



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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:45 pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Center for registration and reservation.

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.

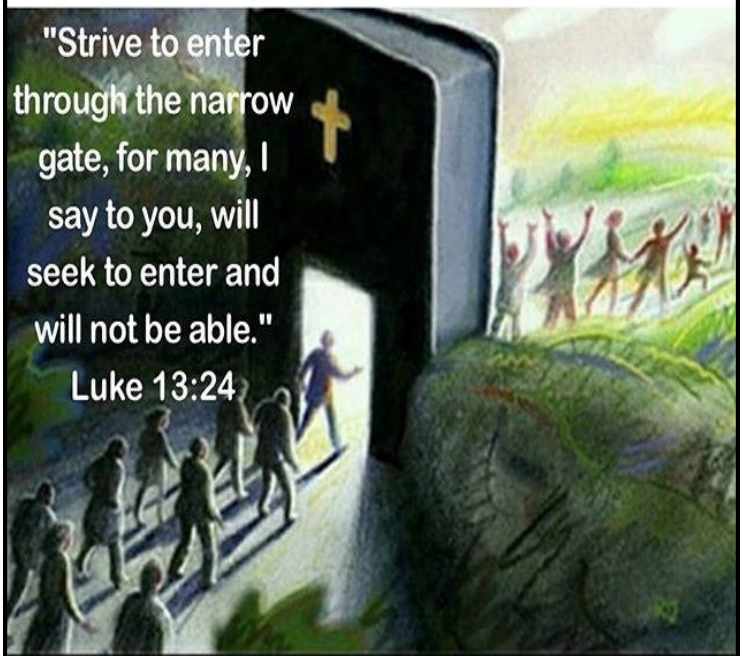
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Flach.

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.

*Sunday,
August 21, 2016
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



**“Strive to enter
through the narrow
gate, for many, I say to
you, will seek to enter
and will not be able”.**

Luke 13:24



Mass Intentions

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| Sat. Aug. 20 | 4:30 pm | Donny Mann by Eileen Cooper |
| Sun. Aug. 21 | 7:30 am | Johanna Marshall by Chad & Chris Arkenberg |
| | 9:00 am | Loretta Pescatore by Val & Kathleen Pescatore |
| | 10:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| Mon. Aug. 22 | 7:30 am | Lloyd Shook-OIOL-Ladies Group |
| Tues. Aug. 23 | 12:06 pm | Ida Mary Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin |
| Wed. Aug. 24 | 7:30 am | William Begley by Frances & Anne Schalasky |
| Thur. Aug. 25 | 7:30 am | Don Calvert by Larry & Debbie Dix |
| Fri. Aug. 26 | 7:30 am | Madonna Kirts by Jeff & Linda Rich |
| Sat. Aug. 27 | 4:30 pm | Vera Kirts by Karen Sanders |
| Sun. Aug. 28 | 7:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| | 9:00 am | Mildred Schmidt by Wrey Family |
| | 10:30 am | Tom & Kathy Willey by George & Jane Bohman |

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Aug. 27-28, 2016

Sat. Aug. 27, 2016 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Karen Sanders

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn

Jack & Marylin Stanley

SERVERS: Cody York, Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis

Sun. Aug. 28, 2016 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

Jona Uptmor

SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Stewart Schutte Family

Sun. Aug. 28, 2016 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Stacia Matson

USHERS: Ron & Ethel Dhom

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping

SERVERS: J. Hermann

GIFTS: Adam Davis Family

Sun. Aug. 28, 2016 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: April Sexton

USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell

COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Sean Sexton,

Matt Hartrich

SERVERS: Evan Ferris, Emily Ferris, +Anthony

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GIFTS: Staller Family

Collection Counters: August, 2016 : James Hill, Alan Maddox, & John Ferris

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Lori Brown, Patricia Burger, Charlotte Canon, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Linda Dudine, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Debbie Goodwin, Dorothy Green, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Judy Hester, Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes, Charlie Hryniewicz, Kimberly Knapp, Ethan Knoblett, Jordyn Koester, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Grover Michl, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Debbie Nichols, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Pete Rosenski, Linda Russell, Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Norma (Osborne) Shipman, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs, Linda Sparks, John Stedelin, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Mike & Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Terry Stevens, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Linda Stewart, Cherie Stewart, Bertha Taylor, James Tyler, Mark Wagner, Becky VanSchoyck, Ginny Varner, Shari Weber, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.

