



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



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## Reverend Father James A. Flach, Pastor

### PASTORAL STAFF

Office Manager: Halena Estep

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~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.

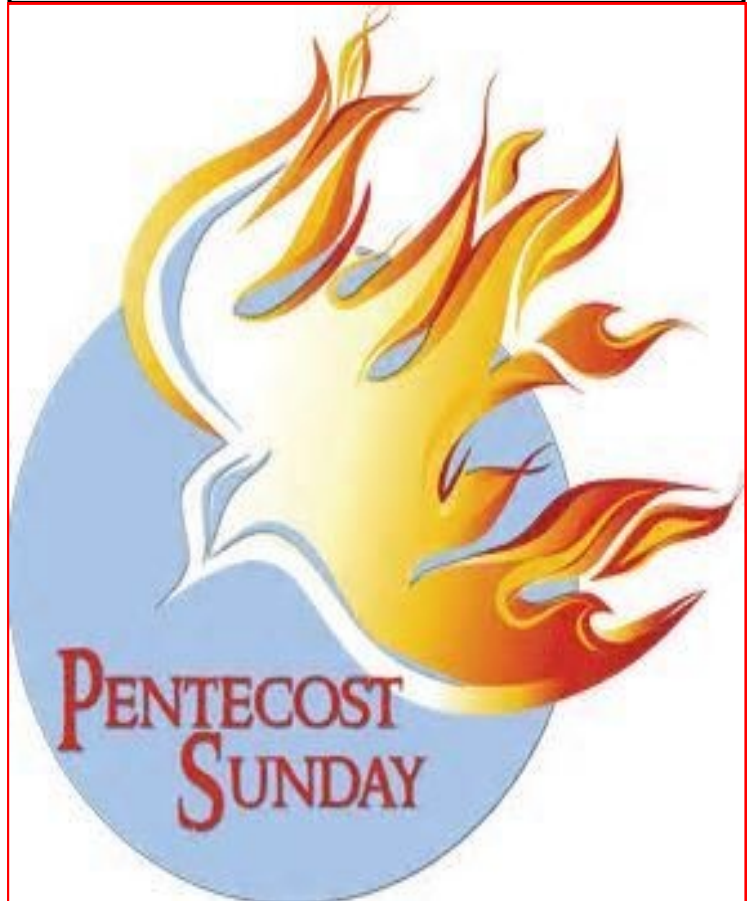
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 4, 2017 PENTECOST SUNDAY



<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 19:21~23



## Mass Intentions

June 3	4:30 pm	Clarence Loy by Anne Loy
June 4	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Ken Strieby by Keith & Rita
	10:30 am	Wirey
June 5	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
June 6	12:00 pm	Madonna Kirts by Larry Kirts
		Maxine Cook by
June 7	7:30 am	Dave & Eileen Cooper
		Special Intentions-Daniel Hatfield
June 8	7:30 am	by Dave & Eileen Cooper
		Karen Sanders by
June 9	7:30 am	Francis & Anne Schalasky
June 10	4:30 pm	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
		Rita B. Hames by
June	7:30 am	Robert & Karla Birkofer
11	9:00 am	Favorable Weather
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
		For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Ministry Schedule

*Saturday, June 10, 2017 ~ Sunday, June 11, 2017*

**Sat. June 10, 2017 4:30 pm** St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** Eileen Cooper  
**USHERS:** Jack & Marilyn Stanley  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Susan Goodwine, Joe Hepner  
**SERVERS:** Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins, Ty Mullins  
**GIFTS:** Randy Mullins Family

**Sun. June 11, 2017 7:30 am** St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** Linda Sikorski  
**USHERS:** Steve & Janet Jenkins  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Mike & Jona Uptmor  
**SERVERS:** Matthew Jenkins  
**GIFTS:** Jack Stanley Family

**Sun. June 11, 2017 9:00 am** Our Lady of Lourdes  
**LECTOR:** Kourtney Coffman  
**USHERS:** Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Bob Coffman, Rita Wirey  
**SERVERS:** J. Hermann  
**GIFTS:** Jerry Ping Family

**Sun. June 11, 2017 10:30 am** St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** April Sexton  
**USHERS:** Geraldo Rios, Miguel Vega  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Eileen Cooper, Matt Hartrich  
**SERVERS:** Liam Wirey, Anthony Tran  
**GIFTS:** Miguel Vega Family

Collection Counters: *June, 2017: John Ferris, Kay Pescatore, James Hill*

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

## June 4, 2017 ~ Pentecost Sunday



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Pentecost (meaning "50th day") is the 50th day of the Easter season, which it also concludes. Having been raised from the dead on Easter, Jesus was "taken up" to heaven in His glorified body on the 40th day (the Ascension). Now, on Pentecost, He fulfills the promise to send His Spirit, which makes Him present in His Church (and in each baptized member) in a new, abiding, mystical way. The paschal mystery is thus complete.

