our King, the "New Adam" and Father of all those who are saved. Amen.

The Greatest Gift I Ever Had Came From God, And I Call Him **DAD**



A Sacred Prayer Honoring the Holy Feast of Corpus



Laud, O Zion, your salvation, Laud with hymns of exultation, Christ, your king and shepherd true: Bring Him all the praise you know. He is more than you bestow. Never can you reach His due. Special theme for glad thanksgiving is the quickening and-the living Bread. Today before you set: From His hands of old partaken. As we know, by faith unshaken, Where the Twelve at supper met. Full and clear ring out your chanting, Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting. From your heart let praises burst: For today the feast is holden.

When the institution olden of that supper was rehearsed. Here the new law's new oblation, by the new king's revelation. Ends the form of ancient rite: Now the new the old effaces, truth away the shadow chases. Light dispels the gloom of night. What He did at supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated. His memorial ne'er to cease: And His rule for guidance taking, Bread and wine we hallow, making. Thus our sacrifice of peace. This the truth each Christian learns. Bread into His flesh He turns. To His precious blood the wine: Sight has failed, nor thought conceives, But a dauntless faith believes. Resting on a power divine. Here beneath these signs are hidden. Priceless things to sense forbidden; Signs, not things are all we see: Blood is poured and flesh is broken. Yet in either wondrous token, Christ entire we know to be. Whoso of this food partakes, Does not rend the Lord nor breaks; Christ is whole to all that taste: Thousands are, as one, receivers, One, as thousands of believers, Eats of Him who cannot waste. Bad and good the feast are sharing. Of what divers dooms preparing, Endless death, or endless life. Life to these, to those damnation. See how like participation Is with unlike issues rife. When the sacrament is broken, Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken, That each severed outward token doth the very whole contain. Naught the precious gift divides, Breaking but the sign betides. Jesus still the same abides, Still unbroken does remain. The shorter form of the sequence begins here. Lo! the angel's food is given, To the pilgrim who has striven; See the children's bread from heaven, which on dogs may not be spent. Truth the ancient types fulfilling, Isaac bound, a victim willing, Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling, manna to the fathers sent. Very bread, good shepherd, tend us, Jesus, of your love befriend us. You refresh us, You defend us, Your eternal goodness send us. In the land of life to see. You who all things can and know, Who on earth such food bestow. Grant us with your saints, though lowest, Where the heavenly feast you show. Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia, alleluia.

Finance Council Meeting



There will be a Finance Council Meeting at OLOL's on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00



Collection Counters Meeting

Fr. Flach has secured additional collection counters. There will be an important INFORMATION MEETING held on Wed. July 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center .

The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ~ June 18



We owe the observance of the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ largely to the devotion and persistence of St. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness who had visions of Christ instructing her to plead for the feast. In the papal bull establishing the feast of Corpus Christi in 1264, Pope Urban IV argued that although the institution of the Eucharist was technically celebrated on Holy Thursday, it had to share that feast with the commemoration of Christ washing the disciples' feet, the institution of the priesthood and Christ's agony in the garden. It thus seemed fitting for the Eucharist to get a proper feast of its own. It is, after all, the sacrament *Lumen Gentium* characterized as "the source and summit of the Christian life." The Eucharist is a memorial for Christians in the same way Passover is a memorial for Jews, making present and accessible the graces of God's saving deeds from long ago. One of the loveliest stories I've heard about the Eucharist was told many years ago by a seminarian in my preaching class. Preaching on today's Gospel, Stephen began by describing how, as a small child, he loved to "help" his grandmother when she baked her delicious homemade bread. He vividly evoked the memories — the smells of yeast at work, the patient kneading, the mouth-watering aromas. He then explained how he grew up, got his first apartment and real job, and went out to buy himself a bread machine — one of those where you add in the close it and turn it on. The machine mixes and kneads the dough, and then bakes it; when you come home a few hours later, voilà! Delicious homemade bread! Stephen eagerly fired up his new toy with visions of recreating the wondrous breads of his childhood. Not quite. For a week or so, he tried a new recipe every day. The breads were all pleasant enough, but clearly were not the miraculous breads he recalled from his grandmother's kitchen. He finally gave up and sold the machine to a friend. His conclusion? You can't bake the bread of life in a bread machine. The missing ingredient? His grandmother's Love, of course.

