



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

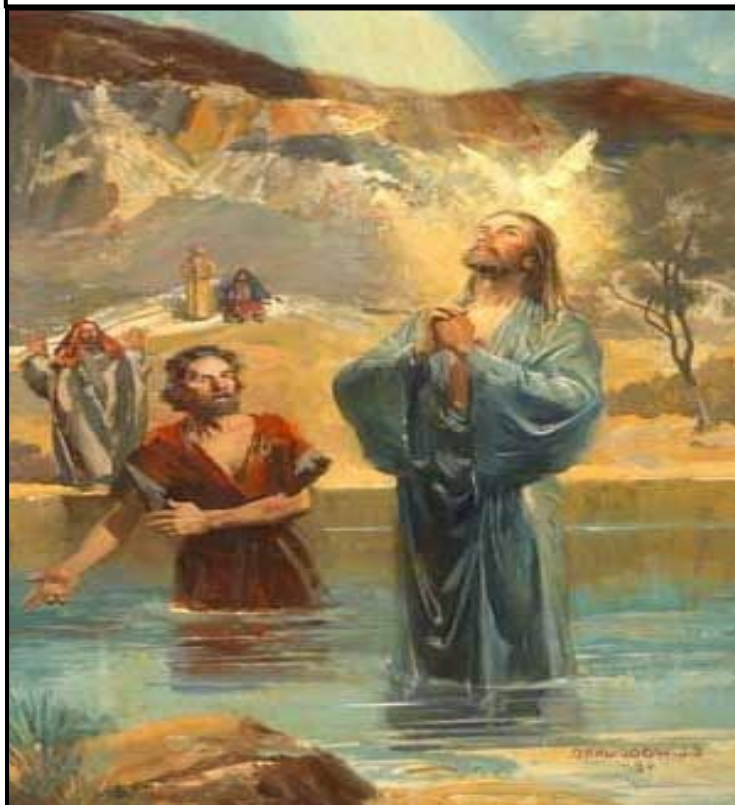
If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sunday, January 15, 2017

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**‘The man on whom you see
the Spirit come down and
remain is the one who will
baptize with the Holy
Spirit.’**

John 1:33

Story found in John 1:29-34



Mass Intentions

Jan. 14	4:30 pm	Linda Stewart by the Stewart Family
Jan. 15	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Jamie & Perry Ping by Ping Family
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
	7:30 am	Mary Wagner by CCW
Jan. 16	12:05 pm	Dianna McGowen by Carol Wong
	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by CCW
Jan. 17	7:30 am	Clarence E. "Sonny" Mann by CCW
	7:30 am	Shirley Walters
Jan. 18		By Dave & Eileen Cooper
	4:30 pm	Jennifer Diane Rich by Tom Huss
Jan. 19	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	George & Margaret Schalasky
Jan. 20		By Francis & Anne Schalasky
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 21		



Ministry Schedule

Sat. Jan. 21~ Sun. Jan. 22, 2017

<u>Sat. Jan. 21, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Terry Roche
USHERS:	Gene & Teresa Gower
COMMUNION MIN:	Lisa Baird, Mike Dorn
SERVERS:	Eva Hermann, Ella Jenkins
GIFTS:	Terry Baird Family
<u>Sun. Jan. 22, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	David Holscher
USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Jeff Rich, Travis Rich
COMMUNION MIN:	Jim & Shari Eckert
SERVERS:	David Jenkins
GIFTS:	Christopher Bonnell Family
<u>Sun. Jan. 22, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Anita Kocher
USHERS:	Keith Matson, Ethan Matson
COMMUNION MIN:	Wilmer Wilson, Mary Patchett
SERVERS:	Kayla Matson
GIFTS:	Richard Kocher Family
<u>Sun. Jan. 22, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Courtney Ferris
USHERS:	Ron & Janet Mitchell
COMMUNION MIN:	Teresa Gower, Roselene Quick
SERVERS:	Madalyn Myers, Lauren Staller
GIFTS:	Ted Staller Family

Collection Counters: *January, 2017: Don Brown, Kaye Holscher, Alan Maddox*

Prayer Requests



Please remember the following in your prayers: Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Maxine Cook, Renee Craig, Karen Free, Susan Hills, Logan Inboden, Jay Ping, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Jeannie Veach, Vickie Wilson, & and all the men & women in the armed forces.