Pentecost was the Greek and Latin name for the old Jewish harvest festival, the Feast of Weeks; but as we see in Acts, the new Christian "harvest" is one of souls "from every nation under heaven" (2:5). The Spirit now reverses the linguistic divisions created at Babel and empowers the disciples to preach boldly in every tongue. Pentecost is a vital part of the divine plan to "renew the face of the earth." Alyce M. McKenzie, a professor of homiletics at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, tells of a priest friend named Frank, who was in his mid-30s when the call to ministry took him by surprise. He was fine with program planning, working with volunteers, even leading small groups, but preaching scared him to death. Frank was so nervous about preaching that he resorted to prayer.



Every day for 20 minutes he would picture himself preaching with Jesus standing next to him with His arm around his shoulder. He told McKenzie, "Alyce, it wasn't a magic cure, but each week, preaching got a little more bearable, degree by degree." McKenzie recounts: "One Sunday, a young mom came up to Frank with her daughter, Ashley.... She was 7, and she was shy. But her mom said, 'Father Frank, Ashley has something to show you.' Frank knelt to be at eye level, and Ashley held out her children's bulletin. She said, softly, 'Look at what I drew today. This is you, Father Frank. And guess Who this is?' It was Jesus, of course, with His arm around Frank's shoulder. The inside story' of Pentecost is a story in progress."

## P.A. System ~ Cry Room

The P.A. System for the Cry Room is now repaired. Thank you for your patience.

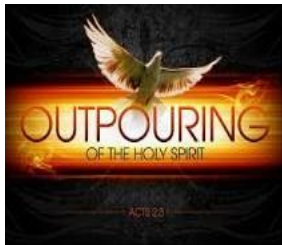
## A Favor Please...

When switching with another person to fulfill a LITURGICAL MINISTRY, please inform Fr. Flach of the change so that he is aware of it. Also, when you are unable to fulfill a LITURGICAL MINISTRY, please inform Fr. Flach as well. Thank you.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



The central purpose of Jesus' mission, which culminated in the gift of the Holy Spirit, was to renew our relationship with the Father, a relationship severed by sin, to take us from our state of being orphaned children and to restore us as His sons and daughters. The paternity of God is reestablished in us thanks to the redemptive work of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is given to us by the Father and leads us back to the Father. The entire work of salvation is one of "regeneration," in which the fatherhood of God, through the gift of the Son and the Holy Spirit, frees us from the condition of being orphans into which we had fallen. In our own day also, we see various signs of our being orphans: in the



interior loneliness which we feel even when we are surrounded by people, a loneliness which can become an existential sadness; in the attempt to be free of God, even if accompanied by a desire for His presence; in the all-too-common spiritual illiteracy which renders us incapable of prayer; in the difficulty in grasping the truth and reality of eternal life as that fullness of communion which begins on earth and reaches full flower after death; in the effort to see others as "brothers" and "sisters," since we are children of the same Father; and other such signs. Being children of God runs contrary to all this

and is our primordial vocation. We were made to be God's children, -it is in our DNA. But this filial relationship was ruined and required the sacrifice of God's Only Begotten Son in order to be restored. From the immense gift of love which is Jesus' Death on the cross, the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon humanity like a vast torrent of grace. Those who by faith are immersed into this mystery of regeneration are reborn to the fullness of filial life. I will not leave you orphans. Today, on the feast of Pentecost, Jesus' words remind us also of the maternal presence of Mary in the Upper Room. The Mother of Jesus is with the community of disciples gathered in prayer: she is the living remembrance of the Son and the living invocation of the Holy Spirit. She is the Mother of the Church. We entrust to her intercession, in a particular way, all Christians, families, and communities that at this moment are most in need of the Spirit, the Paraclete, the Defender and Comforter, the Spirit of truth, freedom, and peace. The Spirit, as Saint Paul says, unites us to Christ: Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. (Rom 8:9). Strengthening our relationship of belonging to the Lord Jesus, the Spirit enables us to enter into a new experience of fraternity. By means of our universal: Brother—Jesus—we can relate to one another in a new way; no longer as orphans, but rather as children of the same good and merciful Father. And this changes everything! We can see each other as brothers and sisters whose differences can only increase our joy and wonder at sharing in this unique fatherhood and brotherhood.



