



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.

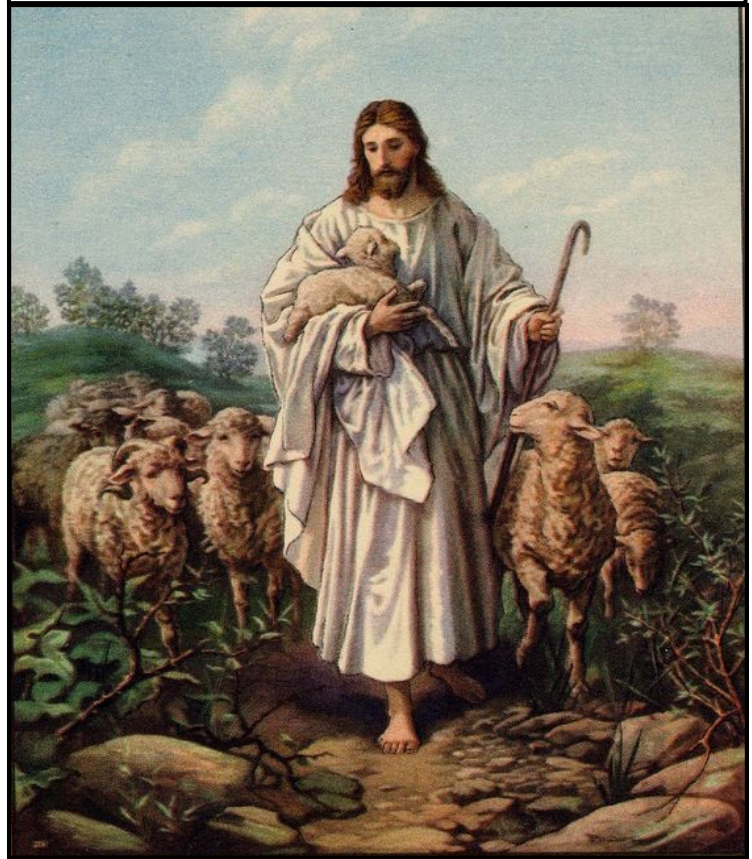
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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,
September 11, 2016
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



“I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.” Luke 15:7



Mass Intentions

Sat. Sept. 10	4:30 pm	In Thanksgiving by Steve & Geri Ezell
Sun. Sept. 11	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Vera Kirts by Kirts Family
	10:30am	Jenna Hamm by the Rees Family
Mon. Sept. 12	7:30 am	Connie Cooper by Dave & Eileen Cooper
Tues. Sept. 13	12:05pm	Dot & Ron Welsh by Karen Sanders
Wed. Sept. 14	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Chris & Jill
Thurs. Sept. 15	7:30 am	Jansen William Begley by Francis & Ann Schalasky
Fri. Sept. 16	7:30 am	Ray Halter by Clarence & Arlene Schutte
Sat. Sept. 17	4:30 pm	Vera Kirts by Kirts Family
Sun. Sept. 18	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Edith Smith by Smith Family
	10:30 am	Lorna Jane Brown by Hugh & Celeste White

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Sept. 17-18, 2016

Sat. Sept. 17, 2016 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Karen Sanders

USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower

COMMUNION MIN: Jack Stanley

Mike Dorn

SERVERS: Ty Mullins, Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Mullins Family

Sun. Sept. 18, 2016 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor

COMMUNION MIN: Jim Eckert

Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Sarah Rynke, Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Eric Mosbey Family

Sun. Sept. 18, 2016 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: Ethan Matson

GIFTS: Keith Matson Family

Sun. Sept. 18, 2016 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Jessie & Roselene Quick

COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden

Carol Wong

SERVERS: Emily Heidorn, Isabel Heidorn, Gerardo Rios

GIFTS: George & Jane Bohman

Collection Counters: *September, 2016: Don Brown, Chris Tylka, Ione Lopiccio*

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Robert Birkofer, Lori Brown, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Grover Michl, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Debbie Nichols, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Pete Rosenski, Linda Russell, Daniel Schalasky, 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.

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!

Youth Group

Ascend (Junior High) will meet on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at the home of Joel & Missy York. The kids should meet at their home at 7:00 pm. We will be having a bonfire, so bring a lawn chair. Girls bring something sweet & boys bring something salty.