PSR & Youth Events

01-18-2017-PSR 6:30 pm -7:30 pm
 01-22-2017 Senior High Youth 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
 01-25-2017 PSR 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
 02-01-2017-PSR 6:30 pm-7:30 pm ACRE TEST 5 & 8



Bible Study

As the holy and sacred season of Lent approaches, you are being invited to accompany Jesus through the events of His Passion, Death and Resurrection in a spiritually enriching and inspiring BIBLE STUDY. In the resource, JESUS'S JOURNEY TO THE CROSS—A LOVE UNTO DEATH, you will be able to follow Jesus on His jubilant entry into Jerusalem, sit with Him during His Last Supper with His chosen apostles, pray beside Him during His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and stand at the foot of the Cross on Golgotha where—WITH A LOVE UNTO DEATH—He offered His life for our salvation. There will be 6 sessions which will include the full Scripture texts to be studied, a short commentary, questions for reflection, discussion, and personal application as well as featuring wisdom from the Saints. During the season of Lent, we are called to deeper conversion and with your participation in the Bible Study you will place yourself firmly on the path to holiness and help you to experience the best spiritual Lent you have ever had. The DATES and TIMES of the BIBLE STUDY are as follows:

Mon. Feb. 20, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
 Mon. Feb. 27, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
 Mon. Mar. 6, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
 Mon. Mar. 13, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
 Mon. Mar. 20, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
 Mon. Mar. 27, 2017—6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center

The session will last ONE HOUR. It is important for you to register before Wed. Feb. 1, 2017, by calling the Parish Office at 544-7526 so that a book entitled JESUS'S JOURNEY TO THE CROSS—A LOVE UNTO DEATH can be ordered for you. The cost is \$10.00 per book. Thank you and God bless you.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the 2016 MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE for their generous donation to provide for the new flooring in the vestibule and offices of the Parish Center. This donation came from the proceeds of the 2016 Mardi Gras. We are grateful to each of you who helped on the Mardi Gras last year as we are preparing for our 2017 Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 25, 2017. We hope to sell all 1000 of the Raffle Tickets and hope to see you at the dinner and dance. God bless you.

DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND



One of our parishioners, Anne Holscher, has offered to provide simple light housekeeping for those in our parishes who may be suffering from infirmities. If Anne could be of help or assistance to you in this regard, please contact Father Flach & he will place you in contact with Anne.

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The publication Bits & Pieces tells of Carla driving home one rainy evening with her kids. Carla saw a stalled car on the side of the road with a man working on the engine. With him was a young woman with an infant in her arms & a toddler holding onto her legs. Carla pulled over & asked if she could help or call someone. The couple looked very frightened. The man declined Carla's help & said he had called his brother.

Carla could not just drive away. She gave a flashlight to the man to help him work on the car. Then she insisted the woman & her children get into her car where they could at least be warm. The woman was reluctant, so to ease her fear Carla pointed down the road to her own home. The young mother finally got in the car with her children. The man's brother arrived, helped get the car started, & everyone left to go to their own homes.

Time passed. Answering a knock at her door, Carla was greeted by the young mother. While the two chatted over coffee the woman said, "There's something you should know about that night you stopped to help us. We were new to the area, & everyone warned us that this neighborhood was the "bad part of town." When you came along, we didn't know if we could trust you. But, after a while, I couldn't help but think that no matter what part of town you find yourself in, nice people are always around to help.

