



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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PASTORAL STAFF

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Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

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.

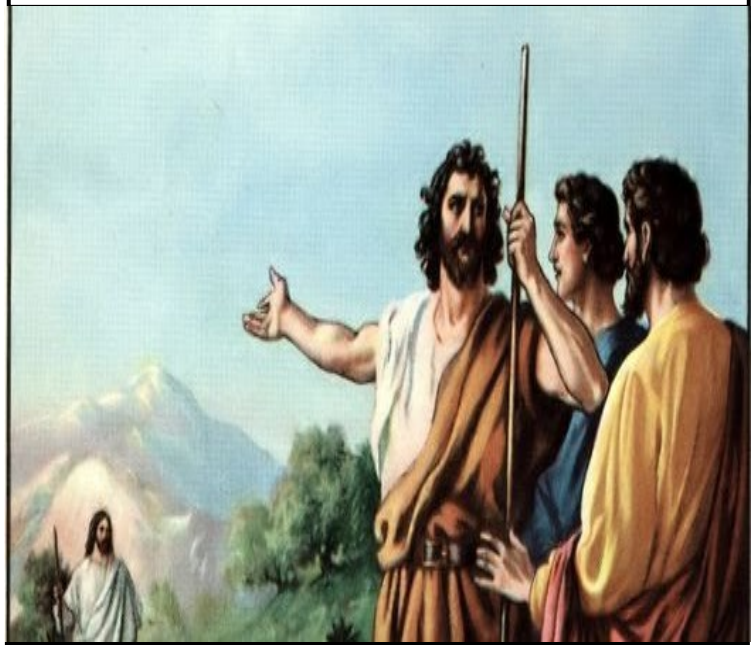
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, January 14, 2018 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Story found in John 1:35~42 The First Disciples of Jesus

**The next day
John was there again
with two of his
disciples. When he
saw Jesus passing by,
he said, "Look, the
Lamb of God.**

John 1:35~36



Mass Intentions

Jan. 13	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Jan. 14	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Grover Michl by Michl Family
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 15	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Jan. 16	12:00 pm	Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Jan. 17	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 18	7:30 am	Edna O'Dell & Greg Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
Jan. 19	7:30 am	Pat Stone by Rhonda Stone
Jan. 20	4:30 pm	Martha Tebbe by Ken & Carol Bergbower
Jan. 21	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Jerry Davis by Dan Schalasky
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 20 ~ Sunday, January 21, 2018

<u>Sat. Jan. 20, 2018 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Geri Ezell
USHERS:	Mark Grimm, Ty Mullins
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins
GIFTS:	John Grimm Family
<u>Sun. Jan. 21, 2018 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	David Holscher
USHERS:	Clarence Schutte, Randy Schutte
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Mallory Mosbey
GIFTS:	Steve Jenkins Family
<u>Sun. Jan. 21, 2018 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Bob Coffman
USHERS:	Rich & Anita Kocher
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Taylor Blank, Emma Davis
GIFTS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping Family
<u>Sun. Jan. 21, 2018 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Cydnee Weber
USHERS:	Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Joe Quick, David Staller
GIFTS:	Miguel Vega Family

Collection Counters: Jan. 2018: Lexi Gower, Josh & Roselene Quick



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Todd Drake, Sandy Ellis, Karen Heap, Jack Stanley, Charlie Steagall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.



Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion Classes will be on Wednesday, January 17, 24 & 31 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Scriptural Reflections for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"I have waited, waited for the Lord." In our yearning, John the Baptist sends us to the Lamb of God. Jesus looks at us and addresses us with a breathtaking question, "What are you looking for?" Christ's first words call us to search our desires. For Jesus draws us to himself through the longings of our heart. The Lord once said to Saint Catherine of Siena, "I who am infinite God want you to serve me with what is infinite, and you have nothing infinite except your soul's love and desire." "You are not your own"; God's law/desire has been placed within our heart. To do his will is our delight. The Son of God says to us now what Samuel once said to Eli: "Here I am."