Parish School of Religion PSR

There will be a PSR Parent Meeting and Registration session on **Wed. Aug. 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Please make plans to attend.

Religious Education

There will be Textbook Training with Loyola Press for all Religious Education Teachers on **Tues. Aug. 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. If you can make it, please let Courtney know, so that she can let them know how many people to expect. Loyola will be providing Dinner that evening as well, for everyone attending. Don't forget to pick up your copy of "The Catechist's Toolbox". We will also

Welcome Back

Junior High Youth Group "Welcome Back" meeting on **8/28 from 6:30-8:00 pm** at the Ferris House. Bring a lawn chair. **Senior High Youth Group** "Welcome Back" meeting on **8/21 from 7-9 pm** at the Ferris House. Bring a lawn chair.

Youth Group Parent Meeting

There will be a Youth Group Parent Meeting at **7:00 pm on Wed. Aug. 31st** in the Parish Center. We will be discussing the schedule for the year, changes to the program & future

Protecting God's Children Workshop

There will be a Protecting God's Children Class on **Thurs. Sept. 22, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** in the Parish Center. This workshop is for all new volunteers in both Parishes. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we examine our Scripture readings for this Sunday in Ordinary Time, we see that Jesus is asked a question we would all like to know the answer to. "Will only a few people be saved?" From the Gospel, it sounds as if there are going to be lots of people in heaven, people coming from the north and south, east and west. However, we would have liked a few more details, numbers, percentages perhaps, but I guess Jesus figures we can answer the question for ourselves by seeing how people live according to His teachings. If we live by His teachings, we are on our way to eternal happiness; if not, we will lose out. After all, He told us: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

When I was growing up, I think most people believed that it would be very hard to be saved. We worried about the smallest thing such as whether we ate a little meat on Friday or drank anything before Holy Communion. Society today has gone to the other extreme. People in today's society seem to think salvation is practically a given, that the only people not in heaven are those who had to work hard at avoiding getting there.

Heaven will have room for people from all nations, but there is still the "narrow gate" we have to pass through. In other words, we can't take salvation for granted. The Gospels were written in Greek and when Jesus said, "strive to enter through the narrow gate," the verb translated as "strive" in the original Greek is "agoneizomai." We can see the English word "agony" in this. "Agoneizomai" means a lot more than "strive". It is a word often used in connection with the effort needed to win something—as to win in an Olympic event, or performance, or a lawsuit or a contest. A good example would be a football game where the players work hard to get into condition and then they put everything they have into playing a good game. Can you see a coach saying to his players: now get out there and strive to win today, guys? Jesus is saying "put everything you have into getting through that narrow gate." The image of "giving it all we have to win" is repeated in the next sentence when Jesus says, "many will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

It's not that we are competing with other people, like people do in sports, where if one person wins, others have to lose. What we have to compete with is our own selves, our own laziness, our own pride, our own self-centeredness, our own love of comfort, or

pleasure, or material possessions; not to mention having to compete with sinful attractions of society or the temptations of the devil. Life is a battleground and our Lord wants us to know it so we avoid the pitfalls, especially the pitfall of not realizing the importance of taking our faith seriously.

All of this is very serious. Jesus doesn't tell us this to depress us or to discourage us or to scare us. He tells us this because He loves us. He wants us to be happy with Him forever. All we need to do is look at the crucifix to know about His Love. It is this Love which gives us hope and joy.

Ramblin' Rose School Bus

A big "thanks" again to all who helped with this project. The Ramblin' Rose School Bus was here a week ago **Thurs. Aug. 11, 2016** at St. Elizabeth. We had a good turn out. 42 families were served and 105 children.

