



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 18, 2016 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one & love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one & despise the other. You cannot serve God & mammon." Luke 16:10~13



Mass Intentions

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
	10:30am	Lorna Jane Brown by Hugh & Celeste White
Mon. Sept. 19	7:30 am	Pat Stone by Rhonda Stone
Tues. Sept. 20	12:05pm	NO MASS- PRIEST CONVOCATION
Wed. Sept. 21	7:30 am	NO MASS- PRIEST CONVOCATION
Thur. Sept.22	7:30 am	Kevin Murray by Larry Dix
Fri. Sept. 23	4:30 pm	Earl Mullins by Tom Huss
Sat. Sept. 24	7:30 am	Kevin Murray by Karen Sanders
Sun. Sept. 25	9:00 am	Mary Warren by Eileen Cooper
	10:30 am	Vera Kirts by Keith Wirey Family Johanna Marshall by

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Sept. 24~Sun. 25, 2016

Sat. Sept. 24, 2016 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mary Jo Bonham

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Jack Stanley

Mike Dorn

SERVERS: Cody York, Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Ed & Linda Reis

Sun. Sept. 25, 2016 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor

COMMUNION MIN: Jim Eckert

Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Jacob Eckert, Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Eric Mosbey Family

Sun. Sept. 25, 2016 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Lori Davis

USHERS: Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Nancy Ping

SERVERS: Kayla Matson

GIFTS: Dan Schalasky Family

Sun. Sept. 25, 2016 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: April Sexton

USHERS: Ron & Janet Mitchell

COMMUNION MIN: Roselene Quick

Eileen Cooper

SERVERS: +Anthony Tran+, Emily Ferris, Evan Ferris

GIFTS: Steve & Geri Ezell

Collection Counters: September, 2016 : Don Brown, Chris Tylka, lone Lopiccolo

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:
Robert Birkofer, Lori Brown, Bill Meirink, Val Pescatore, &
and all the men & women in the armed forces.

Special Prayers for those Hospitalized

Val Pescatore—Good Samaritan Hospital.

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.

PSR

PSR~Wed. Sept. 21, 2016 from 6:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm.

Youth Group

Sun. Sept. 18, 2016~Uprising (High School Youth) 7:00 pm ~9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please wear tennis shoes. We will be having pizza provided by the Eckert Family.

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.

5th Grade Social

Sun. Sept. 25, 2016~5th Grade Social 6:30 pm~8:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please wear tennis shoes. Girls bring a sweet snack & boys bring a salty snack.

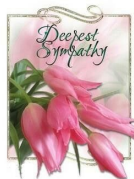
Catholic Heart Work Camp

Mon. Sept. 26, 2016~Catholic Heart Work Camp meeting at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Fellowship Dinner

Wed. Sept. 28, 2016 ~ Fellowship Dinner 5:30 pm~6:30 pm "Breakfast for Supper" at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

Our Sympathies



Our sympathies to the Sharon Skaggs family at the loss of her cousin-Billy Skaggs on Sat. Sept. 10. Also, our sympathies to the Clarence Schutte family at the loss of Arlene Schutte. Arlene passed away on Tues. Sept. 14. She was 82 years young & a long time parishioner of St. Elizabeth. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You too, must take up your cross, or Christ will have none of you. ‘What,’ you ask, ‘is my cross?’ I will tell you: Follow the right, do violence to no one, plunder no one, sell no public office, be corrupted by no bribes...But while you are conducting yourself in this fashion, which befits a true Christian prince, there will be plenty to call you a dolt, & no prince at all. Hold fast to your cause. It is better to be a just man than an unjust prince.” —Erasmus, “The Education of a Christian Prince”

Amos was one of the most powerful voices ever to challenge hypocrisy & injustice. Some refer to Amos as a prophet, a title which he vehemently rejected. Prophets can be dismissed by simply accusing them of religious zealotry. Amos was a businessman & a very successful businessman, & this is how he wanted to be known. His was the practical voice that saw doom when people were treated unjustly.

David’s kingdom had endured civil war & split. In the north was the Kingdom of Israel with Bethel as its center. In the south was the Kingdom of Judah with Jerusalem its center. After the split, the northern kingdom prospered & grew rich. Amos, although wealthy, lived in the much poorer southern kingdom, & what he saw in the northern kingdom disturbed him greatly.

As Amos looked north he saw vast wealth, but he also saw that the wealth was in the hands of a few while the rest were poor & suffering. He saw empty religious practices & preaching that catered to the wealthy & powerful while the poor were left to pay their tithes. So Amos traveled to Bethel to condemn the inequalities, the injustices & the hollowness of religious practices. Being wealthy himself, he could enter the northern kingdom’s elite society & have access to the priests in the temple at Bethel.

