



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 3:45 pm or by appointment

Sunday October 23, 2016 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Luke 18:9-14 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax

**“For everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, but the man who
humbles himself will be exalted”**

Luke 18:14



Mass Intentions

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| Sat. Oct. 22 | 4:30 pm | Kevin Murray by Larry Dix |
| Sun. Oct. 23 | 7:30 am | Arlene Schutte |
| | 9:00 am | by Schutte Family |
| | 10:30am | Bill & Omar Wilson by |
| | 7:30 am | Charlita Wilson |
| Mon. Oct. 24 | | Ira Inboden by Phyllis |
| | 12:05 pm | Inboden |
| Tues. Oct. 25 | 7:30 am | Thank You, God |
| Wed. Oct. 26 | | by Dorla Shook |
| | 7:30 am | Ray Halter by Holscher |
| | | Family |
| Thurs. Oct. 27 | 7:30 am | Lorna Jane Brown |
| | 7:30 am | by George Brown |
| Fri. Oct. 28 | 4:30 pm | Tom & Martha Obst |
| Sat. Oct. 29 | 7:30 am | by Tom Huss |
| Sun. Oct. 30 | 7:30 am | Dee Gauger by Carol Wong |
| | 9:00 am | Ron Wagner by Carol Wong |
| | 10:30 am | Betty & Gene Uptmor by |
| | | Mike & Jona Uptmor |
| | | Vera Kirts by Ethan Matson |
| | | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |



Ministry Schedule

Sat. Oct., 29 ~Sun. Oct., 30, 2016

Sat. Oct. 29, 2016 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Mark Grimm, Dennis Carroll

COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn

Jack Stanley

SERVERS: Evan Ferris, Emily Ferris

GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis

Sun. Oct. 30, 2016 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Stewart Schutte Family

Sun. Oct. 30, 2016 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Ron & Ethel Dhom

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping

SERVERS: J. Hermann

GIFTS: Keith & Rita Wirey Family

Sun. Oct. 30, 2016 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell

COMMUNION MIN: Sean & April Sexton

SERVERS: Lauren Staller, David Staller, Sarah Staller

GIFTS: Josh Quick Family

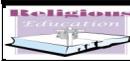
Collection Counters: *October, 2016~Kaye Holscher, Janet Mitchell, Carol Wong*

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:
Lori Brown, Geri Ezell, Logan Inboden, Bill Meirink, Val Pescatore, Ian Quick, Vickie Wilson & all the men & women in the armed forces.



PSR

Wed. Oct. 26, 2016 No PSR due to Trunk or Treat.



Trunk or Treat

Wed. Oct. 26th-Trunk or Treat 5:30-6:30 p.m. in parking lot.



Protecting God's Children

There will be a Protecting God's Children Class on Thurs. Oct. 27, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Please contact Courtney Ferris to schedule. Thank You.



All Saints Day Parade

The All Saints Day Parade will be on Sat. Oct. 29, 2016 before the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth.

Youth Group Movie Night

The Youth Group "Spooktacular" Movie Night will be on Sun. Oct. 30, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Parish Center.

Uprising



Uprising met on Sun. Oct. 16, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall Center.

World Missions Sunday, Oct. 22-23, 2016

TODAY IS WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY! In announcing his decision to declare a Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers & sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. Supporting the young churches throughout the world with your prayers & generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission." The collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, & support the work of priests, religious & lay leaders who serve those on the margins & in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!

Many Sincere Thanks

Many thanks to those who participated in the Rosary Crusade by praying the Rosary together outside in front of the Jesus Statue on Sat. Oct. 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm. We numbered close to 35. Your prayerful dedication to the Most Holy Rosary speaks of your deep love of God & may the Blessed Virgin Mary strengthen you continually. Thank you & God bless you.

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

William Barclay, in his commentary in Luke, part of the Daily Bible Study Series, tells of a rail trip he took to England. Along the way he saw a whitewashed cottage that was absolutely radiant in its whiteness. Its glowing whiteness made a huge impression. On his way home to Scotland, Barclay noted that it had snowed. When the train again passed the white cottage, Barclay was startled to see that, compared to the snow, the white cottage was not at all radiant: rather, it was drab & gray compared to the snow.

What is the snow that might outshine us? This question was one of Jesus' concerns in telling today's parable. One of Luke's favorite techniques in teaching the Gospel message is called the reversal motif. Luke begins by accurately describing everyone's common beliefs & common social & cultural expectations. This is exactly what the first part of the parable does. It accurately describes the Pharisee & the tax collector.

The method of praying was to pray aloud. In the Middle Eastern philosophical understanding of language, for a prayer to exist it had to be said, not thought.

