



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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.

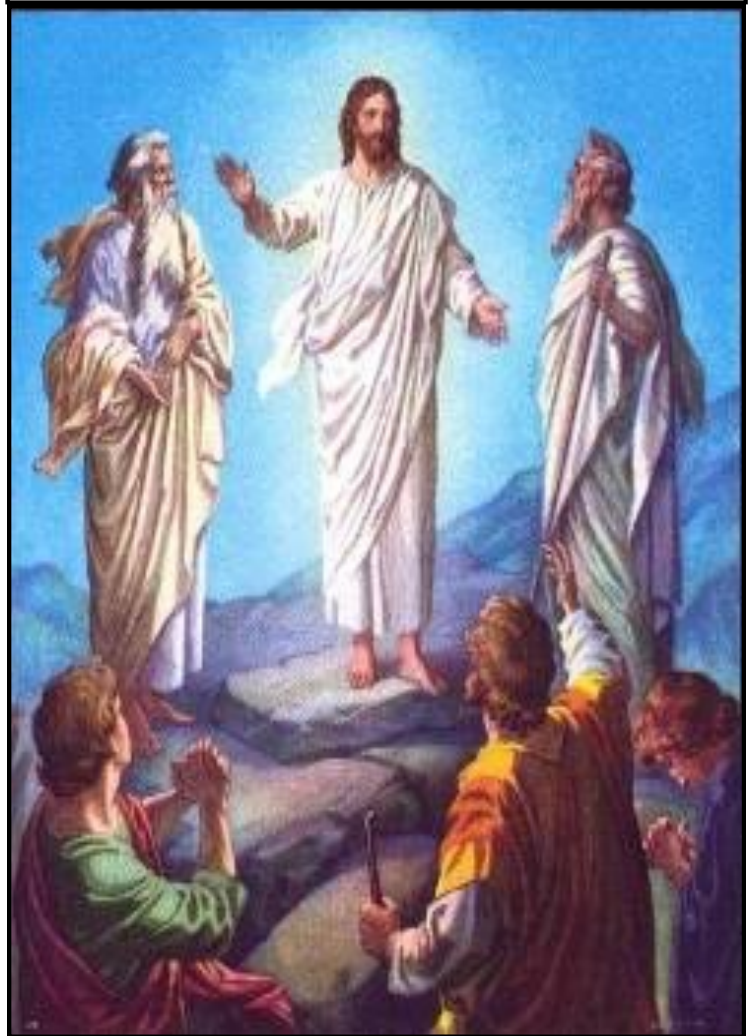
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 25, 2018 Second Sunday in Lent



Story in Mark 9:2-10

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James & John, & led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; & He was transfigured before them. Mark 9:2

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
Feb. 26	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 27	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Feb. 27	12:00 pm	John Moore by Betty Moore
Feb. 28	7:30 am	Robb Sparks by Charles & Judy Eckert
Mar. 1	6:30 pm 7:30 am	Special Intentions Jasmine Howard 17th Birthday by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 2	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Special Intentions Kirk Wirey by Keith & Rita Wirey
Mar. 3	4:30 pm	Martha Tebbe by Ken & Carol Bergbower
Mar. 4	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Ed Halter by Jeff Rich Family Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 3, 2018 ~ Sunday, March 4, 2018

<u>Sat. March 3, 2018 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Patti Buercklin
USHERS:	Ken & Carol Bergbower
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins
GIFTS:	Randy Mullins Family
<u>Sun. March 4, 2018 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Shari Eckert
USHERS:	Clarence Schutte, Randy Schutte
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Greyson Holscher
GIFTS:	Chad Arkenberg Family
<u>Sun. March 4, 2018 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Kourtney Coffman
USHERS:	Ron & Ethel Dhom
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Taylor Blank, Emma Davis
GIFTS:	Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson
<u>Sun. March 4, 2018 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Sam Quick
USHERS:	Karen Free, Roselene Quick
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Xavier Brown, Levi Dickerson
GIFTS:	Scott Rawlings Family

Collection Counters:

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

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Parish School of Religion Classes will be on Wed.
Mar. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



Scriptural Reflections for the Second Sunday of Lent

"He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all will give us everything else along with him." Somehow Abraham intuited this divine mercy in responding to God's command to slaughter his son Isaac. Only this assurance could compel Abraham to such extremes of obedience. Similarly, in the Transfiguration God reveals to Peter, James, and John a glory they could never otherwise imagine. It will require the slaughtering of the Son. "Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful." Our faithfulness to Christ's Passion guarantees the handing over of unfathomable life.



