



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 4, 2016 23th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"And whoever does not bear his cross & come after Me cannot be My Disciple".

Luke 14:27



Mass Intentions

Sat. Sept. 3	4:30 pm	Lorna Jane Brown by Karen Sanders
Sun. Sept. 4	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
	9:00 am	Augustine O. Pescatore by Val & Kathleen Pescatore
	10:30am	Charles & Ida Mary Adams
Mon. Sept. 5	7:30 am	By Keith & Patti Buercklin
Tues. Sept. 6	12:05pm	Lorna Jane Brown by Karen Sanders
Wed. Sept. 7	7:30 am	Dave & Eileen Cooper by Karen Sanders
Thurs. Sept. 8	7:30 am	Barbara & Edmond Halter by Steve & Janet Jenkins Family
Fri. Sept. 9	7:30 am	Kevin Murray by Karen Sanders
Sat. Sept. 10	4:30 pm	Lillie Ireland by Karen Sanders
Sun. Sept. 11	7:30 am	In Thanksgiving by Steve & Geri Ezell
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Vera Kirts by Kirts Family Jenna Hamm by the Rees Family

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Sept. 10-11, 2016

Sat. Sept. 10, 2016 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Eileen Cooper

USHERS: Dennis Carroll, Mike Dorn

COMMUNION MIN: Jack Stanley

Marilyn Stanley

SERVERS: Ty Mullins, Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Mullins Family

Sun. Sept. 11, 2016 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Stewart Schutte, Clarence Schutte

COMMUNION MIN: Jona Uptmor

Mike Uptmor

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins, Greyson Holscher

GIFTS: Steve Jenkins Family

Sun. Sept. 11, 2016 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

SERVERS: Taylor Blank

GIFTS: Keith Wirey Family

Sun. Sept. 11, 2016 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: John Grimm, Ed Reis

COMMUNION MIN: Sean Sexton

April Sexton

SERVERS: David Staller, Kifer Stevens, +Keagen Tuel+

GIFTS: Matthew Hartrich Family

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

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Lori Brown, Patricia Burger, Charlotte Canon, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Linda Dudine, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Debbie Goodwin, Dorothy Green, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Judy Hester, Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes, Kimberly Knapp, Ethan Knoblett, Jordyn Koester, Donna McIntire, 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!

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.

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.

Parish School of Religion Opening Mass

The opening Mass for the Parish School of Religion Program will be held on **Wed. Sept. 7, 2016 at 6:45 pm**. Fr. Flach requests that parents please attend this Mass with their children. Thank you & God bless you!



DAILY READINGS

Mon. Sept. 5, 2016

Reading 1: 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Tues. Sept. 6, 2016

Reading 1: 1 Cor. 6:1-11 Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

Wed. Sept. 7, 2016

Reading 1: 1 Cor. 7:25-31 Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Thurs. Sept. 8, 2016

Reading 1: Mic. 5:1-4a or Rom. 8:28-30 Gospel: Mt. 1:1-16, 18-23

Fri. Sept. 9, 2016

Reading 1: 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22B-27 Gospel: Luke 6:39-42

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"May your Church exult, O Lord, for you have renewed her with these sacred mysteries, as she rejoices in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was the hope & daybreak of salvation for all the world." Prayer after Communion, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Those coming Thursday, the 8th of September, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast helps to give extra meaning to our readings for this Sunday.

As a rule, the Church does not celebrate the birth of a saint. Instead of birth, a saint's feast is celebrated on the date of the saint's death, or if the date is not known, the date recalls the death. This is an example of an application of Christian faith & spirituality. For us, death is the day of birth into eternal life. Although we are very sad when a person dies, our funeral rite is filled with joy because someone has been called to be with the Lord.

Despite the practice of not celebrating the birth of saints, there are three significant exceptions: we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the birth of John the Baptist, & the birth of Mary. We celebrate them because each birth changed the world & each birth was instrumental in bringing our salvation.

Mary is sometimes called the "New Eve" because she chose what God wanted over what she may have wanted. We began celebrating this mystery last December on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. John the Baptist marked the end of an age because he announced the coming of the Lord. And, of course, the birth of Christ changed the world forever.

