



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 , November 13, 2016

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Story found in Luke 21:5-19

But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

Luke 21:6



Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov. 12	4:30 pm	Madonna Kirts by Jeff & Linda Rich
Sun. Nov. 13	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Helen & Roger Fabris by Val & Kathleen Pescatore
<u>Anointing of the Sick Mass St. Elizabeth</u>	10:30am	Missy Rees by Rees Family
Mon. Nov. 14	7:30 am	Ray Halter by Sam Sievers
Tues. Nov. 15	12:05 pm	Arlene Schutte by Terry & Lynne Roche
Wed. Nov. 16	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Thurs. Nov. 17	7:30 am	Mary Beth Huss-Culler By Tom Huss
	7:30 am	Donald J. Huss by Tom Huss
Fri. Nov. 18	4:30 pm	Loretta Holscher by the Holscher Family
Sat. Nov. 19	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by the Schutte Family
	9:00 am	Onanna Pearl Harris by Keith & Rita Wirey
Sun. Nov. 20	10:30 am	Joe & Henrietta Stein by George & Jane Bohman



Ministry Schedule

Sat. Nov. 19 ~ Sun. Nov. 20, 2016

Sat. Nov. 19, 2016 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Terry Roche
USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower
COMMUNION MIN: Lisa Baird
Mike Dorn
SERVERS: Eva Hermann, Ella Jenkins
GIFTS: Don Biernbaum Family

Sun. Nov. 20, 2016 7:30 am St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: David Holscher
USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich, Jeff Rich
COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert
SERVERS: Sarah Rynke
GIFTS: Jeff Rich Family

Sun. Nov. 20, 2016 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman
USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson
COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey
SERVERS: Ethan Matson
GIFTS: Richard Kocher Family

Sun. Nov. 20, 2016 10:30 am St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Eileen Cooper
USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell
COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Carol Wong
SERVERS: Madalyn Myers, Lauren Staller
GIFTS: Steve Ezell Family

Collection Counters: November, 2016-Jone Lopiccolo, Carol Wong, Karen Reinoehl

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:
Lori Brown, Renee Craig, Judy Eckert, Geri Ezell, Logan Inboden, Bill Meirink, Sharon Skaggs, Vickie Wilson & and all the men & women in the armed forces.



PSR & Youth Events

PSR-on Wed. Nov. 16 at 6:30 pm at the Parish Hall.
No PSR on Wed. Nov. 23, 2016.
Ascend-(Junior High) meets at the Hermann's House on Sun. Nov. 13, 2016 from 6:30 pm—8:00 pm.
Christmas Parade-Sat. Nov. 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm
We will once again be walking in the Holiday Magic parade on Saturday, November 19, 2016. All are invited to meet in the City Park at 5:30 pm and walk with our parishes. Our young people will be "playing the part" of the Holy family. Come and join us and spread some Christmas spirit!
5th Grade Social—meets at Gower's House on Sun. Nov. 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Uprising-Sun. Nov. 20, 2016 from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. First Sunday of Advent-Sun. Nov. 27, 2016

PSR Parents

Please refrain from dropping your children off at the front door of the Parish Center & then driving off. **ALL CHILDREN** are to be escorted into the building to ensure the safety and protection of all children. Thanks for helping us to prevent a serious accident.

HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING!



I am happy & pleased to be able to wish all of the members of our Parishes, St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes a warm & blessed THANKSGIVING. As this Holiday of Gratitude draws near, we find our hearts blessed with appreciation most importantly to God for all of the many blessings that He has provided for us. Our sincere thankfulness can become thanksgiving as well as thanks living. In other words, we express our sincere gratitude to God by what we do more than by what we say on this Holiday of Thanksgiving. Gratitude means that we are able to recognize the GIVER as God, that we are willing to somehow return the love that was present when we were blessed to receive the gift. Our sincere thanks to God implies that we are able to recognize that HE is the source of everything that has value & meaning in our lives. We express our thanks to Him by our praise & our faithful & loving service to one another. We need to know & realize that in this special awareness of God's Love & Blessing. If He has given to us, we are then invited & called to share wholeheartedly with others. Let us use this special day of THANKSGIVING as a day to renew our spirit of faith, generosity, & trust in God as our **LOVING FATHER.**

To begin our THANKSGIVING celebration, all of our parishioners from St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes are warmly invited to come to our THANKSGIVING DINNER on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 AT 5:30 PM in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. It is our sincere hope that as many parishioners as possible will come. Please bring your favorite dish to share with others. ON THANKSGIVING DAY, the Sacred Eucharist will be celebrated in St. Elizabeth Church on Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Please check your calendars for Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 5:30 pm and Thursday, November, 24, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Thank you & God bless you!

