



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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, March 19th, 2017 3rd Sunday of



THIRD
SUNDAY
OF LENT

“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.”

Matthew 5:15

King James Version (KJV)



Mass Intentions

Mar. 18	4:30 pm	The Mette Family by Jane Howard
Mar. 19	7:30 am	Howard
	9:00 am	Don Roche by Steve & Geri Ezell
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions
Mar. 20	7:30 am	
Mar. 21	12:05 pm	Karen Sanders by Celeste White
Mar. 22	7:30 am	Mary Rogers by Carol Wong
	6:30 pm	Clarence & Jean Loy by Anne Loy
Mar. 23	7:30 am	Loy
Mar. 24	7:30 am	Special Intentions Jane Brown by George Brown Francis Dorn by Mike Dorn
Mar. 25	4:30 pm	
Mar. 26	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
	10:30 am	Special Intentions Edith Smith by Chas. & Judy Eckert For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



PSR & Youth Events

PSR on Wed. Mar. 22, 2017 6:30 pm—7:30 pm
High School Youth Sun. Mar. 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm

First Communion Banner Workshop

The First Communion Banner Workshop will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 2-3 p.m. in the Parish Center. The banners are \$12.50 and checks can be made payable to St. Elizabeth.

Prayer Requests

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

LENTEN EVENTS



Monday, March 20, 2017

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

7:30 am Sacred Eucharist
8:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15 am Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Sacred Eucharist
7:00 pm PSR Confessions Grade 5

Friday, March 24, 2017

7:30 am Sacred Eucharist
4:00 pm—7:00 pm Fish Fry
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross-Our Lady Of Lourdes

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Fish Fry Fish & Shrimp "Fryday"

St. Elizabeth Fish Fry

Friday, March 24, 2017 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, & Friday, March 31, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.

Menu is: Fish, Shrimp, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn Bread and a Drink.

Adult meal-\$10.00

Kids meal (Ages 10 and under)-\$5.00

Drive-up Available For Carry Outs



Ministry Schedule

Sat. Mar. 25~ Sun. Mar. 26, 2017

Sat. March 25, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Karen Sanders

USHERS: John Grimm, Mark Grimm

COMMUNION MIN: Ginger Osborne, Celeste White

SERVERS: Kifer Stevens, Anthony Tran

GIFTS: John Grimm Family

Sun. March 26, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Shari Eckert

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich, Jeff Rich

COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher

SERVERS: Jacob Eckert

GIFTS: Chad Arkenberg Family

Sun. March 26, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS: Keith Matson, Ethan Matson

COMMUNION MIN: Wilmer Wilson, Mary Patchett

SERVERS: Taylor Blank

GIFTS: Matson Family

Sun. March 26, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Ian Quick

USHERS: Geraldo Rios, Miguel Vega

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Roselene Quick

SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Chad Murray Family

Collection Counters: *March, 2017: Kaye Pescatore, Ellen Rees, Karen Reinhoehl*

Archbishop Hélder Camara of Brazil served during a period of repression under a military dictatorship. Like Pope Francis, Archbishop Camara was well known for his service to the poor. When challenged on his speaking out about the needs of the poor and the injustices they suffered, he said, "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist." In his apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," Pope Francis severely criticized economic systems and structures that have failed the poor. Some have called the pope a Marxist for his statements about the purpose of wealth. What they do not understand is that the pope was not speaking as an expert on economic systems- Further, Pope Francis said nothing new.

The Church's social teachings on economic systems, the market, capitalism, socialism, Marxism, and the like goes back over a hundred years. What Pope Francis did do was to speak plainly enough that his call to examine how our economic systems might be unjust or immoral made many people uncomfortable. Moses would have identified with Archbishop camera and Pope Francis. Once hailed as a liberator, Moses is criticized in our reading today: "The people grumbled against Moses," and instead of recognizing their freedom, they accused him of bringing them into the desert to let them die of thirst. Today is the First Scrutiny for those preparing to be baptized at Easter. It is not we who scrutinize them, it is they who are asked to scrutinize themselves. They ask themselves, "Am I ready?" Our response is to support them through prayer. What Pope Francis has done is to ask all of us, institutions, and even governments, to do the same thing. He has asked us to scrutinize ourselves with the message of the Gospel teaching to care for the poor. Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well created the occasion for her to scrutinize herself when He confronted her about her five husbands and the man with whom she was living outside of marriage. Jesus made her face her life and her choices. The Hebrews accompanying Moses were forced to examine their behavior. They so mistrusted God's promise to watch over them that they were willing to go back into slavery rather than complete their journey to the Promised Land. Lent is a time of self-appraisal; so how do we scrutinize ourselves? The Church