As we look at today's Gospel, we can look back at the birth of Mary, an event that set into motion & change in the world that led to a truly new creation. As Jesus speaks of this new way of life, His words present a huge challenge—a challenge Jesus himself to us today to be real disciples. Being a disciple—following Jesus—required facing the implications & consequences of professing Christianity. In saying that builders calculate the cost of each building & that kings

examine the likelihood for victory before going into battle. Jesus is telling us to look at the cost of discipleship. If we think it is easy then we probably do not understand what true discipleship means.

Earlier in Luke, Jesus said, "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." The family, the whole kinship group, was the most important of human relationships in the Mediterranean Middle East. A family gave a person identity & status, & anyone not part of a family—widows & orphans, for example—had no identity & no place in society. Yet, the division Jesus spoke of would affect family relationships, even dividing a household against itself: father against son, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law. The whole basis of communal life would be ripped apart.

That theme continues today with Jesus' telling us that unless a person hates "father & mother, wife & children, brothers & sisters, & even himself, he cannot be my disciple." This is not how we conceive of life with our loving Lord.

Jesus is establishing the new covenant, the new creation. From then on family would no longer define itself by blood. The family would be a new family, a family of faithful disciples. Jesus is creating new relationships based on following Him & seeking the Kingdom. In speaking of the cross that His followers must bear, Jesus is speaking of the difficulty & suffering that might come from being a disciple. This is why, like a builder & a general, we must calculate the cost of what we want to do. We must be prepared to go all the way with Jesus. Jesus' statement is practically an absolute: anyone not prepared to go all the way with Him, probably should not choose to be a disciple.

We are called to be more than mere admirers of Jesus Christ. We are called to be disciples. We are called to be a new kind of family, & this can lead to suffering. Yet, the example we have in Mary tells us that we can make this choice & keep it! The best part is that if we choose to follow this costly path, we will live forever as part of God's family.



Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on **Mon. Sept. 5, 2016** for the Labor Day Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day Holiday.



Upcoming Church Meetings

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on **Tues. Sept. 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm.** We will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall.



Adult Religion Class

The Adult Religion Class for OLOL's Parish & St. Elizabeth Parish will begin in Sept. 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

We are in need of Oct. & Nov. 2016 Mass Stipends. Please call the Parish Office with your requests. Masses are \$10.00 each.

Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer

On **Sept. Sun. 11, 2016**, the Rosary will be prayed before the 9:00 am Mass for World Peace.

Heroic Catholic Manhood, Workshop for

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.

Robinson Area Food Pantry Thank You

The Robinson Area Food Pantry would like to thank all the Churches, Organizations & Individuals that donate on a regular basis. The Board also would like to thank all the volunteers that work for the Food Pantry. Thank you for your support & prayers.

The Gospel of Matthew Retreat

Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the retreat, "The Gospel of Matthew," **from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 17**, in the Providence Hall Conference Room. During the retreat, you will explore and pray the five sermons that Matthew constructed to identify who Jesus is and how Christians can find a map for thriving in a changing world. Cost is \$45, which includes lunch, and the registration deadline is Sept. 12. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

RETRouvaille

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Retrouvaille is such an incredible program for couples who are struggling in their marriage. The next program will be on **Sept. 16-18, 2016**.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Mtg.

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.

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!

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

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, Aug. 28, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 1,762.00 Loose: \$ 293.80

Building Fund \$ 20.00 Caritas \$ 15.00

Online Thru Give Central \$55.00

Assumption of Mary \$ 5.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,150.80

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 615.00 Loose: \$ 62.00

Building Fund \$50.00 Youth Pilgrimage \$20.00

Total Deposit \$747.00

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!

A Sincere Thank You

The FAMILY LIFE CENTER in Effingham expresses their sincere appreciation to St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for their generous participation in the Baby Bottle Project. Our two parishes contributed \$986.39 which secured a total of \$48,182.00 towards life-saving, life-changing services for their clients. Thank you & God bless you!