



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~12:00 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 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, May 14, 2017 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Happy Mother's Day



Her children rise up and call her blessed. Proverbs 31:28



Mass Intentions

May 13	4:30 pm	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
May 14	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 14	9:00 am	Edith Smith by Jerry Smith
May 15	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
May 16	7:30 am	Jim & Julie Maloy by George & Jane Bohman
May 17	12:00 pm	Betty Uptmor by Mike & Jona Uptmor
May 18	7:30 am	Harry Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
May 19	7:30 am	Lorna Jane Brown by George Brown
May 19	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Karen Sanders
May 19	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann
May 19	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
May 19	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
May 19	10:30 am	Special Intentions
May 19		Special



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Saturday, May 20, 2017 ~ Sunday, May 21, 2017

Sat. May 20, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN: Lisa Baird, Karen Sanders

SERVERS: Braden Hatfield, Ella Jenkins

GIFTS: Justin Aydt Family

Sun. May 21, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Craig Weber, Nick Weber

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS: David Jenkins

GIFTS: Steve Jenkins Family

Sun. May 21, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Lori Davis

USHERS: Ron & Ethel Dhom

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Wilson Family

Sun. May 21, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower

COMMUNION MIN: Linda Reis, Missy York

SERVERS: Joe Quick, Cody York

GIFTS: George Bohman Family

Collection Counters: May, 2017: Alan Maddox, Rhonda Stone, Kaye Holscher

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



PSR Teacher & Youth Thank You

Another PSR year has come and gone, and several students — and even a teacher—accomplished the task of having perfect attendance. Having perfect attendance is no small feat. Attending every class over a course of a school year requires a special kind of dedication and a little bit of luck as well. Often times, having perfect attendance means making the choice to attend religion class instead of some other activity. It also means that students and teachers have been lucky enough that illness has not kept them out of the classroom. This year five students and one teacher accomplished the task of perfect attendance: Logan Mueller, Case Beisner, Ian Schmidt, Ella Bunten, Taytum Beisner and second grade teacher Patti Bunten. Thank you for your hard work and shining example of dedication.



Baby Bottle Collection

Our two parishes will participate in the BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION from MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 14, 2017 unto FATHER'S DAY, JUNE, 18, 2017. The proceeds from the BABY BOTTLES will go the CRISIS PREGNANCY of EASTERN ILLINOIS. Fr. Flach & the Pastoral Council have reviewed this particular organization and are in support of this project. Below is information about this organization. CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER or CHOICES PREGNANCY and HEALTH is a faith-based organization that exists to assist women, men, and families experiencing the trauma of an unplanned pregnancy by providing accurate information, compassionate care and practical assistance to further the sacred reverence of ALL OF HUMAN LIFE, most especially the innocent life within the womb of the mother. The organization recognizes the worth of all of human life as created in the image of GOD with dignity and purpose, We are committed to reaching out to all communities with this life-affirming message. We have never referred for abortions and we never will. We exist to serve women, men, and their families by meeting the various needs they encounter in an unplanned pregnancy, We offer the options of adoption, parenting, foster care as well as physical, emotional, and spiritual support. We are able to confirm pregnancy confirmation through ultrasound. We are committed to encouraging positive relationships through teaching the value of sexual abstinence outside of marriage, child-birth and parenting education and post-abortion healing. The Coordinators for this project will be ANGELA BONNELL for St. Elizabeth Parish and ANITA KOCHER and NANCY PING for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support for the BABY BOTTLE PROGRAM for 2017. May God bless you



Prayer Requests



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

In these readings, the early Church is struggling to find its direction. While enamored with memories of Jesus' words and deeds, and their desire to spread His message of hope and compassion, His disciples discover that all were not in agreement. In fact, the early Church was in discord. As the Church was changing, it soon saw inequalities and heard grumbling voices. Arguments arose over what adjustments were needed. The apostles, busy with their preaching, healing and teaching ministry, did not want to stop their ministry and become administrators. Instead, they paused and prayed for guidance. Soon the Spirit reminded them that part of loving God is loving your neighbor. In other words, seeing and caring for people is what Jesus did and what He wanted them to do before anything else. Consider this story. Lightning destroyed St. Peter Claver Church and school. The parishioners joined neighboring St. Patrick Church for Mass. As this continued, occasional flares of temper showed it was not going well. St. Patrick's parishioners, steeped in their Irish-American traditions, were not easily paired with St. Peter's parishioners, an African-American congregation. One of the areas often of tension was St. Peter's famous choir. The two pastors decided that the popular youth choir from St.

Peter's Church would present a concert as a way to thank the St. Patrick community for their hospitality. With the pews filled, Darrell LaMotte, 16, rose to sing. Surprising all with his beautiful tenor voice, he began singing one of St. Patrick's parishioners' favorite songs, "Danny Boy." Darrell's powerful voice rose slowly and melodiously, climbing toward the rafters. By the time his last note floated upward, everyone stood teary-eyed, applauding. Later, a longtime member from St. Patrick Church remarked, "Jesus sang a message through Darrell's voice today, reminding us to love everyone as He does." In his farewell address, Jesus exhorts His followers to stay firm and carry on His mission. He tells them that everything He has spoken was given to Him by His Father. To reduce the shock of His departure, Jesus promises to show them the way to the Father. It is a simple message: do as I do and say what I say! No matter what turns our lives take. God is there. So, we are to remain faithful and stay firm like living stones connected to Jesus, the cornerstone.