Uprising (High School) will meet on Sunday, September 18, 2016 in the Parish Center. We will meet at 7:00 pm and dinner will be provided.

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.

Fellowship Dinners

We are happy to announce that we are starting the FELLOWSHIP DINNERS again. The SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER will be held at **5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall**. The theme will be "BREAKFAST FOR DINNER"! If everyone would like to bring their FAVORITE BREAKFAST FOOD, there will be plenty of variety & delicious dishes. EVERYONE IS WELCOME & we look forward to seeing all our parishioners there.

Youth Ministry—Co-workers in the

There will be a Networking Mtg. **Oct. 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm** at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Any parishioners interested in helping with the YOUTH GROUP are more than welcome to attend.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Grace-Filled Experience

“This saying is trustworthy, and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” —Paul to Timothy

One of the most-often asked-questions about Catholicism concerns going to Confession. “Why,” many non-Catholics ask, “do you have to confess your sins to a priest? Can’t you just ask God for forgiveness?” Even many Catholic get hung up in the same question as an excuse for why they do not utilize the Sacrament.

The simple answer is that, yes, we can just ask God for forgiveness; however, the more correct answer is that “just” asking God for forgiveness is not enough. Today’s parable of the Prodigal Son gives ample evidence as to why the Church offers the sacrament: sin involves not just God and me. Sin, by its very nature, hurts others as well. The question, then, is how do we gain the forgiveness of others?

Quoting the Second Vatican Council document *Lumen Gentium, the Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, Those who approach the Sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God’s mercy for the offence committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins” (No. 1422). This statement reflects and indeed relies upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Today we are given the image Luke gave his Christian community, the image of a house. For Luke, a house is his metaphor for the Church, and in the house lives the Father and the family of believers. Unfortunately, as in many families, turmoil was within. A variety of social classes were being attracted to Christianity, but one social class wanted nothing to do with another. Growing more removed from Christianity’s original Jewish roots and having many different cultural backgrounds, Luke’s communities were having a hard time finding and holding onto a sense of Christian identity.

Persecution was beginning to come from several fronts. With internal fighting, problems with identity, and some persecution, many Christians were being unfaithful and were leaving.

After being away from home—the community of faith—for awhile, some who had departed realized what they had enjoyed before they left.

Separated from the community of faith, they had lost meaning and fulfillment in their lives. They wanted to return to the Christian community, even with its flaws. Unfortunately those who had stayed were less than kind to those who had left, and the “prodigals” were unwanted.

God does not act the way people do. Luke had to teach the way of Jesus Christ, so he spoke of the shepherd who went off looking for one sheep. Who does this? No one. It’s crazy to leave 99 unprotected sheep, and yet God’s will. Who lights and burns expensive oil in search of a silver piece when you could wait until daylight? No one. But God would.

Luke told of the father with one son who is headstrong, impatient and thinks he knows better than the Father—just like those who had abandoned the family of faith. We, too, share many attributes with this son. We often think we know better than the Church, so we go our own way. We sin, but eventually our sin catches up with us, and we hurt.

The Catechism turns to the Prodigal Son and sees in his trouble a process of both conversion and repentance. (CF. No. 1439). Having left the family, the son saw a little more objectively and gained understanding of what his family truly offered him. That valuable lesson pointed toward confession. He realized that he had offended both God and his father. “Coming to his senses,” the son surely gained God’s forgiveness, but that was not enough. He needed his father’s forgiveness as well.

Some do argue that sin is often an private matter “just between God and me.” This is impossible. Every sin, whether or not anyone else is aware of it, lessens our human dignity. When we damage our human dignity we rob the community of the holiness we are capable of offering. If I become less myself, I diminish the whole community.

The grace of confession is that, in the presence of the priest, we speak to both God and the community. In turn, representing God and the community, the priest invites us back into the house. We don’t have to go to Confession; we get to go to Confession! It is a precious privilege.