provides us with a perfect way: the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The word "reconciliation" translated loosely means "eyelash-to-eyelash." In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we sit at the well with Jesus and look Him directly in the eye, "eyelash-to-eyelash." We cannot fully see ourselves as we really are until we see God. So what do we see when we look into the mirror of Jesus' eyes? Jesus helped people see themselves. He spoke of the need to care for widows and orphans. He reached out to social outcasts, He touched lepers and ate with sinful tax collectors and members of the smug religious elite. How do we compare? Pope Francis never called for a redistribution of wealth or for the establishment of a particular economic structure. Pope Francis has called us to do what Jesus did: scrutinize ourselves by comparing ourselves to the mission Christ gave us. Can I ask myself, "Are the poor any better off because I have lived?" Can I honestly tell myself that I have used my time wisely? Can I honestly say that I have been a good steward of the gifts God has given me? Can I honestly say that I am completely selfless in how I relate to others? Paul tells us that "Christ died for us godless men." Of course, he means the whole community, but what kind of gratitude have we shown, or are we still "godless"? Have we trusted God any more that the Hebrews who accompanied Moses? Paul promised that faith brings hope. How many times have we given up on God or our Church? Many people are sincerely afraid to look into a mirror if that mirror is the eyes of God. This fear can keep them away from confession, but happily the Pope reminded us that "the confessional must not be a torture chamber, but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy which spurs us on to do our best." He tells us, "A small step can be more pleasing to God than a life which appears outwardly in order but moves through the day without confronting great difficulties." Fortunately, Lent is not about discovering how sinful we are. It is about discovering how good we can be. Perhaps we can strive to be called 'Christian.'

Our First Reconciliation



Our First Reconciliation is on Sunday, March 19, 2017. Our Parish families of St. Elizabeth & Our Lady Of Lourdes are happy to CONGRATULATE those children who recently celebrated the first time the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The front page of our First Reconciliation Program stated: WE COME TO ASK FORGIVENESS. May the grace &

blessings that you have received for the first time remain deep in your hearts so that you may always trust in God's merciful & everlasting forgiveness. We promise you our continued prayers as you prepare for First Holy Communion & WE CONGRATULATE: Case Beisner, Hayden Bonnell, Ethan Bowden, Keely Burton, Emma Davis, Jaime Escobedo, Evan Fiscus, Jack Grimm, Braylon Murray, Ben Patchett, Sicily Rawlings, Raylynn Rodgers, Ian Schmidt, & Isla Wirey .

Sincere Congratulations



Sincere congratulations to all those who helped in any way to make the 2017 Mardi Gras a SUCCESS. All of your help is deeply appreciated. The profit of \$18,205.31 will be placed toward the construction of the new Youth Center. God bless you for your help & faithful assistance.

Youth Center



As you are able to see, the three trees that were on the recently purchased property from the City of Robinson have been removed. Hopefully, in the near future, I will be able to present a drawing of the addition when I explain the present need for the addition & how you may be able to help us financially.

Thank you & God bless you.

Catholic Relief Services Second Collection



On March 26, 2017-Catholic Relief Services Second Collections will be on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Lenten Confessions



During the holy and sacred season of LENT, we will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on

Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Church. There will also be a Lenten Penance Service on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Our Lady Of Lourdes Church. As we prepare our hearts praying in earnest for the spirit of conversion during these Lenten holy days of fasting, discipline, & sacrifice, why would you not want to receive the gift of our Loving Father's faithful mercy & forgiveness. Through this special, necessary, & important Sacrament, we are invited to live the life of CONVERSION & the willingness to permit ourselves to be freed of the past burdens of sinfulness, grudges, & pain. May God touch your heart & inspire you to participate in the Sacrament of Confession.

Prayer: "May Your Mercy, Lord, be upon us; as we put our hope in You." Psalm 33:22
"Bless me, Father..."

What Makes For A Good Confession?

- 1. Contrition.** Contrition is a sorrow for the soul & detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again. The reception of this Sacrament ought to be prepared for by an examination of conscience made in the light of the Word of God. The passages best suited to this can be found in The Ten Commandments, the moral catechesis of the Gospels & the apostolic Letters, such as the Sermon on the Mount & the apostolic teachings.
- 2. The Confession of Sins.** Confession to a priest is an essential part of the Sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret.." Without being strictly necessary, confessions of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ & progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this Sacrament the gift of the Father's Mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as He is merciful.
- 3. Satisfaction.** Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused. Raised up from sin, the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: He must "make satisfaction for" or "expiate" his sins. This satisfaction is also called "penance". The penance the confessor imposes must take into account the penitent's personal situation & must seek his spiritual good. ...It can consist of a prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, & above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear.

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 February 23, 2017, the St. Elizabeth parish goal is \$26,747.00 with the amount of \$17,515.00 being pledged & the amount of \$16,715.00 being secured. As of February 23, 2017, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish goal is \$6,556.00 with the amount of \$2,460.00 being pledged & the amount of \$2,260.00 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 & 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, March 12, 2017
Envelopes: \$3,162.00 Loose: \$285.25
Caritas \$50.00 Give Central 2 @\$80.00
Easter Flowers \$60.00 Ash Wednesday \$85.00
Building Fund \$40.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$30.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$10.00
Church Deposit: \$3,802.25

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, March 12, 2017
Church Deposit \$ 995.00

Daily Mass Readings 03/20/17-03/24/17



Mon. Mar. 20, 2017

Reading 1~ 2 Sam. 7:4-5A 12-14A,16
Reading 2~Rom.4:13 16-18,22
Gospel ~ Mt.1:16,18-21,24A

Tues. Mar. 21, 2017 Reading 1~ Dn.3:25 34-43
Gospel ~ Mt. 18:21-35

Wed. Mar. 22, 2017 Reading 1~ Dt.4:1,5-9
Gospel ~ Mt.5:17-19

Thurs. Mar. 23 2017 Reading 1~ Jer.7:23-28
Gospel ~ Luke 11:14-23

Fri. Mar. 24, 2017 Reading 1~ Hos.14:2-10
Gospel ~ Mk.12:28-34

Please remember to attend weekly Mass