



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 PENITENCE

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.

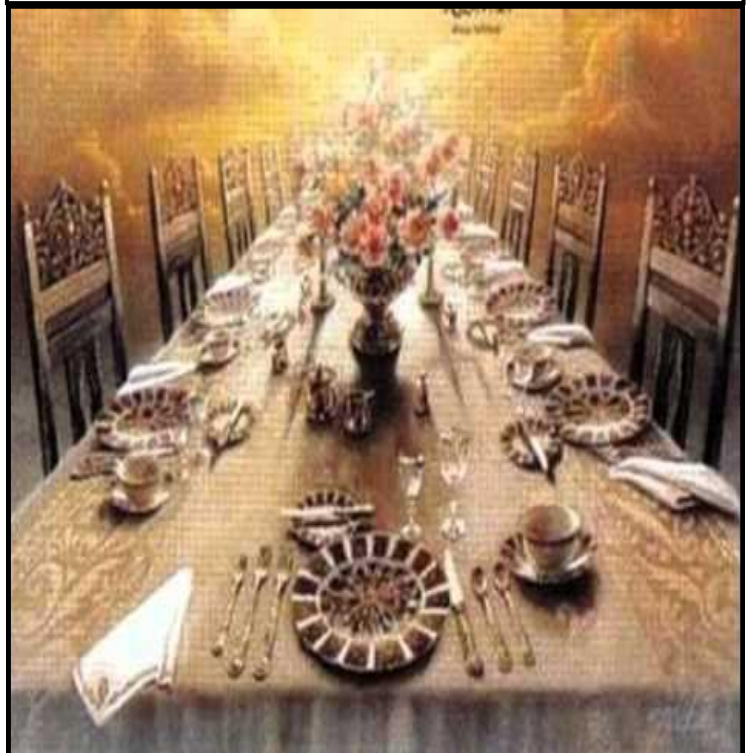
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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 28, 2016
22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



**"For whoever exalts himself will be
humbled, and he who humbles himself
will be**

Exalted.

Luke 14:11



Mass Intentions

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 Wirey Family
	10:30 am	Tom & Kathy Willey by George & Jane Bohman
Mon. Aug. 29	7:30 am	Raymond Halter by Eileen Hartrich Cooper
Tues. Aug. 30	12:06 pm	Sam Lopiccoco by Ione Lopiccoco
Wed. Aug. 31	7:30 am	Ralph Wagner by Carol Wong
Thur. Sept. 1	7:30 am	William Begley by Ann Schalasky
Fri. Sept. 2	7:30 am	Dave & Eileen Cooper by Karen Sanders
First Friday of the Month Mass OIOL	5:30 pm	Charles Robert Dayles by Keith & Stacie Matson
Sat. Sept. 3	4:30 pm	Lorna Jane Brown by Karen Sanders
Sun. Sept. 4	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
	9:00 am	Augustine O. Pescatore by Val & Kathleen Pescatore
	10:30 am	Charles & Ida Mary Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Sept. 3-4, 2016

Sat. Sept. 3, 2016 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Karen Sanders

USHERS: Ken & Carol Borgbower

COMMUNION: Mike Dorn

Ginger Osborne

DEACONS: Xavier Brown, Jeff Hermann

GFTS: Jack & Marylin Stanley

Sun. Sept. 4, 2016 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Matthew Jenkins, Stewart Schutte

COMMUNION: Jim Eckert

Shari Eckert

DEACONS: Jacob Eckert, Mallory Mosby

GFTS: Jim Eckert Family

Sun. Sept. 4, 2016 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Courtney Coffman

USHERS: Richard & Anita Kocher

COMMUNION: Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson

DEACONS: J. Hermann

GFTS: Coffman Family

Sun. Sept. 4, 2016 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Gyick

USHERS: George Bohman, Jane Bohman

COMMUNION: Matt Hartrich

Eileen Hartrich Cooper

DEACONS: Evan Ferris, Emily Ferris

GFTS: Staller Family

Collection Counters: September, 2016: Don Brown, Chris Tyka, Ione Lopiccoco

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

Prayer Requests

St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish would like to update the bulletin list of PRAYER REQUESTS. We welcome all PRAYER REQUESTS so if you would like to have someone's name on the PRAYER REQUESTS for the bulletin, please call the Parish Office so that the list can be updated. It has been some time since it was last updated. Thank you & God bless you!

Exposition August 31, 2016

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8 am on Wed. Aug. 31st & conclude at 10:30 am. Thank you for your understanding in the schedule change for this WED. only.

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.

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 plans.

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.

Sincere Congratulations

Our Parish families are so honored to be able to offer
 * Congratulations! *
 SPECIAL THANKS TO THE
 GODPARENTS to the HEATHER &
 RICH FAMILIES who recently received this year's
 GODPARENTS AWARD from the Association of
 Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts. This is a special honor well-deserved for the
 HEATHER RICH FAMILIES & we are happy to offer our SPECIAL
 THANKS!

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO PLACE FOR HUBRIS

We should try telling God how great & good we are without making Him laugh!

Luke's Gospel presents Jesus eating a lot of meals. This must have caught a lot of notice because, earlier in the Gospel, Jesus responds to cynicism by saying, "The Son of Man came eating & drinking, & you said, "Look, he is a glutton & a drunkard" (7:34). There are more references to eating, banquets, tables, & reclining at tables in Luke than in the other Gospels.

In Feasting on the Word, Year C, Rodney S. Sadler JR., points out that being at table serves as the key focus for Jesus' teaching, reproving, encountering outcasts & the marginalized, & as a place for telling some parables. Sadler says that Luke's use of the table as a principal site for fellowship & discourse for Jesus must not escape our notice.

