



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



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**Reverend Father James A. Flach, Pastor**

### PASTORAL STAFF

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Our Lady of Lourdes

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thursday from 8:00 am-5:00 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~12:00 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 Fr. Flach for registration and information.

### 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 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

## Sunday, February 18, 2018

## First Sunday of Lent



Story found in Mark 1:12-15

**Then a voice  
came from  
heaven, "You are  
My Beloved Son,  
in whom I am  
well pleased."**

**Mark 1:11**

Feb. 17	4:30 pm	Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Feb. 18	7:30 am 9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach William & Louetta Wirey by Keith & Rita Wirey
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 19	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Feb. 20	12:00 pm	Gene & Barbara Dix by Larry Dix Family
Feb. 21	7:30 am 6:30 pm	Special Intentions Special Intentions
Feb. 22	7:30 am	Mette Family by Jane Howard
Feb. 23	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Charles & Judy Eckert
Feb. 24	4:30 pm	Bobby & Phillip Koontz by Maxine Koontz
Feb. 25	7:30 am 9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Billie Bowen by Keith & Rita Wirey
	10:30 am	Special Intentions

Saturday, February 24, 2018 ~ Sunday, February 25, 2018

<b>Sat. Feb. 24, 2018 4:30 pm</b>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Geri Ezell
USHERS:	Mark Grimm, Ty Mullins
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins
GIFTS:	Jeff Mueller Family
<b>Sun. Feb. 25, 2018 7:30 am</b>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Shari Eckert
USHERS:	Mike & Jona Uptmor
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Mallory Mosbey
GIFTS:	Mike Uptmor Family
<b>Sun. Feb. 25, 2018 9:00 am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Bob Coffman
USHERS:	Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Ava Patchett
GIFTS:	Adam & Lori Davis Family
<b>Sun. Feb. 25, 2018 10:30 am</b>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Cydnee Weber
USHERS:	Ken Deters, Chris Weber
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Ian & Owen Schmidt, Anthony Tran
GIFTS:	

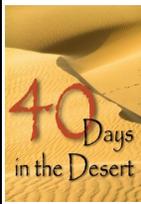
Collection Counters: February, 2018: Lisa Baird, Kaye Holscher, Kay Pescatore

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

Parish School of Religion Classes will be on Wednesday, February 21 & 28 from 6:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm. March dates are: Wednesday, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



### Scriptural Reflections for the First Sunday of Lent



Noah endured the forty-day devastation of the flood. In a similar way, the Spirit today drives Jesus into the forty-day trial of the desert. Satan conspires to make Jesus compromise his relationship as Son toward his Father. But Jesus remembers how the flood ends with God's promise, "I will establish my covenant with you." The Father now perfects that promise in the flesh of his own Son who will "show sinners the way" so that "he might lead you to God." The temptations make Jesus only more certain of his Sonship. Through our trials the Father's care shines.

### A Lenten Morning Offering

Lord Jesus, You lived & died for me. Help me to keep that thought before me today so that whatever life brings, whether it be success or failure, satisfaction or disappointment, happiness or sorrow, I may offer it to You. Through me, may everyone I meet this day see You, Lord, feel your presence & experience Your Love. May I serve you by serving others in Your Name, making all that I do a gift of love and thanksgiving for all You have done for me. Amen.



### Why Do We Fast During Lent?

FASTING is a traditional form of penance & helps us to develop willpower & temperance. Limiting the quantity of food or drink is sometimes recommended as a way of cleansing the body & when penitential, helps cleanse our souls. By creating hunger for that which is denied, we are reminded of the reason why we are fasting. We also fast to sympathize with those who are hungry or poor. Fasting helps to make us more loving & compassionate.

### Lenten Events for Feb. 19~Feb. 23, 2018

**Lenten Bible Study**  
 Mon. Feb. 19, 2018 ~ 6:00~7:00 pm  
 Wed. Feb. 21, 2018 ~ 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist  
 8:00 am ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 10:00 am ~ Stations of the Cross ~  
 10:30 am ~ Benediction  
 6:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross ~  
 6:30 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist  
 7:00 pm ~ P.S.R. Confessions ~ Grades 6 & 7  
 Fri. Feb. 23, 2018 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist  
 5:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross Our Lady of Lourdes

### LOL's Finance Council Meeting

There will be the Finance Council Meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Sun. February 18, 2018 ~ First Sunday in Lent  
From the Pastor ~ Finding Honesty & Trust



As we do every First Sunday of Lent, today we ponder a Gospel account of the 40 days Christ spent in the desert following his baptism. During this time of solitude, fasting & intense prayer, Jesus was tempted by the devil. Today's Gospel reminds us of the two historical focal points of the Lenten season: the meaning of our baptism & the confrontation with our

own sinfulness. We, the baptized, have been united with Christ's death & resurrection, & we find ourselves on a challenging & sometimes perilous journey following Christ in our lives. Particularly during Lent, we allow the Spirit to drive us into 40 days of fasting, intensified prayer & almsgiving. We should expect to confront temptation as Jesus did. We, too, will face dangers; but we can also count on the ministry of angels, provided that we trust God.

Each year we enter the Lenten "desert" to voluntarily strip away the distractions, the excuses & the rationalizations that so quickly (& repeatedly!) can lead us into comfortable complacency. With God's Spirit strengthening us, we find the courage to honestly ask whether we are becoming the disciples that we are called to be.

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## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The theme of the 2017-2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is **GO THEREFORE & MAKE DISCIPLES**. This is an invitation from God to provide out of our financial resources & blessings a gesture of generosity to assist with the needs of the entire Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Your gift to help us secure the different goals for both of our parishes is a sign of your deep faith & trust that God will bless you. Through our Baptismal calling, we are all invited to **EVANGELIZE** & we do so by sacrificing so that the necessary services throughout the Diocese are fulfilled. As of January 31, 2018, the goal for St. Elizabeth Parish is \$31,455.00 with the amount of \$20,350.00 being pledged & the amount of \$18,975.00 being secured. As of January 31, 2018, the goal for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is \$3,671.00 with the amount of \$3,065.00 being pledged & the amount of \$2,585.00 being secured. As always, your generosity is deeply appreciated & may God bless you abundantly with good health & peace.



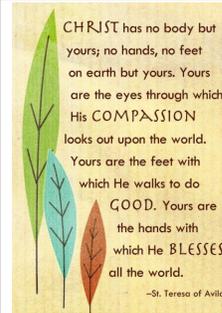
## Lenten Bible Study

As you know, our **FIRST SESSION** is on **MON. FEB. 19, 2018** from 6-7 pm. Fr. Flach will distribute the resource **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**. You may make the payment for the resource at our first class. I believe that this will be an enriching and spiritual pilgrimage for each of us. God bless you.

## Spiritual Reading for the First Sunday of Lent

The Word of God promises the crown to the man who endures temptation & is proved in it. It is good for us to consider and desire this reward so that, having greater nourishment, we may not be lukewarm in working nor weak in suffering. It was said of Moses that he was looking toward the reward (Heb. 11:26). The same was said of David (Ps 119:112). But true & perfect love for the crucified Lord so esteems conformity with him that it regards suffering for God as a very great gift & reward. As Saint Augustine says, "Blessed is the injury of which God is the cause." Nobody fails to protect one who is suffering because of having entered into his service. Much more should this be expected of the divine goodness, which will take your cause as his own, in accord with David's prayer: Arise, Lord, and judge your cause; remember the insults that the fool speaks against you all day long (Ps. 74:22). To God pertains the business that his servant undertakes. Therefore, God watches over it with great fidelity. With hope in him rather than in ourselves, we must dare to undertake the endeavor of the service of God. We sustain ourselves with the hard stones of the temptations that the devil brought upon us to test, as he did with our Lord, whether we are children of God (cf. Mt.4:3). Thus we draw forth honey from poison and health from our wounds, and we emerge from temptations having been tried and with millions of other blessings. For these blessings, we do not have the devil to thank, for his will is not to make us crowns but chains. Rather, we must thank God, the supreme & omnipotent Good, who will never permit any evil except to bring good from it by a higher means. Nor would he permit our enemy & those who belong to him to afflict us, unless it is for the great confusion of the enemy & for the good of the one afflicted.... When the devil thinks that he is doing most harm to the virtuous, he benefits them most. Because of this, he ends up so confounded & ashamed that, in his pride & envy, he would prefer that he had not begun this game that turned out so well for those he wanted to harm.

Thank you from the NOW Program To Our Lady Of Lourdes



To Our Lady Of Lourdes: I want to thank all of you for the generous donations of peanut butter & jelly as well as the monetary donation which will be put toward purchasing more peanut butter & jelly. Your willingness to support the **NOW PROGRAM** in Oblong has already made a difference in the lives of many children. With deepest gratitude, Oblong **NOW PROGRAM** (Laura Dhom)



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Todd Drake, Sandy Ellis, Virginia Japson, Marissa Rees, Charlie Steagall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.



## Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website. Click on Donate button and you can donate to whatever collection you would like to. Thank you for using this service.