Daily Mass Readings June 19~June 23



Mon. June 19, 2017 Reading 1~2 Cor. 6:1-10
Gospel Mt. 5:38-42

Tues. June 20, 2017 Reading 1~2 Cor. 8:1-9
Gospel Mt. 5:43-48

Wed. June 21, 2017 Reading 1~2 Cor. 9:6-11
Gospel Mt. 6:1-6,16-18

Thurs. June 22, 2017 Reading 1~2 Cor. 11:1-11
Gospel Mt. 6:7-15

Fri. June 23, 2017 Reading 1~ Deut. 7:6-11,
Reading 2 ~ 1 Jn. 4:7-16
Gospel Mt. 11:25-30



Prayer Requests

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

Spiritual Reading Sacred Feast of Corpus



What is the precise significance of today's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ? The answer is given to us in the fundamental actions of this celebration we are carrying out: first of all we gather around the altar of the Lord, to be together in His presence. Secondly, there will be the procession, that is walking with the Lord; and lastly, kneeling before the Lord, adoration, which already begins in

the Mass and accompanies the entire procession but culminates in the final moment of the Eucharistic Blessing when we all prostrate ourselves before the One who stooped down to us and gave his life for us. Corpus Christi reminds us first of all of this: that being Christian means coming together from all parts of the world to be in the Presence of the One Lord and to become one with Him and in Him. With the gift of Himself in the Eucharist, the Lord Jesus sets us free from our "paralysis." He helps us up and enables us to proceed, that is, He makes us take a step ahead and then another step, and thus sets us going with the power of the Bread of Life.... The Corpus Christi procession teaches us that the Eucharist seeks to free us from every kind of despondency and discouragement, wants to raise us, so that we can set out on the journey with the strength God gives us through Jesus Christ. Each one can find his own way if he encounters the One Who is the Word and the Bread of Life, and lets himself be guided by His friendly presence. Without the God-with-us, the God Who is close, how can we stand up to the pilgrimage through life, either on our own or as society and the family of peoples? The Eucharist is the Sacrament of the God who does not leave us alone on the journey but stays at our side and shows us the way.... God created us free but He did not leave us alone: He made Himself the "the way" and came to walk together with us so that in our freedom we should also have the criterion we need to discern the right way and to take it. Adoring the God of Jesus Christ, Who out of love made Himself bread broken, is the most effective and radical remedy against the idolatry of the past and of the present. Kneeling before the Eucharist is a profession of freedom: those who bow to Jesus cannot and must not prostrate themselves before any earthly authority, however powerful... We can prostrate ourselves before a God who first bent over man like the Good Samaritan to assist him and restore his life, and who knelt before us to wash our dirty feet. Adoring the Body of Christ means believing that there, in that piece of Bread, Christ is really there, and give true sense to life, to the immense universe as to the smallest creature, to the whole of human history as to the brief existence. Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic Communion and in which the soul continues to be nourished: it is nourished with love, peace and truth; it is nourished with hope because the One before Whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us, but liberates and transforms us. This is why gathering, walking, and adoring together fills us with joy.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Women of Distinction Awards



Each year in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois every parish is invited to participate in the WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD. For 2017, both of our parishes are participating in the WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD. The recipients of this award which commends outstanding dedication, service, and love for the Catholic faith are KAYE HOLSCHER for St. Elizabeth Parish and ANNE SCHALASKY for Our Lady of

Lourdes Parish. On June 17, 2017, the sixth annual "Our Lady of Good Counsel Award : Women of Distinction" will be honored at

Mass presided by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and a certificate presented to a woman who works tirelessly and generously to our parish of St. Elizabeth. This year's recipient is KAYE HOLSCHER. Criteria for selection are that the women must actively live her Catholic faith, display her spirituality and share in her time & talents with a cheerful attitude toward her parish and community, KAYE certainly fills those requirements and we are so happy and blessed to CONGRATULATE KAYE.

May God bless you, KAYE. OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH is certainly blessed to have in their midst a fine example of a devoted, sincere, and thoughtful Christian Catholic lady. To anyone who comes into contact with ANNE, they are able to see clearly her deep love for God and her faith which comes first in her life and then allows with her to be so dedicated to her family and parish. With her generous spirit of time and talent, Anne is willing to be of help in any circumstance. Through the strong witness of her faith well grounded in her personal prayer, Anne teaches us about God's fervent and gracious love. CONGRATULATIONS to ANNE SCHALASKY for receiving the 2017 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD.

God bless you!



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, June 11, 2017

Envelopes \$ 2,967.00 Loose \$295.00

Retired Priests \$ 60.00 2 Online @ \$80.00
Building Fund \$30.00 Father's Day \$20.00

Caritas \$15.00

Catholic Communication Campaign \$20.00
Deposit \$3,487.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, June 4, 2017

Envelopes \$ 735.00 Loose \$ 72.00

Building Fund \$30.00 Retired Priests \$225.00
Edith Smith Food Pantry \$70.00
Deposit \$1,132.00