**It is a grace-filled experience
of Jesus’ saving love.**

Upcoming Church Meetings



There will be a Finance Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm.**

Because of Fr. Flach’s participation in the Priest’s Convocation held on Tues. Sept. 20, 2016, the Finance Council for OLOL has been changed to **Mon. Sept. 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm.** Thank you for your understanding in this

Adult Religion Class



The Adult Religion Class for OLOL’s Parish & St. Elizabeth Parish will begin on **Thurs. Sept. 22nd at 6:30 pm** at OLOL’s Parish Hall. A Pocket Guide to the Bible by Scott Hahn will be the resource used. The class will be held at OLOL’s Parish. Please call St. Elizabeth Parish Center at 544-7526 to register so that the right number of books can be ordered. **ALL WELCOME!**

Mass Stipends

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one or for a Special Intention, please call the Parish Office at: 618-544-7526. Thank you.

Heroic Catholic Manhood, Workshop for Men

Heroic Catholic Manhood, Workshop for Men - There is a crisis facing men in the Church today and an absence of good mentors for our boys. But with grace and formation, you can help turn the tide. Come on your own or with your men’s group to learn the essentials of mentorship and how to take it to the next level. **Saturday, September 17, 2016**, St. Boniface, Edwardsville, IL- **9 a.m.-3p.m.** Cost \$10. (Lunch included). To register, visit www.dio.org/familylife/events or call (217) 321-1132.

Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life

Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at Sacred Heart, Effingham on **Monday September 19th**. Prayer Service will begin at **6:00 pm.** (No mass due to the Priest's Convocation in Springfield).

The **7:00 pm** business meeting will be in the church parish center. Everyone is urged to join us in prayer for respect of all life, born and unborn and to give thanks for the closing of Planned Parenthood.

AMERICA ROCKS! But Why?!

Come learn more about the creation of the Constitution which made America the greatest nation in the world!!! What: Making of America Seminar by the NCCS (National Center for Constitutional Studies) When: Constitution Day **Sept. 17, 9-5 EST** Where: VU Campus-ICAT (Work One) Building 1500 Chestnut St. Vincennes, IN. WHO: YOU, your family, friends & neighbors...Everyone is welcome! Only \$10.00/person. Sign up: Contact Scott Durrant at 812-891-0219 or scottdurrant@msn.com

Priest's Convocation

Bishop Paprocki requires all of the priests of the Diocese to attend the PRIEST'S CONVOCATION on Tues. Sept. 20 & Wed. Sept. 21. Fr. Flach will be away from the Parishes on those dates & there will be NO MASS ON Tues. Sept. 20 & Wed. Sept. 21 & no Exposition. There will be regularly scheduled Masses the rest of that week. Thank you & God

Special Collection for Louisiana Flood Victims

The recent storms in Louisiana may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina are our sisters & brothers. As the people of God, the bishops of the United States are encouraging us to come to their aid & Catholics across the United States are asked to respond generously. Our prayer & material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives.

Recent severe weather has left as many as 60,000 homes damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from floodwaters. More than 106,000 individuals & families have sought federal disaster aid.

Immediate & long-term recovery needs place a tremendous burden on public & private resources. This is a burden we can help carry as the body of Christ. Faced with the loss of their worldly possessions & in some cases, economic livelihood, the floodwaters have left thousands of families feeling isolated & fearful.

Bishop Paprocki is asking all parishes in the Diocese to take up a special Second Collection for the relief of our sisters & brothers in Louisiana. The collection is to be taken up the weekend of September 10/11, 2016.

Thank you for your kind & generous assistance in this matter.
God bless you!



DAILY READINGS

Mon. Sept. 12~Fri. Sept. 16, 2016

Mon. Sept. 12, 2016

First Reading 1 Cor. 11-17 Gospel Luke 7:1-10

Tues. Sept. 13, 2016

First Reading 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 27-31 A Gospel Luke 7:11-17

Wed. Sept. 14, 2016

First Reading Numbers 21:4B-9 Second Reading Phil. 2:6-11
Gospel John 3:13-17

Thurs. Sept. 15, 2016

First Reading 1 Cor. 15: 1-11 Gospel John 19:25-27
or Luke 2:33-35

Friday, Sept. 16, 2016

First Reading 1 Cor. 15:12-20 Gospel Luke 8:1-3



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

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251

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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. 4, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,685.00 Loose: \$ 389.00

Building Fund \$ 100.00

Online Thru Give Central \$55.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,229.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 710.00 Loose: \$ 24.00

Building Fund \$85.00 Caritas \$10.00

Total Deposit \$829.00

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!