James & Nancy Ping 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

James & Nancy Ping will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Wed. Feb. 28, 2018. An open house reception in honor of their anniversary will be hosted by their children on Sun. Mar. 11, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the American Legion Building in Oblong, Illinois. All Family & friends are welcome.

Baptism of Samuel Kenneth Knauf



Our Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes is happy to welcome SAMUEL KENNETH KNAUF into the Catholic Church & Christian Community through the oils & waters of the Sacrament of Baptism. As you begin your Baptismal journey into eternal love & eternal life with GOD, we promise that we will be by your side to lead & guide you with our constant prayers, good example, & God's Love. Samuel received the oils & waters of BAPTISM on Sat. Feb. 17, 2018. He is the son of Louise & Michael Knauf and the grandson of Frank & Anne



Lenten Activities

Mon. Feb. 26, 2018—Lenten Bible Study
Wed. Feb. 28, 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—PSR
Fri. Mar. 2, 2018—First Friday
7:30 am—Sacred Eucharist
5:00 pm—Sacred Eucharist—Our Lady of Lourdes
5:30 pm—Stations of the Cross—Our Lady of Lourdes

Sun. February 25, 2018 ~ Second Sunday in Lent
From the Pastor ~ Glimpse of Future Glory



Last Sunday's Gospel focused on the human nature of Jesus Christ — his susceptibility to hunger, fatigue and Satan's temptations. This week's Gospel finds us focused instead on his divine nature, which Jesus reveals on a mountaintop. His clothes become "dazzling white," and Elijah ("the prophets") and Moses ("the Law") appear and converse with him.

Peter offers to erect three tents so that everyone can settle in and stay for a while! But then a cloud overshadows them; and a voice from the cloud announces his divine sonship to his friends and to anyone else (like us) who may be listening. Then, abruptly, it is over. Everything reverts to normal, and Jesus tells his friends not to reveal what they have seen until after he has risen from the dead. Peter, James and John probably could not describe their experience anyway without being called crazy. Clearly, they do not fully understand what they have seen. But it is a good bet that they will never forget it. The Church wants for us not to forget it, either. Yes, on our life journey, we identify with the human Christ of the First Sunday of Lent — we know hunger, thirst, fatigue and temptation "in the desert." But today's Gospel gives us hope that occasionally, like the divinized Christ, we, too, might allow the light of God's life and love to shine through our human frailty. In J.R.R. Tolkien's epic trilogy, "The Lord of the Rings," it is Frodo, a diminutive and unassuming hobbit, who proves best suited to carry the one ring of power to Mount Doom so as to destroy it and save the world from destruction. Ironically, his chance for success is largely based on his hobbit nature. Why should the Dark Lord and his minions fear the likes of Frodo?

And yet, they underestimate him at their own peril. For as he soldiers on at great personal cost — and the ring grows heavier with every step — we witness his gradual transfiguration. A great and heroic heart emerges in Frodo. It is his selfless embrace of suffering — not unlike that of Jesus — that enables him to succeed

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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.