Amos spoke of a day when greed, injustice & apathy toward God would cause the collapse of the Kingdom of Israel. The kingdom was so wealthy at the time that Amos was dismissed, & by order of the king of the northern kingdom, he was ordered out of Israel & told to return to Judah. The passage we read today follows the moment when the high priest in Bethel ordered Amos to silence & to leave. What we read is a curse. God saw the greed, the cheating, & how He himself was being ignored. Amos said that the Lord had “sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!”

Amos’s words came true. Assyria soon conquered Israel & took all of its

wealth.

The story of Amos is a story for us today. It is also a story we want to keep in mind as we debate issues affecting our own economy. The crash of our economy followed an era of prosperity, an era characterized by greed, by corporations that cheated & lied about their economic situations, by captains of corporate America who had grown corrupt & profited only themselves, & by banks that loaned money to people they knew could never repay it. The result is a time in which we are obtaining a shrinking middle class, leaving only rich & poor.

Most disturbing, just as the northern kingdom had kept its religious rituals yet had no depth, we are now witnessing the decline of Christianity in what many sociologists already call the “the post-Christian age.” Alarming, the words of Amos still ring true in 2016.

The parable of today’s Gospel is difficult. How could Jesus praise a corrupt steward? The reality is that scholars struggle mightily with the parable & still come up short in understanding it. What is clear, though, is that Jesus was expressing concern about wealth & material possessions & what people do with them. He calls us to make the connection between faith & possessions just as Amos did.

Followers of Jesus do not pursue wealth to acquire money & possessions. The followers of Jesus pursue wealth to become generous. We cannot live a split life. **We are either with Jesus or we are not.** There is not an in-between status. Just as Erasmus would later teach his prince, Jesus acknowledged that living according to faith would not make us popular. What Jesus wanted of His followers-& what He still wants of us-is that we will be just as focused on protecting our faith as the steward was on protecting his own welfare.

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.

Mass Cancelled

There will be no Mass on Tues. Sept. 20 & Wed. Sept. 21, 2016 due to Fr. Flach’s Priest Convocation. Thank you.

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 bless you.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

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 ARE WELCOME!

Men’s Club—Fall Activity

The Men’s Club will be trimming, the shrubs around the Rectory on **Sat. Sept. 24, 2016 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.** Lunch will be served at 11:30 am by the CCW Ladies Group. We will be finished by noon. Please bring your own equipment to do the trimming. Thank you & God bless you.

Sisters to host ‘The Name of God is Love & Mercy’

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Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the upcoming retreat, “The Name of God is Love and Mercy,” scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,** at providence Spirituality & Conference Center. The retreat will draw on the wisdom, passion and vision of Jesus, Pope Francis, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and Saint Francis Assisi. Those attending are asked to bring a notebook or journal. Cost is \$45, which includes lunch, and the registration deadline is Sept. 19. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

Upcoming Church Meetings



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 schedule change & God bless you.

Eucharistic Minister Training Session

There will be a EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION on **Mon. Oct. 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm** for St. Elizabeth Eucharistic Ministers held in the Church. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, please make every effort to be in attendance. Thanks & God bless.

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. Thank you & God bless

Youth Ministry—Co-workers in the Vineyard

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.

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Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, and the greater faith community of the Wabash Valley for an ecumenical Taizé Prayer gathering from **7-8 p.m., Tuesday, October 11**, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located 10 minutes northwest of downtown Terre Haute. The 2016 theme is "Finding God in the Ordinary." Each month will have a specific focus. For October, it will be disappointment.

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.**

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

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Our Lady of Lourdes

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Music & Liturgy: Dorla Shook 592-3893



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,982.00 Loose: \$ 240.60

Building Fund \$ 5.00 Caritas \$50.00

Online Thru Give Central \$55.00

Louisiana Flood \$1,190.50

Total Deposit \$ 4,523.10

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 835.00 Loose: \$66.00

Caritas \$10.00 Louisiana Flood \$287.50

Total Deposit \$1,198.50

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.



DAILY READINGS



Mass Readings from Mon. Sept. 19-Fri. Sept. 23
Mon. Sept. 19, 2016

First Reading Prov. 3:27-34 Gospel Luke 8:16-18

Tues. Sept. 20, 2016

First Reading Prov. 21:1-6, 10-13 Gospel Luke 8:19-21

Wed. Sept. 21, 2016

First Reading Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13 Gospel Mt. 9:9-13

Thurs. Sept. 22, 2016

First Reading Eccl. 1:2-11 Gospel Luke 9:7-9

Fri. Sept. 23, 2016

First Reading Eccl. 3:1-11 Gospel Luke 9:18-22