Spiritual Reading: Looking for the Person of Jesus

They followed him from a distance, afraid and embarrassed, yet strangely, profoundly, obscurely, magnetically moved to curiosity. Those two disciples, hearing him speak like that, followed Jesus. Jesus turned around & saw that they were following him, and said, what are you seeking? They answered, Rabbi, where do you live? He said to them, Come and see. Come and see. This is the Christian formula, the Christian method. They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.... It is obvious that after listening to that Man for hours, watching him speak ("Who is he who is speaking like this? Who else has ever spoken like this? Who has ever said these things? I've never seen or heard anyone like him!"), a precise impression had slowly formed in their heart: If I don't believe this man, I'll not believe anyone, I'll not believe my own eyes! They did not spell it out, perhaps they did not form the thought, but they certainly felt it. That man must have affirmed, among other things, that he was the Messiah, the One who was to come. He was so clear in making this exceptional affirmation that they accepted it as something simple & easy to understand. It was something simple!

With Special & Sincere Thanks

St. Elizabeth Parish & OLOL's Parish want to express our deep and sincere GRATITUDE to all those who helped in any way to decorate the churches for the feast of CHRISTMAS. Both of our Churches looked beautiful & we are so grateful to all of you for beautifying our sacred places of worship for this solemn feast & hope you all know of our appreciation & we are happy to offer SPECIAL THANKS to VALERIA CHAPMAN for St. Elizabeth Church & SARAH PING for OLOL's Church. May God bless you abundantly with good health & peace in the New Year 2018!

Catholic Times

 In your JANUARY Offertory Envelope Packet, there is an envelope marked CATHOLIC TIMES. If you are able to provide payment for this, it would be deeply appreciated from our parishes. The balance for the bill sent to the parishes from the Diocese has to be paid from the General Account. Any assistance you are able to provide again is appreciated. Thank you and God bless you. (Kaye Holscher asked me to place an article in the bulletin).

Sun. Jan. 14, 2018 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
From the Pastor ~ Jesus Call To Each of Us

Discipleship is more than a simple "yes" to an invitation from Jesus to follow him. What Jesus asks from those who answer his call is to abandon their past and have a willingness to come, to stay and to see a new path ahead. Jesus, nurtured, loved and supported by his Father, invites his followers to stay and make their home with him. And just as Jesus and the Father are one, Jesus wants to be one with his followers. He does this by becoming their way, truth and life. Jesus' expectation is that those who follow him make their home with him, just like the apostles did. God looks for the same response from the young Samuel, who abandoned his family to live in the temple near the ark. When God called, Samuel eagerly responded, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Sm 3:9). God hopes to hear the same response when he calls us. While the call of Jesus may be deliberately vague, the response Jesus desires is clear. Like the apostles and Samuel, Jesus desires that faith and trust be a part of our response. When they are present, God is pleased. Look how God rewarded Samuel: "Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect." When disciples come prepared to hear God's call, and are quick to answer, their transformation journey begins. While it may take a lifetime to complete, it begins with this response. Joel didn't want to wash the front porch. He had other plans. But Joel's mother needs Joel to wash it because guests are coming. Joel loves his mother & doesn't want her outing spoiled. Joel decides to wash the porch.

In following Jesus, we have to walk with Jesus where we don't want to go. We change our minds and do it anyway, because we love Jesus for loving us. That's following Jesus and seeing why he needs us. When John the Baptist shouted "Behold, the lamb of God," his disciples quickly followed Jesus. When Jesus called Simon, he left everything and remained with Jesus. For this, Simon became Peter. When Peter and the other disciples left all behind and stayed with Jesus, their transformation began. Soon, they were sent to do God's other work. It's the same in every age when called to follow the Lord. We measure other things with what God is offering. Eventually, like Joel, when we realize the difference, we do the Lord's work.