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice." Psalm Response

Next Sunday, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Unlike other solemnities that recall something God has already done for us in history, Christ the King is a celebration of something that has not yet occurred: the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ at the end of time. It will be a day of joy-or at least it should be. As part of the Lord's Prayer, the priest prays, "we await the blessed hope & the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

Our readings today serve to prepare us for the Lord's coming. Next Sunday's readings will be filled with the glory of God & the celebration of the fullness of the Kingdom. Today, however, our readings offer a warning that life until then remains difficult, & that when the Lord comes, before there is joy, there will be a reckoning "when all the proud & evildoers will be stubble, & the day that is coming will set them on fire." What are we challenged to do today is to turn our finger toward ourselves & ask truthfully, "Am I ready?" And, before we allow ourselves to take comfort in thinking the end of time is far off, we are also called to acknowledge that our personal time in this world is limited. We get ready for retirement by saving & making adequate plans. How are we preparing for "the Day of the Lord," the day we will see Jesus Christ face to face?

The Day of the Lord was initially anticipated as the day when God would come to destroy our enemies, thus a day of great rejoicing. By the time of the prophet Malachi however, the Day was no longer thought of as the day that our enemies would get theirs; it would be the day that the Lord would punish those of us who have not remained faithful.

The Book of Malachi was written following the Babylon exile after the Temple had been rebuilt. After all the generations of longing to return to Jerusalem from exile, Malachi was upset at how quickly people ceased being serious about God & their faith. It seemed that, once everyone had what they wanted, they dismissed God. In today's passage, Malachi warns all those who took faith & worship for granted that "the Day" was coming & they not their enemies-would be the ones destroyed.

Paul faced an interesting problem in the Church in Thessalonica. Many of the faithful there were so convinced that Jesus would return within

their lifetime that they were beginning to abandon the normal tasks of life. Paul wrote that people still had to live according to God's will by taking responsibility for their own lives & for the lives of those for whom they were responsible.

Paul offered the example of how he worked to earn his own food although he was entitled to free food because of his position in the community. Paul reminded the Thessalonians that he practiced what he preached, & that he expected as much of the faithful. People should fulfill their responsibilities right up until the day Christ appears. Paul was so serious about this that he told the community not to support anyone who would not earn their keep. Paul reminded them-& thus us-that faithful Christians fulfill their responsibilities to God & to their neighbor.

Luke was dealing with people who, to some degree, already thought the end had begun. Jerusalem had been destroyed, there was persecution, there were earthquakes & the community was in conflict. Luke had to bring to his people a word of comfort so that they would not fear "the day of the Lord." To comfort the people in their fear, Luke reached into the life of Jesus & offered Jesus' message. Like Malachi, Luke could read the signs of history. Whenever people fell away from their faith, the consequences were devastating. Even the Temple, as old & magnificent as it was, could be destroyed if people were not vigilant. Faithfulness, however brings comfort.

We cannot ignore, the reality that, if it is not the end of the world, it is our lives that will end. We must acknowledge this, & we must contemplate it. We must live with the realization that our time is truly limited & yet not fear it. The "Day of the Lord" will come, so how shall we live? We stay faithful. And we stay joyful.



Protecting God's Children Class

There will be a Protecting God's Children Class at the Parish Hall at St. Elizabeth on Tues. Nov. 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm.



LOL Finance Council Meeting

There will be a Finance Council Meeting for Our Lady of Lourdes meeting on Tues. Nov. 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm at LOL's

Spotlight On Our Youth Group

The junior high & senior high YOUTH GROUPS are going to be busy in the near future. For example, they are going to be helping decorate the outside of the Church with wreaths & the Advent Candles, they are going to help decorate the inside of the Church, for the Holiday Magic Festival on Nov. 18, 2016, they are providing for the Caramel Apple Booth next to the CCW's Chicken & Noodle Booth. We hope you will support both of them. They will help the Men's Group pack the Thanksgiving Bags for N.O.W. They are going to play Secret Santa for a family in our Parish. Just want to keep you posted about our energetic & wonderful YOUTH GROUPS & their supportive & helpful parents. God bless you!

Campaign for Justice & Hope Second Collection

The Collection will be on Sun. Nov. 20, 2016.

Thank You

The Bake Sale for Oblong Community Christian Food Pantry brought in \$561.75. Thank you to all for making this a success!

Crawford County Catholic Men's Group

In conjunction with the N.O.W. Program (Nutrition on Weekends) for school children, the Crawford County Catholic Men's Group will be preparing special Thanksgiving bags which will be distributed to school families. Our P.S.R. children & the members of our Youth Groups are bringing the items for the Thanksgiving bags & the bags will be assembled by the Men's Group & the Senior High Youth Group on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We invite all of the men in our Parishes to help us. We hope to assemble as many bags as possible so we are in need of many hands to make light work. Please check your calendars for SUN. NOV. 20, 2016 AT 6:30 PM in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Thank you & God bless you.

Advent Nursing Home Project

Our Parishes will once again sponsor the Advent Nursing Home Project. We provide Christmas gifts to residents in three Crawford County Nursing Homes. These residents have no family and a small monthly income. Watch next weeks bulletin for more...