Luke builds on presenting Jesus at table until, at last, He sits at the table of the Last Supper. Ultimately, Luke points us to the reality that fellowship at communal meals becomes the principal place for worship & that we seek to be at the heavenly banquet. Our Gospel passage today is an important instruction on how the Christian community is to conduct itself around the table of worship. Luke is teaching far more than proper decorum at our ritual meals. He is teaching us about the proper attitude we must bring with us to our common table, the proper attitude of all followers of Jesus.

The scene Luke presents is a typical Sabbath meal. Like many of our own Sunday dinners, it is an opportunity to invite family & friends to gather. In the American South, the Sunday dinner remains an important cultural tradition. People still gather after Church to eat the main Sunday meal. When called to the table, guests approach but don't take a seat until the hostess or host points out the places for guests to sit. Most often table assignments are designed to make people comfortable & to encourage conversation. Discussions will be about sports, politics, news events, sometimes the Sunday homily, & often will be marked by family news & a little gossip. People linger at the table, & a long spell sitting on a porch or patio after the meal is usually a part of the Sunday gathering.

We see Jesus in practically the same setting. Politics, taxes,

and rulers would have been talked about, but more often than not the most popular topic for discussion was scripture & theology. Having a rabbi at the table in the person of Jesus~especially a controversial teacher~ guaranteed that theology would be discussed.

Jesus entered the conversation by calling attention to the tradition of gaining recognition for oneself. Honor & social status were extremely important, so trying to get prime seating was something people took seriously. Unlike today, when seating is arranged to help enliven table conversation, seating in Jesus' day was arranged to indicate the relative importance of the guests to the host. Gaining honor & position was not only acceptable, it as the custom & it was expected.

Jesus' presentation on how to keep from being embarrassed & thus lose honor & then how to guarantee notice would have been expected from a teacher. Just as our passage from Sirach is filled with proverbs, Jesus gave a lesson that would have been appreciated & probably even a little funny. He did not criticize the efforts to gain honor, but rather He criticizes a sense of self-importance.

In Jesus' day, self-promotion was a desirable strength; humility was seen as a vice or a weakness. For Jesus to teach humility was eyebrow-raising. True humility consists in having a modest opinion of one's own importance. True humility allows us to give recognition to others without jealousy. True humility helps us rejoice in the successes of others without being envious.

In our culture today, we see a more negative, more destructive form of hubris. Rather than building ourselves up to be more than we are, we tear other people down to make them less than ourselves. We see this in political discussions, moral discussions, and in "get ahead:" behavior. **The popular rule seems to be, "if you can't assail a person's belief, then attack the person."**

When we come to the table of the Lord, we do not gauge our importance by looking at the people around us. With Christian humility, we gauge our importance by putting ourselves in front of the Lord who joins us at the table of worship. Humility is the attitude we are to bring to the table of the Lord.

Daily Mass Readings Mon. Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2016



Mon. Aug. 29, 2016

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 6:17-29

Tues. Aug. 30, 2016

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

Gospel: Luke 4:31-37

Wed. Aug. 31, 2016

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel: Luke 4:38-44

Thurs. Sept. 1, 2016

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Fri. Sept. 2, 2016

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Luke 5:23-29

First Friday of the Month Mass-OLOL

There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, September 2, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

Parish Office Closed



HAPPY LABOR DAY

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

Upcoming Church Meetings



There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on Tues. Sept. 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall.

Springfield Area Theology on Tap

Springfield Area Theology on Tap - Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 9 at 7 PM** hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 4179 on Lake Springfield. Guest speaker is Lisa Hendey author of *The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living*. Our topic for the evening is "Selfies and Souls: Nurturing the Church in the Digital Age." This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry. Lisa M. Hendey is the founder and editor of CatholicMom.com and the bestselling author of *The Handbook for Catholic Moms*, *A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms*, *The Grace of Yes*, and *The Thine Travelers* children's fiction series. She serves as editor-at-large at Ave Maria Press. As a board member and frequent host on *KNTCatholic Television*, Lisa has produced and hosted multiple programs, including *Catholic Mom TV* and *Making the Grade*, a program aimed at promoting quality Catholic education. Lisa has additionally appeared on *EWTN*, *CatholicTV* and as a part of the *Momnipotent DVD* series. Hendey is a blogger on several sites and also serves as the technology contributor for the *Sen Rise Morning Show*. Her articles have appeared in *Catholic Digest*, *National Catholic Register*, and *Our Sunday Visitor*. For more information, please contact Kyle Holtgrave, Director for the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154, or email kholtgrave@dio.org.

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. - 3:30 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**.

The Gospel of Matthew Retreat

Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the retreat, "The Gospel of Matthew," from **9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, on **Saturday, Sept. 17**, in the Providence Hall Conference Room. During the retreat, you will explore and pray the five sermons that Matthew constructed to identify who Jesus is and how Christians can find a map for thriving in a changing world. Cost is \$45, which includes lunch, and the registration deadline is **Sept. 12**. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2016-2017 *ACSA* Parish Goals for St. Elizabeth

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

The 2016-2017 *ACSA* 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

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Usher: Ren Mitchell

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Music & Liturgy: Dorla Sheek 592-3893



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,200.00 Loose: \$ 204.50 Building Fund \$

20.00 Caritas \$ 20.00

Online Thru Give Central \$55.00

Assumption of Mary \$ 10.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,609.50

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 625.00 Loose: \$ 154.00 Caritas \$20.00

Building Fund \$10.00 Assumption of Mary \$10.00

Edith Smith Food Pantry \$100.00

Total Deposit \$819.00

Thank You. God Bless You.



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.

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.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass