



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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### Father James Flach

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

#### 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 2, 2016 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



5th Grade Social on Sun. Sept. 25th





## Mass Intentions

Sat. Oct. 1	4:30 pm	Dave & Eileen Cooper by Karen Sanders
Sun. Oct. 2	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	O'nanna Pearl Harris by Keith & Rita Wirey
Mon. Oct. 3	10:30am	George Bohman by Jane Bohman
	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Tues. Oct. 4	12:05pm	Leroy & Florence Huss by Tom Huss
Wed. Oct. 5	7:30 am	Donald J. Huss by Tom Huss
	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Holscher Family
Thurs. Oct. 6	7:30 am	Deanna Wagner by Carol Wong
Fri. Oct. 7	5:30 pm	Bill & Omar Wilson by Charlita Wilson
First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL	4:30 pm	In Thanksgiving by Frank & Wanda Weber
Sat. Oct. 8	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
Sun. Oct. 9	9:00 am	Harris Harris by Dorla Shook & Bill & Omar Wilson by Charlita Wilson
	10:30 am	Special Intentions

## Ministry Schedule

Sat. Oct. 8~ Sun. Oct. 9, 2016

Sat. Oct. 8, 2016 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mary Jo Bonham

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Jack Stanley

Marilyn Stanley

SERVERS: Cody York, Braden Hatfield

GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis

Sun. Oct. 9, 2016 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Clarence & Stewart Schutte

COMMUNION MIN: Mike & Jona Uptmor

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey, Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Jim Eckert Family

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

LECTOR: Stacie Matson

USHERS: Keith Matson, Ethan Matson

COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

SERVERS: Taylor Blank

GIFTS: Adam Davis Family

Sun. Oct. 9, 2016 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Roselene Quick

USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buerklin, Matt Hartrich

SERVERS: Joe Quick, Gerardo Rios

GIFTS: Josh Quick Family

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

## Prayer Requests



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

## First Holy Communion Parent Meeting



There will be a **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** for all parents of second graders on **WED. OCT. 5, 2016** at 6:30 pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. The meeting will explain the expectations & responsibilities of parents helping their child prepare for First Eucharist.

## PSR



PSR~Wed. Oct. 5, 2016 from 6:30  
pm ~ 7:30 pm.

## Ascend

Ascend (Junior High Youth) 7-8:30 p.m. at the  
Quick Home on Sun. Oct. 9, 2016.

## 5th Grade Social

On Oct. 9, 2016 the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social will be from  
5:00 pm ~ 6:30 pm

## Youth Ministry—Co-workers in the Vineyard



Mon. Oct. 10, 2016—Coworkers in the  
Vineyard 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center; This is  
a program from the diocese which is open to all  
that work with the Youth Groups in our Parish. If you are  
interested in coming, please let Courtney Ferris know .

## MANY SINCERE THANKS



Our parish family of St. Elizabeth would like to express our **SINCERE THANKS & GRATITUDE** to all those parishioners who helped in any way on Sat. Sept. 24th for our parish work day. Many thanks to those who provided for the transportation of the shrub clippings, those who trimmed & cleaned up, those who provided for the snacks & drinks and those who power-washed areas of the church property. The response for **HELP** was great & we had faithful & hard workers that day.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

# Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Counting today, Sunday in 50 days we will celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In 54 days, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. In 57 days, we begin Advent. Christmas is in 81 days. What do the Solemnity of Christ the King, Thanksgiving, Advent, & Christmas have in common? They all celebrate a vision, a vision that comes from God. Even our civil "Feast of Thanksgiving" offers a vision, a vision founded on belief in a good & generous God. The Preface for Independence Day explicitly connects the Christian vision with the founding of our country: Jesus spoke to us a message of peace & taught us to live as brothers & sisters. His message took form in the vision of our founding fathers as they fashioned a nation where we might live as one."

It will be helpful if we see today's readings in the context of these upcoming celebrations because, for many, the vision given by God has been either terribly skewed or simply lost altogether.

The reality of our Western world is that we are living in a culture sociologists have labeled the Post-Christian Age. Christian denominations of all stripes are losing membership. If not for the growing immigrant Latino population in the United States, even the Catholic Church would be losing numbers instead of gaining.

If we were going to enter into despair about the future of our Christian faith, now would certainly be the time!

Habakkuk lived in a time with similar problems. We know little about the prophet Habakkuk, but from his writing we can conjecture that he was involved in Temple ministry, perhaps a Levite, i.e., a priest. What is known is that Habakkuk lived watching Babylon's rise to power. Long threatened by Assyrian, Judah watched the impossible happen. Babylon defeated Assyria to become the world's power, & then turned its eyes on Judah.

Kings of Judah, in order to appease Assyria & preparing to appease Babylon, had begun to abandon Yahweh in favor of the Assyrian gods. It was a ploy for the kings to preserve their status & power. With the slow erosion of the influence of their religious values, the deterioration of Israelite society was clear & evident. Today we read Habakkuk's lament: "how long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene.