Christmas Choir



The Choir will be singing at the 4:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve. New choir members are of course welcome. We will be practicing on Sunday mornings during Advent from 9:00 am-10:00 am. We will begin practices on November 27, 2016.

OLOL First Friday of the Month Mass

The First Friday of the Month Mass will be on Fri., Dec. 2, 2016 at 5:30 pm

In Gratitude

I would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, get well wishes, visits, flowers & cards during my emergency surgery & recoup ration. Thanks to Fr. Flach & Eileen Cooper for bringing Holy Communion when I was unable to attend Mass. Special thanks to Mr. Quick, Mrs. Bunten, & the 2nd Grade Class for the flowers & creative cards. May God bless each of you. Geri Ezell



Christmas Parish Dinner

The Pastoral Council of St. Elizabeth & Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish is co-ordinating the Christmas Dinner & the members are happy to invite you to be present. The menu for our Christmas Dinner will be turkey, pork roast, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans. Please bring a salad or dessert.

The entertainment for our dinner will be the Oblong High School Chorus under the direction of Sara Boehl & they will be singing both religious & festive seasonal songs. Santa will be making an appearance with a special gift for each child. There will be an ornament exchange.

If you are interested in participating in this, please bring a Christmas ornament to exchange. It is the hope & prayer of all the members of the Pastoral Council that all of the members of our Parishes will feel warmly welcomed & that you will be present.

If you are unable to come, you will be missed. Please check your calendars for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016 AT 4:00 PM.

Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Wed. Dec. 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm at OLOL & Thurs. Dec. 8, 2016 at St. Elizabeth at 7:30 am & 6:00 pm.

Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas

Waiting in Joyful Hope: The Joy of the Gospel

When the message of Divine Love is heard, when that Love is lived & shared, when words of tenderness are spoken & deeds of kindness expressed, we have entered the field of evangelization. In that field there is truth & beauty, goodness & joy, zeal & enthusiasm. In that field hope blossoms, trust, too. The mandate is clear, unambiguous—"Go forth! LEAVE YOUR SECURITY BEHIND & YOUR COMFORT. YES, GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN." Pope Francis issued this exhortation just before Advent in 2013. The focus calls us to be evangelizers, venturing forth to tell the good news on the mountains & in the valleys. The Pope reminds us that the message of evangelization never changes: "The heart of its message will always be the same: the God who revealed His immense Love in the crucified & risen Christ. The Holy season of Advent once again puts us in touch with this message. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, I always speak of "the revolutionary nature of love & tenderness. " Advent is a season of love, God's Love is made visible in Jesus. Advent is a season of tenderness, an awareness that God's Love & Mercy is revealed in Christ whose heart is filled with affection & gentleness. And one last word from our Holy Father: "No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted." Advent is truly a season of joy, a joy that comes to us through the Gospel. You will locate a prayerful resource entitled WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE with daily reflections for the holy season of Advent & Christmas at the entrance of our Churches. It is my hope that you will pick up a copy of this prayerful resource & prepare spiritually during the sacred season of Advent striving to be merciful, compassionate, & loving. 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." The Diocese serves each of us & our financial support is needed to continue God's work in Diocese. As of October 24, 2016, the St. Elizabeth Parish goal is \$26,747.00 with the amount of \$12,010.00 being pledged & the amount of \$9,860.00 being secured. As of October 24, 2016, the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish goal is \$6,556.00 with the amount of \$1,530.00 being pledged & the amount of \$1,110.00 being secured. SINCERE THANKS to all those parishioners who have already participated in this important & necessary fund raiser for the Diocese & may God bless you for your devoted & faithful generosity.



Liturgical Ministry Contacts

St. Elizabeth Parish

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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, Nov. 6, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,689.00 Loose: \$ 555.02

CCW Arlene Schutte \$200.00

Online Thru Give Central \$80.00 Caritas \$40.00

Building Fund \$40.00 All Saints Day \$240.00 All Souls Day \$120.00

Christmas Flowers \$20.00 Arch Diocese Special Military \$716.50

Total Church Offerings Deposit \$ 4,700.52

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016

Envelopes \$880.00 Loose \$80.00 All Souls Day \$60.00

Arch Diocese Special Military \$171.00 All Saints Day \$146.00

Building Fund \$50.00 Christmas Flowers \$25.00

Total Deposit \$1,412.00 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 11-14-16/11-18-16

Mon. Nov. 14, 2016 Reading 1 Rev. 1:1-4, 2:1-5
Gospel Luke 18:35-43

Tues. Nov. 15, 2016 Reading 1 Rev. 3:1-6, 14-22 Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Wed. Nov. 16, 2016 Reading 1 Rev. 4:1-11 Gospel Luke 19:11-28

Thurs. Nov. 17, 2016 Reading 1 Rev. 5:1-10 Gospel Luke 19:41-44

Fri. Nov. 18, 2016 Reading 1 Rev. 10:8-11 Gospel Luke 19:45-48