This past September, in a lengthy interview, Pope Francis caused concern for many when he said he thought that too much attention had been given to the issue of birth control & abortion. People thought-happily or fearfully-that the Pope might be changing the Church's teaching. Obviously, he has changed nothing, but in his interview, he gave the beginning of a new approach to the problems challenging human life. Pope Francis' concern was that so much attention had been given to birth control & abortion that too many other vitally important human issues had been ignored.

He feared this was causing the Church to lose credibility.

The Pope called for balance. Many human issues need our attention, but no one vital moral issue facing human life should trump the others. Pope Francis' call to pay attention to the plight of the poor & disenfranchised tells us that we must serve the full Gospel message. In serving the poor, we prove our value of human life & build a foundation of credibility that will encourage people to listen to the whole message of Christ.

Last Sunday, we read from the first Servant Song of Isaiah. This week we read from the second Servant Song. As this section of Isaiah is written, the situation is similar: issues had become one-dimensional. For years all that the people had heard was how their abandonment of God led to their defeat by Babylon.

Hearing over & over how sinful they were, & seeing no end to their punishment, people were simply giving up on God. "Is this all there is?" they wondered.

The writer had to deal with two different groups of Israelites.

Not everyone was taken into exile when Babylon conquered Judah. Those left behind had seen their homeland reduced to a wasteland by the effects of war. Jerusalem itself was destroyed. These people needed to know that God had not abandoned them.

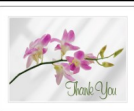
Those who were in exile had to make compromises with the Babylonian culture & values, & many allowed themselves to be assimilated into the pagan culture. The gods of Babylon appeared to be stronger than God, so their questions were about who God really is & why He would allow them to suffer so long in exile.

The words of Isaiah gave strength. God's servant would prove once & for all who God is. God's servant would rescue the tribes of Judah from exile, but this was not enough. God's servant would save the survivors left behind in Judah, but this was not enough. Most importantly, by his actions, God's servant would be a light that not only saved Judah but would save the whole world from its misery.

What is the message of Isaiah? What did Carla do? What is the Pope telling us? We are the servant. We are now witnesses who, like John the Baptist, must point people toward Christ. How? Like the servant, we must restore people & raise them up. If all we do is tell people what to believe, no one will pay attention. If we live what we believe, no one can avoid noticing what we teach.

Our lives of servanthood can be the powerful & credible testimony that human life is valuable.

IN SINCERE GRATITUDE



Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is sincerely grateful to all those who helped to prepare for the music for our Christmas Masses. We are well aware of the amount of time that it took to prepare & we

are so grateful for your devotion & dedication. The music was simply BEAUTIFUL & we want you to know that it helped all of us to appreciate the true spirit of Christmas. Many thanks for a job well done & we want to say THANK YOU to the following parishioners: MUSIC DIRECTOR: CHRIS JANSEN, CHOIR DIRECTOR: MIKE EMMERICH. KEYBOARDISTS: Chris Jansen, Josh Quick

Choir Members: Jacob Blankenbeker, Larry Dix, Mike & Susan Emmerich, Emily Ferris, Evan Ferris, Halle Gower, Teresa Gower, Marian Hatfield, Jill Jansen, Sarah Laski, Maddy Myers, Jeff Mueller, Ginger Osborne, Ian Quick, Jessie Quick, Joe Quick, Josh & Roselene Quick, Sam Quick, Barb Shimer, Anthony Tran, Lindsey Watts.

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Jessie Quick-Flute, Chris Jansen-Trumpet, Sam Quick-Trumpet, Xavier Brown-Horn & Trumpet, Mike Emmerich-Trombone, Evan Ferris-Trombone, Joe Quick-Euphonium, David Staller-Euphonium, Josh Quick-Tuba.

Daily Mass Readings 01/16/17~01/20/17

Mon. Jan. 16, 2017 Reading 1 Heb. 5:1-10
Gospel Mk. 2:18-22

Tues. Jan. 17, 2017 Reading 1 Heb. 6:10-20
Gospel Mk. 2:23-28

Wed. Jan. 18, 2017 Reading 1 Heb. 7:1-3,15-17
Gospel Mk. 3:1-6

Thurs. Jan. 19 2017 Reading 1 Heb. 7:25-8:6
Gospel Mk. 3:7-12

Fri. Jan. 20, 2017 Reading 1 Heb. 8:6-13
Gospel Mk. 3:13-19

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Contribution Statements

If you would like to receive your Contribution Statements for the Jan. 1-Dec.31, 2016 year, they are available to be picked up in the Parish Office. Thank you for your kind & generous donations. May God bless you with good health & peace in the New Year of 2017.



CALLING ALL LECTORS

Please note that NO LONGER will the Book of the Gospels be carried in the Entrance Procession for the Eucharist. This practice has been discontinued for some time. This Lector information is for both St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you for your devoted & faithful service as a Lector in our Eucharists. God bless you.

Our Sympathies



Rest in peace, William Meirink.
Father of Stewart & Emily Schutte.
Please keep this family in your prayers.

Pope Francis on Christian Unity

Pope Francis on Christian Unity: On January 25, 2016, Pope Francis delivered the homily to close the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Below is an excerpt from that homily: "In light of the Word of God which we have been listening to, & which has guided us during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we can truly affirm that all of us, believers in Christ, have been called to proclaim the mighty works of God. Beyond the differences which still separate us, we recognize with joy that at the origin of our Christian life there is always a call from God Himself. We can make progress on the path to full visible communion between us Christians not only when we come closer to each other, but above all as we convert ourselves to the Lord...And converting ourselves means letting the Lord live & work in us. For this reason, when Christians of different churches listen to the Word of God together & seek to put it into practice, they make important steps towards unity. It is not only the call which united us, but we also share the same mission to proclaim to all the marvelous works of God. Like St. Paul, & like the people to whom St. Peter is writing, we too cannot fail to announce God's merciful Love which has conquered & transformed us. While we are moving towards full communion among Christians, we can already develop many forms of cooperation to aid the spread of the Gospel. By walking & working together we realize that we are already united in the name of the Lord."

MARDI GRAS NEWS

As of Jan. 12, 2016, out of 1,000 Raffle Tickets, 169 have been sold. We are striving to sell all 1,000 tickets & we need as much help as possible. If you are able, please consider purchasing a ticket or two. There are TWO early bird drawings before Feb. 25. The first early bird drawing will take place at 11:30 am on Sun. Jan. 29, 2017 in the vestibule of the Church. This prize is for \$100.00. The winning tickets will be placed back into the spinner. Let's all try to make sure that this is the year that all 1,000 tickets are sold.

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 December 20, 2016, the St. Elizabeth Parish Goal is \$26,747.00 with the amount of \$16,415.00 being pledged and the amount of \$14,315.00 being secured. As of December 20, 2016, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Goal is \$6,556.00 with the amount of \$2,190.00 being pledged and the amount of \$1,680.00 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 and 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, January 8, 2017
Envelopes: \$4,162.00 Loose: \$248.00 Caritas \$175.00
Give Central \$80.00 Christmas Offering \$20.00
Catholic Times \$430.00
Building Fund \$15.00 Solemnity of Mary \$45.00
First Offering \$170.00
Total Church Offerings Deposit \$ 5,345.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Envelopes week ending Sunday, January 1, 2017
Envelopes \$525.00 Catholic Times \$15.00 Loose \$84.00
Edith Smith Food Pantry \$58.25 Building Fund \$30.00
Solemnity of Mary \$105.00 Deposit \$817.25
Envelopes week ending Sunday, January 8, 2017
Envelopes \$595.00 Loose \$78.00
Catholic Times \$135.00
Deposit \$808.00



Give Central

The Church has an online service called, Give Central. You are able to go there to make donations, if you would like to. If you would like to donate, you can click on DONATE on the church website. You can donate to what donation you like. All monies go directly to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Thank you to all who use this service. God bless you.