A Tribute to Mothers



A mother's precious love so dear, shares each child's joy, feels each child's tear. Her words of comfort, soft and mild, Can warm the heart, can soothe the child. Her arms are

always opened wide. Her family is her source of pride. Her head is gently bowed in prayer. Please keep her, Lord, within your care. FOR OUR CHILDREN. Most Blessed Virgin Mary, by the special grace of God you were preserved sinless from the moment of your conception. Preserve the innocence of our children by taking them into your special care. You who thwart the advances of the devil, enfold them in your protective arms so that they may grow in the virtues you possess in abundance. I confidently approach the mercy of your immaculate heart, knowing that your requests can never be refused by your Son. Amen.

Spiritual Reading for the 5th Sunday of Easter

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE:

[God] said, "Look at those who are walking by way of the bridge of Christ crucified." And she saw many of them running along without any pain at all, because they weren't carrying the weight of their selfish will. These were [God's] true children. They had left themselves behind and with restless desire were on a single-minded search for God's honor and the salvation of souls. On the feet of their affection they were following Christ crucified, who was the bridge. The water was running on down below them, and the thorns were being crushed by their feet and so did them no harm. That is,

in their love they thought nothing of the thorns of persecution, and they carried in true patience the worldly successes that are cruel and deadly thorns to souls who possess them with inordinate love. They despised these things as if they were poison. They were taken up with nothing but the delight of being on the cross with Christ, because He was their focus.... This is why eternal Truth said, "I say that no one can come to me except by means of my Only-Begotten Son; for He is the one who made the way you must follow. He is the way, the truth, and the life. Those who go by this way come to know and experience the truth. In the sufferings He bore for them they taste my ineffable love for them. You know well that if I hadn't loved you, I would not have given you such a Redeemer. But because I loved you eternally, I gave up this Only-Begotten Son of mine to the shameful death of the cross. And He, by His obedience and His Death destroyed Adam's sin and the death of the human race." So they know My truth, and once they know the truth they follow the truth. And so they receive everlasting life, because they have kept to the way of Christ crucified. They have reached the gate of truth and passed through it to find themselves in the peaceful sea with those who are truly joyful."

Annual Catholic Service 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 April 12, 2017, the St. Elizabeth parish goal is \$26,747.00 with the amount of \$18,515.00 being pledged & the amount of \$18,415.00 being secured. As of April 12, 2017, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish goal is \$6,556.00 with the amount of \$2,460.00 being pledged & the amount of \$2,400.00 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.



Prayer to the Mother of Our Lord for All Mothers



Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's Word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. A Prayer for Mothers All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen. Annie's Mailbox. Dear Annie: I came across this old Ann Landers column a few years back, after my mother passed away. Will you please print it for Mother's Day? — Still Miss Her. Dear Still: Thank you for the poignant reminder. Here it is: Today is my mother's birthday. For the first time since I was a little girl, I cannot give her a gift. After I married, we lived only a mile apart. I always managed to run in and drop off a present I had picked up at the last minute. Sometimes I didn't even wait long enough to have it gift-wrapped. No matter what it was, she'd smile and say, "You knew what I wanted, didn't you, dear?" Then I'd head for the door, and she would sigh, "I wish you could sit down and visit for a little while. You are always in such a hurry." My stock answer was, "I wish I could, Mom, and I will one of these days, we'll have a really good visit, but today, I have so many things I have to do, and I must get going." For the life of me, I can't remember what I was doing that was so important, but I was always running. "One of these days" will never come because Mom passed away nine years ago. For the first time in her wonderful, unselfish life, she was the one who didn't have time for me. She had a massive heart attack and went so fast. I'm not sure she heard me say, "I love you, Mom." Time has a sneaky way of slipping away. We all get so involved in our own little worlds, and before you know it, the tomorrows are yesterdays. If I could encourage just

Prayer to the Mother of Our Lord for all Mothers cont.

one person to stop, no matter how busy, and find an hour to spend and visit his or her mother this Mother's Day, it will be the best gift you could give your mom. — I'll Miss Her Forever. Dear Annie: My siblings and I are planning to take our 90-year-old mother out for dinner on Mother's Day. We'd like to surprise her by singing that old song that spells out all the letters in "Mother" and says what they stand for. Can you help us out with the words? — Sentimental Daughter in Chicago
Dear Sentimental: The song was written in 1915, lyrics by Howard Johnson and music by Theodore Morse. Those interested in the melody can probably find a version online. They sure don't make 'em like this anymore:



M-O-T-H-E-R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,

"O" means only that she's growing old,

"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,

"H" is for her heart of purest gold;

"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,

"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"

A word that means the world to me.

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.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, May 7, 2017

The deposit will be listed in next week's bulletin

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

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Daily Mass Readings 05/15/17~05/19/17



Mon. May 15, 2017 Reading 1~

Acts 14:5-18 Gospel~ John 14:21-26

Tues. May 16, 2017 Reading 1~ Acts

14:19-28 Gospel ~ John 14:27-31A

Wed. May 17, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 15:1-6 Gospel ~

John 15:1-8 Thurs. May 18, 2017 Reading 1~Acts

15:7-21 Gospel ~ John 15:9-11

Fri. May 19, 2017 Reading 1~ Acts 15:22-31

Gospel~John 15:12-17