Daily Mass Readings Mon. Aug. 22-Fri. Aug. 26

Mon. Aug. 22, 2016

First Reading: 2 Thos. 1:1-5, 11-12

Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22

Tues. Aug. 23, 2016

First Reading: 2 Thos. 2:1-30A, 14-17

Gospel: Matthew 23: 23-26

Wed. Aug. 24, 2016

First Reading: Egv. 21:9-B-14

Gospel: John 1:45-51

Thurs. Aug. 25, 2016

First Reading: 1 Cor. 1:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 24:42-51

Fri. Aug. 26, 2016

First Reading: 1 Cor. 1:17-25

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



Retreat Weekend~Living in Love

Living in Love - Retreat Weekend - Provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect. Designed to energize romance. **August 20-21, 2016** at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Retreat Center, Springfield, Illinois.

The cost is \$150 per couple. Scholarships are available. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night. RSVP - or (217) 321-1139.

Rachel 5

The pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Agreeing to Disagree

Agreeing to Disagree - HOW JEW'S AND CHRISTIANS READ THE BIBLE DIFFERENTLY. Speaker, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. **Thurs. Aug. 25, 7:00 pm**, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 South Walnut Street, Springfield.

You're Invited

YOU'RE INVITED - Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will lead a workshop entitled "Understanding Jesus Requires an Understanding of Judaism." First Federated Church's Life Together Center, 3625 N Sheridan Road in Peoria, Illinois on **Friday, August 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The Friday morning workshop looks at various first-century Jewish views of Torah, Messiah, Temple, gender, and more, to help us better understand both Jesus and Judaism. A workshop for clergy, religious educators, Bible study leaders, Sunday School teachers, and anyone who preaches, teaches, and studies the Gospels. To register, 217-787-7223, extension 18.



Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, Sept. 5, 2016** for the Labor Day Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day Holiday.

In Her Cherished Heart Women's Conference

*In Her Cherished Heart Women's Conference - Lessons from Lisa Hendey's The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living. Mass, goody bags, lunch, adoration, confession. Mother's room available. **Saturday, September 10, 2016, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** at Christ the King Parish Center, Springfield. \$30 before **August 23**, \$35 at the door. Register online at www.CherishedHeartConference.com.*

Retrouvaille

*Retrouvaille is such an incredible program for couples who are struggling in their marriage. The next program will be on **Sept. 16-18, 2016**.*



88th Annual SDTCW Convention

88th Annual SDTCW Convention "Mercy is Love in Action"
Save this date! -- **Tuesday, September 27th, 2016** at St. Michael the Archangel - Sigel. Springfield in IL Diocesan Council of Catholic Women would like to invite all women from our diocese to our 88th Annual Convention. We have a full day of **Spirit Filled Speakers, Mass, Luncheon and many opportunities to enjoy fellowship and fun.** Check with your Women's Group President or Parish office for Registration Forms, Speaker Flyer and Convention Advertising opportunities. Any questions please contact Carolyn Munie, SDTCW President at [618-667-2317](tel:618-667-2317) or Joyce Knodle, Registration Chair at [217-825-5150](tel:217-825-5150).

Second Collections

Campaign for Justice & Hope on
Sun. Nov. 20, 2016
Retirement For Religious on
Sun. Dec. 11, 2016
Catholic Children's Home on
Sun. Dec. 25, 2016

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2016-2017 ACSSA Parish Goals for St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$26,747.00

The 2016-2017 ACSSA Parish Goals for

Our Lady of Lourdes The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$6,656.00 Updated 06-30-2016

Liturgical Ministry Contacts

St. Elizabeth Parish

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251

Servers: Father Flach 544-7526

Art & Environment: Regh Sparks 546-5606

Usher: Ren Mitchell

Our Lady of Lourdes

Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Keith Wirey 592-4179

Music & Liturgy: Dorla Sheek 592-3893



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016

Envelopes: \$2,097.00 Loose: \$405.00

Building

Fund \$50.00 Caritas \$40.00

Online Thru Give Central \$55.00

Assumption of Mary \$190.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,837.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 585.00 Loose: \$ 65.00

Building Fund \$5.00 Assumption of Mary \$40.00

Total Deposit: \$ 695.00

Thank You. God Bless You.



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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) classes will soon begin. If you know someone who would be interested in this spiritual program, please call the Parish Office at 618-544-7526. Thank you & God bless you!

Mass Stipends

We are in need of September & October, 2016 Mass Stipends. Please call the Parish Office with your requests. Masses are \$10.00 each. Thank you & may God bless you.