In the minds of Jesus' listeners, the Pharisee was truly a good & holy person. He was the model of what we would call a living saint. It was proper in prayer to tell God who you are, so the Pharisee was what he claimed. He was a good man who was better than most, who kept the law faithfully, fulfilling every precept & even went beyond what the Law required.

The tax collector, as well, was what he said he was. He was not a hero in this story. He was a sinner & a big sinner, the most reviled of men. He was a traitor to his people. He worked for a foreign, occupying government that collected taxes for the occupiers, & he earned his pay by over-taxation. He would have been thought of as ritually unclean; therefore, he would have had no right to enter the Temple.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be at St. Elizabeth on Wed. Oct. 26, 2016 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.

Adult Religion Class

The next class for the Adult Religion Class for OLOL's Parish & St. Elizabeth Parish will be held on Thurs. Oct. 27, 2016.

Oblong Christian Community Food Pantry

The Oblong Christian Community Food Pantry will have its Annual Bake Sale at the Fall Follies on Sat. Oct. 29, 2016 in front of the Tracy Insurance Building on Main Street. Donations of baked goods & other food items including sugar free items, will be accepted beginning at 9:00 am. Our Lady of Lourdes is being asked to work from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please call Nancy Ping at 618-592-4895 if you would like to volunteer.

PRAYER FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE

Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as Yours is, at the passing of all souls into eternal life. You experienced deep & loving relationships while on earth & wept at the death of your friend, Lazarus. In great confidence, I pray for all my friends & loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith. I pray also for those who are facing at this moment their own last agony. How wonderful it is to know that I can support & comfort them in their final moments. When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed, not ended, that those I love are still with me though unseen. O Lord, increase my faith in the great mystery of eternal life. Teach me to live each day knowing that all here passes & that when we leave we will travel very lightly. May You, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me & those for whom I pray into eternal life at the moment pleasing to You. Glory be to You One God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, now & forever. Mary Mother of the living, pray for us. Amen. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls & all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

The reversal is seen in Jesus' statement that the tax collector was the one who went home justified by God. It is amazing that Jesus was not attacked when he said this! This reversal would have infuriated his listeners.

We play the game of keeping up with the Joneses. We measure almost everything about ourselves by comparing ourselves to others. Sibling rivalry is based on comparisons. Younger siblings compare themselves to older siblings. Other sibling resent the (perceived or real) favored child. Siblings fight over parents' wills, often thinking that someone in the family got more than he or she deserved. At the office water cooler, employees complain that someone who does not work as hard as they got a promotion when it was not deserved: "That promotion should have been mine!" We even judge our potential of getting into heaven based on our comparisons to others. We think, "I'm not as bad as most people," or we joke saying, "If Jane didn't get into heaven, then we're all in trouble."

What does the parable highlight? The Pharisee was actually better than he said he was, & the tax collector was probably worse than he said he was. What is going on? The problem Jesus exposes is that the Pharisee was comparing himself to other people while the tax collector was comparing himself to God. Jesus' expectation of the Pharisee, & this of us, is that we judge our goodness & holiness by looking at God, not be looking at those around us. God is the standard!

It might be interesting to note the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We so often say we do not really need to go to confession, telling ourselves, "I'm not that bad. I haven't committed any serious sin." Compared to others, we might be right; we might actually be as good & holy as the Pharisee or even better. The word reconciliation has its roots in the Latin word "cilia." It is part of the word for eyelash. Reconciliation could be translated to mean "eyelash to eyelash," or spiritually put, confession is to be eyelash to eyelash with God! We might be truly holy compared to other people, but how holy are we when compared to God? This is part of the reason for the sacrament, to help us set the bar for our personal holiness.

What does our gleaming white cottage really look like?

The Sacred Feast Of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation~November 1, 2016

As an important part of our desire to love, obey and follow God, we are blessed to be able to gather in the Sacred Eucharist to celebrate the FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, the first day of the month of November. This special feast is provided for by the Holy Mother Church as a beautiful opportunity to examine our spiritual lives. In this review, we are able

to determine if we are progressing toward a greater degree of SANCTITY and HOLINESS. As we recall, and honor all of the SAINTS who have gone before us, we are able to recognize that their holiness is revealed in their strong and intense willingness to open their hearts and their souls to God's Will and His Presence as lived out in their ordinary and everyday lives in the Spirit of God's Grace and Trust. Every single one of the hundreds and hundreds of SAINTS in the Roman Catholic faith has a strong willingness to center their hearts and souls to GOD ALONE. As we celebrate this Eucharist, we pray to

God asking for His help and guidance to follow the example of the SAINTS who continually imitated their LOVE FOR GOD and who are constant in their prayers and intercessions for each of us. In honor of the Holy Day of ALL SAINTS, the Sacred Eucharist will be celebrated on Mon. Oct. 31, 2016 at 5:30 pm in OLOL & on Tues. Nov. 1, 2016 at 12:05 pm and 6:00 pm at St. Elizabeth.