A lament is a special kind of prayer in which a person complains to God, but

a lament always ends with a reason to have hope despite the despair that has settled in. What is unique about Habakkuk's lament is that he was not blaming other forces for Judah's problem. Habakkuk blamed God! The only other place we see this is in the book of Job. For Habakkuk, what was happening was not because God was punishing Judah; rather, it seemed to Habakkuk that God no longer cared: "Lord, you do not listen!" God does listen. God speaks of a vision. God wants the vision to be known, preached & never forgotten; thus, He told Habakkuk, "Write down the vision clearly upon the tables so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time." Habakkuk teaches us to believe in the vision of a just God & to be patient. God will come.

Paul was a man awaiting execution for living out the commands of Jesus Christ. Because despair was a real possibility for those who had come to Christ because of Paul, Paul told his beloved friend Timothy, who had become a young pastor, "Bear your share of the hardship which the Gospel entails" with "the strength which comes from the God." Paul knew that the vision would triumph if believers stayed faithful to it.

The mustard seed was long used as a metaphor to teach humility by comparing the tiny seed to the universe. In this vein, Jesus offered hope to counter despair. If the smallest amount of faith is lived with purpose, even that is enough to make a difference. In Jesus' day, planting mustard, an important spice, could be a problem. It produced so many seeds that once planted it was almost uncontrollable. This is the antidote for what seems, in our day, to be a dying Christianity. As our important religious & civil feast approach, we can turn the vision they represent into reality. If we conform our lives to God's vision, His vision will be impossible to stop!

## Pastoral Council Meeting



There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Elizabeth at the Parish Hall on **Tues. Oct. 4, 2016 at 6:00 pm.**

## Adult Religion Class



The Adult Religion Class for OLOL's Parish & St. Elizabeth Parish will be held on **THURSDAY evenings from 6:30 pm** at OLOL Parish Hall. We will be studying A Pocket Guide to the Bible. We will cover a chapter of the book each evening. All are welcome to attend. **Thurs. Oct. 6, 2016, next class.**

## First Friday of the Month Mass

There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Fri. Oct. 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm.** Mass will be for Bill & Omar Wilson by Charlita Wilson.

## Dishes Left at Parish Kitchen



**Please pick up dishes left at the Parish kitchen from past funeral dinners, etc. Thank you.**



## DAILY READINGS

### Daily Mass Readings



**Mass Readings from Mon. Oct. 3~Fri. Oct. 7, 2016**

**Mon. Oct. 3~First Reading Gal. 1:6-12**

**Gospel Luke 10:25-37**

**Tue. Oct. 4~First Reading Gal. 1:13-24**

**Gospel Luke 10:38-42**

**Wed. Oct. 5~First Reading Gal. 2:1-2, 7-17**

**Gospel Luke 11:1-4**

**Thurs. Oct. 6~First Reading Gal. 3:1-5**

**Gospel Luke 11:5-13**

**Fri. Oct. 7~First Reading Gal. 3:7-14**

**Gospel Luke 11:15-26**

## Hats Off For A Job Well Done

Special THANKS to all those parishioners who helped in any way for the FELLOWSHIP DINNER this past Wednesday evening.

Every dish that was brought was delicious & enjoyed by all. Thanks for helping, working, & joining in this special time of fellowship within our parish family. God bless you!



## ROSARY CRUSADE

“Finally, my Immaculate Heart will triumph!” (Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917)

America is at a historical crossroad. Secularists are rejecting God’s beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face?

We must pray to God for help. He will hear us, if we pray through our intercession of His Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. It is for this reason that we are participating in the **ROSARY CRUSADE**.

In the Secret of Rosary, Saint Louis de Montfort said: “Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God & call down His mercy. Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy & suffering.

To commemorate the importance of the **ROSARY CRUSADE**, you are invited to pray the Rosary on **Sat. Oct. 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm** in front of the Jesus Statue at St. Elizabeth Church. In case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed inside the Church.

Thank you for your attention to this matter & we encourage all of our parishioners to participate in the **Rosary Crusade**. Thank you & God bless you.

## Youth Group Pumpkin Patch



The Youth Group will be going to the Pumpkin Patch on **Fri. Oct. 21, 2016**. Everyone needs to be at St. Elizabeth by **3:00 pm**. All permission slips must be returned by the 18th of October. Thank you.

## Special Thanks

Many heartfelt & sincere thanks for all of those parishioners who remembered me so kindly & generously on my birthday. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated & may God bless you in many ways.

## Life Line Screening



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church on **Wed. Oct. 26, 2016 from 9:30 am~5:00 pm**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**

## 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.

### 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

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, Sept. 25, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,342.00 Loose: \$ 300.55

Caritas \$40.00 Building Fund \$60.00

Online Thru Give Central \$80.00

**Total Church Offerings Deposit \$ 2,822.55**

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016

Envelopes \$530.00 Loose \$72.00

Caritas \$5.00 Building Fund \$20.00

**Total Deposit \$627.00**

Week Ending Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016

Envelopes \$590.00 Building Fund \$50.00

Edith Smith Food Pantry \$73.00 Loose \$57.00

**Total Deposit \$770.00**

**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.** Thank you for using Give Central.