## Sincere Congratulations to Raffle Ticket Sellers & Winners

Many sincere & heartfelt THANKS to all those who either bought or sold RAFFLE TICKETS for the 2018 MARDI GRAS BIG DIVVY. Thanks for all of your hard work, dedicated effort & assistance. All ONE THOUSAND TICKETS WERE SOLD with a profit of \$14,800.00 for the Crawford County Catholic Mardi Gras event. What a fantastic job! You should be proud of yourselves & you all deserve a nice pat on the back. SPECIAL THANKS to TERRY ROCHE who coordinated this important part of our Mardi Gras. We are sincerely grateful to you TERRY for taking care of this part of the Mardi Gras from start to finish. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU! We are pleased & happy to CONGRATULATE our RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS:

- First Place ~ Kenny Smith ~ \$7,000.00
- Second Place ~ Kiley Goodwine ~ \$1,500.00
- Third Place ~ Roger McDaniel ~ \$500.00
- Fourth Place ~ Frank Weber Secretaries ~ \$400.00
- Fifth Place ~ Gracie Kerr \$300.00
- Sixth Place ~ Avery Crocker ~ \$200.00
- Seventh Place ~ Lori Crumrin \$100.00

Thanks for a job well done & CONGRATULATIONS to all! A THOUSAND THANK YOUS. Many sincere & heartfelt THANKS to all those who helped in any way to make our 17th ANNUAL 2018 MARDI GRAS event the success it was. So many of our parishioners helped in countless ways. Our 2018 Mardi Gras committee of BOB & KOURTNEY COFFMAN, STEWART & EMILY SCHUTTE & JIM and BROOK STEWART DESERVE SPECIAL THANKS for serving on the committee. Your interest & dedication, made this Mardi Gras a success so CONGRATULATIONS on your assistance in doing a great job and THANK YOU. Father Flach is very pleased & happy with your efforts. All of the preparations involving planning and coordination from advertising, to selling raffle tickets, to decorating Stoney Ridge Event Center, to donating over 30 items to the Silent Auction to cleaning up are all deeply appreciated. All of these activities are important & necessary & we want everyone to know all of your efforts are deeply appreciated. Thank you a thousand times over & may God bless you in many ways!

### Daily Mass Readings



- Mon. Feb. 19, 2018—Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18  
Gospel Mt. 25:31—46
- Tues. Feb. 20, 2018—Is. 55:10—11  
Gospel Mt. 6:7—15
- Wed. Feb. 21, 2018—Jon. 3:1—10  
Gospel Lk. 11:29—32
- Thurs. Feb. 22, 2018 1 Pt. 5: 1—4  
Gospel Mt. 16: 13—19
- Fri. Feb. 23, 2018 Ez. 18: 21—28  
Gospel Mt. 5: 20—26



## Our Lady of Lourdes Breakfast

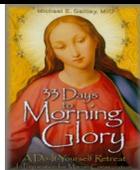
A breakfast will be served at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, March 4, 2017 following the 9:00 am Mass. The menu will consist of: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy along with sweets & drinks. You are invited to come & enjoy fellowship, prayer & a delicious meal.



### Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church  
 Week Ending Sunday, February 11, 2018  
 Envelopes \$2,412.00 Loose \$296.00 CCW \$70.00  
 Building Fund \$5.00 First Offering \$10.00  
 Solemnity of Mary \$20.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$12.00  
 Catholic Times \$15.00  
 Deposit \$2,840.00  
 Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Week ending Sunday, February 4, 2018  
 Envelopes \$765.00 Loose \$50.00 Catholic Times \$15.00  
 Building Fund \$90.00 Edith Smith Food Pantry \$30.00  
 Deposit \$950.00

### Spiritual Kiosk Corner



33 Days to Morning Glory (Book) Fr. Michael Gaitley From Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, author of the popular book "Consoling the Heart of Jesus," comes an extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope St. John Paul II. Father Gaitley masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp, and simple enough to put into practice. More specifically, he weaves their thought into a user-friendly, do-it-yourself retreat that will bless even the busiest of people.

### Fish Fry News



The DATES for the ST. ELIZABETH FISH FRY are Friday, March 9, 16 & 23, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are always in need of more workers & helpers for this project. A lot of parishioners are very devoted & dedicated to our LENTEN FISH FRY & everyone gets along & works very well together. We are in hopes that you will be able to help us. Within the next week or so, SIGN-UP SHEETS will be available on the counter in the vestibule of the Church. Please return the form either in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Thank you & God bless you.

### Prayer for Acceptance of God's Holy Will

Dear God, I know that You love me because You died on the Cross for me. I know that You want nothing for me but the best in the light of eternity. So I trust in Your infinite wisdom & goodness & ask You to grant my request if it is according to Your Holy Will. I accept whatever You decide. I leave everything up to Your divine goodness & loving care.

**You are my God.**