Pastoral Council Church Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall on Tues. Nov. 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

First Friday of the Month Mass

There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at OLOL on Fri. Nov. 4, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

St. Elizabeth Mass & OLOL's Memorial Mass

Each year, we remember in a special way those loved ones who have entered into eternal life from either St. Elizabeth or Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. As a symbol of our prayer, support, & love, the MEMORIAL MASS for St. Elizabeth Parish will be celebrated on Sun. Nov. 6th at 10:30 am in St. Elizabeth Church & for Our Lady of Lourdes will be at the 9:00 am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. As always, we extend to those in grief & sorrow over the death of a loved one our sincere love, prayers & hope that God will comfort each of you with His everlasting & enriching comfort, grace & peace. The following will be honored at St. Elizabeth: Lorna "Jane" Brown, Don Calvert, Charles Ferguson, Raymond Halter, Madonna Kirts, Lillie Ireland, Clarence E. "Sonny" Mann, Arlene Schutte, Michael & Judith Smolinski & Mary Warren. The following will be honored at Our Lady of Lourdes: Vera Kirts & Lloyd Shook.

Special Second Collection

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a Special Second Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki has approved this second collection & has stated that he wants the collection to be taken up on Sat. Nov. 5 & Sun. Nov. 6, 2016. This is an opportunity for our diocese to show our support for the men & women in the armed forces & for those chaplains who serve them so generously. Thank you & God bless you!

Anointing of the Sick Mass

As Catholic Christians, one of the most beautiful SACRAMENTS OF HEALING that we have is the Sacrament of the ANOINTING OF THE SICK. In this particular gesture of compassion & prayer is revealed God's Presence & Love. In the Anointings & prayers of this Sacrament, the person who is ill or suffering is given strength, perseverance, & courage to allow God's Will to come to fruition in their spiritual journey. Not only is the sick person given God's grace & blessing, but in the Sacrament the person knows the entire Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, is praying for their healing & recovery. Through this Sacrament, we unite our sufferings together to ask for God's Grace & Presence.

As a sincere sign & expression of our love & concern for those who are either sick, infirmed, or suffering, you are invited to receive this SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK on SUN. NOV. 13, 2016 AT 10:30 AM in St. Elizabeth Church at 10:30 am in Eucharist. If you would like to be anointed in this Mass, if possible, please sit on the front pews on either the Blessed Virgin Mary side or the St. Joseph side of the Church. This way, Father will know that you wish to be anointed. Thank you & God bless you!

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." You will soon receive a letter to each registered Catholic household in the Diocese asking for your support. The Diocese serves each of us & our financial support is needed to continue God's work in the Diocese. As of Oct. 12, 2016, The St. Elizabeth Parish goal is \$26,747.00 with the amount of \$6,105.00 pledged & the amount of \$5,605.00 being secured. As of Oct. 12, 2016, the OLOL Parish goal is \$6,656.00 with the amount of \$1,470.00 pledged & the amount of \$1,110.00 being secured. SINCERE THANKS to all those parishioners who have already participated in this important fund raiser for the Diocese & may God bless you for your generosity.

Liturgical Ministry Contacts



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Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016
Envelopes: \$ 2,245.00 Loose: \$ 263.10 Caritas \$30.00
Online Thru Give Central \$80.00 CCW \$200.00 Arlene Schutte
Total Church Offerings Deposit \$ 2,818.10
Total to date Arlene Schutte CCW Memorial \$7,685.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016
Envelopes \$540.00 Loose \$50.00
Building Fund \$50.00 Total Deposit \$640.00
Thank You. God Bless You.



Give Central Online Donations

To give online, go to the Church website & click on DONATE. You can give to what donation you choose. All monies go directly to St. Elizabeth.

Daily Mass Readings 10-24/10-28-16

Mon. Oct. 24, 2016 Reading 1 Eph. 4:32 5-8 Gospel Luke 13:10-17
Tues. Oct. 25, 2016 Reading 1 Eph. 5:21-33 Gospel Luke 13:18-21
Wed. Oct. 26, 2016 Reading 1 Eph. 6:1-9 Gospel Luke 13:22-30
Thurs. Oct. 27, 2016 Reading 1 Eph. 6:10-20 Gospel Luke 13:31-35
Fri. Oct. 28, 2016 Reading 1 Eph. 2:19-22 Gospel Luke 6:12-16