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## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



Veni, Sancte Spiritus ~  
Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. O

most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of Yours, And our inmost being fill! Where You are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour Your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore And confess You, evermore In Your sevenfold gift descend; Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.



## Prayer Requests



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

## Pastoral & Finance Council Meetings



There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm. There will be a Finance Council Meeting at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

There will be a Finance Council Meeting at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

## Daily Mass Readings June 5~June 9

Mon. June 5, 2017 Reading 1~TB. 1:3:2:1A-8 Gospel Mark 12:1-12 Tues. June 6, 2017 Reading 1~TB. 2:9-14 Gospel Mark 12:13-17 Wed. June 7, 2017 Reading 1~TB. 3:1-11A,16-17A Gospel Mark 12:18-27 Thurs. June 8, 2017 Reading 1~TB.6:10-11;7:1B, CDE, 9-17;8:4-9A Gospel MK. 12:28-34 Fri. June 9, 2017 Reading 1~ TB.11:5-17 Gospel MK. 12:35-37



## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS for the SACRED FEAST OF PENTECOST



By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's Paschal Mystery was brought to its completion. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace in order to draw us to Christ. He manifests the Risen Lord to us, opening our minds. He makes present the mystery of Christ. And he reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. Saint Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. With the Holy Spirit within us, "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (Saint Cyril of Alexandria).

### Spiritual Reading for the Sacred Feast of Pentecost



#### THE GIFT OF GRACE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT ~PENTECOST

From all eternity, the Father looks at the Son and the Son looks at the Father. What each sees is utter perfection and beauty. And so each, as Venerable Fulton Sheen said, sighs His love for the other. This shared breath is what our tradition calls the Spiritus Sanctus, the love breathed back and forth between the Father and the Son.

This is the same Holy Spirit that hovered over the chaotic waters at creation, that spoke through the prophets and patriarchs, that overshadowed the Virgin at the Annunciation, that drove Jesus into the desert, and that the Lord breathed (appropriately enough) on His disciples the night of Easter. How marvelous that this sacred breath is associated with the forgiveness of sins: Receive the Holy Spirit, Jesus said. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. In an acrobatic act of love, the Father sent the Son all the way to the limits of godforsakenness, all the way to the furthest end of our rebellion and isolation. This is the central drama of the cross. Then, in the Holy Spirit, He drew the whole fallen world which the Son had embraced, back to Himself. And this is precisely why the Spirit is the great principle of mercy. In the words of absolution, the priest prays, "God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins." On the feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the fact that this breath, this wind, this hurricane of mercy has been loosed upon the world.

### Mass Stipends

If you would like to offer a MASS intention for a loved one who has departed or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office & this can easily be taken care of for you. Thank you & God bless you.



### Baby Bottle Collection



Many heartfelt & sincere THANKS to those parishioners who are participating in the BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION. Your kindness & generosity is deeply appreciated. If you are participating, please return your bottle by Father's Day, June 18, 2017. God bless you!

### Liturgical Ministry Contacts

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### Weekly Collection

#### St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, May 28, 2017  
 Envelopes \$3,052.00 Loose \$279.50  
 Catholic Communications Campaign Collection \$205.00  
 Retired Priests \$50.00 2 Online @ \$80.00  
 Deposit \$ 3,666.50

#### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, May 21, 2017  
 Envelopes \$495.00 Loose \$64.00  
 Deposit: \$559.00

### Prayer for the Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois



O God, Who never forsakes Your people and ever journey with them through the struggles and joys of daily life, stir up the flame of faith in the hearts of your sons and daughters in our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Help us to experience anew Your great love for us and fill us with a greater desire to love and serve You and our neighbor. Throughout this time of our fourth diocesan synod, help us, by the light of the Holy Spirit, to discern the needs of our local Church and better follow Christ Your Son as intentional disciples. Open our hearts and minds to know Your will, to speak the truth with love, and to hear each other, that together we might plan, with the help of Your grace, for the strengthening and growth of our diocese. May Mary, the Immaculate Conception, first and greatest of all disciples, lead us closer to Your Son. May she accompany us as we follow the call to live as His disciples and as generous stewards of your many gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.