Prayer Requests



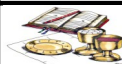
Please remember the following in your prayers: Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Todd Drake, Sandy Ellis, Marissa Rees,

Karen Rickermann, Robb Sparks, Charlie Steagall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Spiritual Reading for the Second Sunday of Lent



I believe that what you desire will be given to me by him who promised he would not delude the wish of whoever desires what is good. My right hand is not able to describe in figures the One who represents all form. Take away everything from before you, that he who is hidden within everything might be found alone in your vision. Blessed is the one from before whose view earth has been taken away, and in the Father of his soul for its duality there will be a journey in simplicity.. O mystery, wonder makes marvelers of those who walk in the light of the Lord in a clear and beautiful place! Where has everything gone from before me so that only the Lord of all is visible? Where I am I do not know, because my heart is ravished by the beauty of the Beautiful One. Blessed is the one who embraces you and even when asleep inhales your sweet fragrance. Blessed is the one who sits and watches your splendors united to him like the sun's rays to its sphere. Blessed is the one who sees his food changed into your likeness, who tastes it with his palate and it is changed into the delight of your sweetness. Blessed is the one who sees you mingled with his drink and he drinks and his heart exults in your favor. Blessed is the one who enters within himself and sees you in a wonderful vision and he marvels at the beauty of your wondrous mysteries which spring up from within him.



Our Lady of Lourdes Friday Mass

There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at OLOL's on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Pastoral Council Meeting



The Pastoral Council Meeting will be at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting



The Finance Council Meeting for St. Elizabeth will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes News



Please be so kind as to maintain a respectful quiet inside of the Church before Mass begins so that others may be able to prepare & pray before the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



Fish Fry News

As you may know, 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 grateful for all of the dedicated help that we have had in the past and we appreciate everyone working so well together. If you haven't helped in the past, and would like to help, please come and help us. Thanks & God bless you.



Rest In Peace

Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of VIRGINIA JAPSON, wife of Nory Japson. Please pray that God will grant her a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of God & that her family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.



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 Catholics 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 & 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



A Nice Round of Applause for a Job Well Done

Sincere CONGRATULATIONS to all those who helped in any way to make the 2018 MARDI GRAS a SUCCESS! All of your dedicated help is deeply appreciated. Father Flach & the 2018 Committee are happy to report that the profit is \$23,001.00. CONGRATULATIONS TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS and their supporters. We could not have done it without all of you. May God bless you for your help & faithful support.



Our Lady of Lourdes Breakfast



A breakfast will be served at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, March 4, 2018 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. "Free Will Donation".



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Wednesday, February 14, 2018-Ash Wed.

Envelopes \$345.00 Loose \$264.00
Central & Eastern Europe Collection \$190.00
Deposit \$799.00

Week Ending Sunday, February 18, 2018

Envelopes \$2,547.00 Loose \$235.83 CCW \$20.00
Building Fund \$5.00 Easter Flowers \$75.00
Operation Rice Bowl \$190.00 Kiosk \$40.00
Online 3 @\$185.00 Deposit \$3,297.83

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, February 11, 2018

Envelopes \$525.00 Loose \$89.00
Building Fund \$15.00 Leona Kocher Memoriam \$75.00
Deposit \$704.00

LENTEN CONFESSIONS



This holy and sacred Season of LENT is a time of spiritual reflections as we reach our hearts for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Suffering and Death. This holy Season of LENT is a perfect opportunity to consider those choices and decisions that we have freely made in which we have turned away from God seeking our own desires and will. In the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION we receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness so that we are enabled to begin anew our relationship of love with God our Father. The LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE is as follows:

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SUN. MAR. 11, 2018

10:00 A.M. EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. – HOLY HOURS
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 PM - CONFESSIONS
2:00 P.M. – BENEDICTION

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

SUN. MAR. 25, 2018

1:00 PM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – HOLY HOURS
1:15 PM – 2:45 PM CONFESSIONS
3:00 PM – BENEDICTION

Daily Mass Readings



Mon. Feb. 26, 2018 First Reading—Dn. 9:4 B-10 Gospel Lk. 6:36-38 Tues. Feb. 27, 2018 First Reading Is. 1:10, 16-20 Gospel Mt. 23:1-12 Wed. Feb. 28, 2018 First Reading Jer. 18:18-20 Gospel Mt. 20:17-28 Thurs. Mar. 1, 2018 First Reading Jer. 17:5-10 Gospel Lk. 16:19-31 Fri. Mar. 2, 2018 First Reading Gn. 37:3-4 12-13A, 17B-28A Gospel Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46