Mardi Gras News

As of January 10, 2018, out of 1,000 Raffle Tickets, only 120 have been brought in. We are striving to sell all 1,000 tickets before FEBRUARY 10, 2018. That is just a month away so we really need to have as many people sell the tickets as possible. We hope that you will be able to help us secure the entire profit from the Raffle Ticket sales. Many THANKS to all who have already sold tickets. We are sincerely grateful for your help. If your tickets are sold, could you please bring them into the Parish Office.

Daily Mass Readings from Jan. 15~Jan. 19

Mon. Jan. 15, 2018 First Reading 1 Sm. 15:16-23
Gospel Mk. 2:18-22
Tues. Jan. 16, 2018 First Reading 1 Sm. 16:1-13
Gospel Mk. 2:23-28
Wed. Jan. 17, 2018 First Reading 1 Sm. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Gospel Mk. 3:1-6
Thurs. Jan. 18, 2018 First Reading 1 Sm. 18:6-9, 19:1-7
Gospel Mk. 3:7-12
Fri. Jan. 19, 2018 First Reading 1 Sm. 24:3-21
Gospel Mk. 3:13-19



Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Thank You from the Heritage in Hutsonville, IL.



Dear Friends at St. Elizabeth & Our Lady Of Lourdes:
How in the world can we even begin to thank you for all you have done, for all you have given us? When you brought all those beautifully wrapped gifts in, of course the guys started "peaking" for their names! One of them was overheard saying, "It looks like a Christmas love explosion"! We realize everyone is "grown up", but the guys & gals eyes were just dancing with excitement!!! When they finally got to open their gifts on Christmas Eve, the oooo's & aaaah's started, some shocked looks, some joyous laughter & some tears of total disbelief. It's so difficult for some of them to understand why someone they don't even know would care so much about them--genuine compassion for another human being. We tell them this a beautiful kind of Love, God's Love--the Greatest Love there is. And that same Loving God has very special people right here on earth that are God's "Earth Angels" who help share His Love by helping others. Your love has made a tremendous impact on their lives because you care so much. There is no way our simple "Thank You" can express our gratitude. There simply are not enough words. But our Heavenly Fathers knows what you have done for us over and over again. The love is real and undecipherable. God must surely be beaming for your labors of love just like us! We love all of you so much! May God bless each of you "extra special good in 2018 and always!

Love all your Heritage buddies in Hutsonville.

**Thank you for all the ways you
make this world a brighter one!**

Refraining from the distribution of the Precious Blood

In its Influenza Activity Report, the Illinois Department of Public Health described the presence of influenza as "widespread" for the last three weeks of December, 2017. With this in mind, it might be good to recall that offering the Precious Blood to the faithful is done at the discretion of the Pastor. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates the faithful receive the Precious Blood from the chalice "in cases where this is foreseen" (85). The various liturgical books foresee this at certain Eucharistic celebrations, such as a marriage within the Holy Mass, but it is not required to offer the Precious Blood from the chalice at every Sunday Mass. Indeed, in most cases such as the widespread presence of influenza, it may be prudent to offer Holy Communion only under the form of the Precious Body. If a pastor judges this to be prudent, he might remind the faithful that "the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole & entire, & the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, & hence that as regards the resulting fruits, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (9GIRM,282). The same discretion is involved in offering the sign of peace (cf. GIRM, 154). This will be in effect from the weekend of January 13-14, 2018 until further notice.

Mardi Gras 2018



17th Annual Crawford County Catholics Sat. Feb. 10, 2018 6:00pm-Midnight Stoney Ridge Event Center \$30/ticket & Tickets are available at St. Elizabeth Parish Office, First National Bank, or Silverthorne Ford Store. Reserved tickets can only be purchased at the Parish Office. Thank you.

MENU Kaye Holscher Catering King Cake Debbie Dix Grilled Smoked Sausage Kabobs, BBQ Pork Sliders on a Homemade Onion Bun, Mini Crab Stuffed White Fish Mini Ham Loaf with Pineapple, Cajun Red Beans & Rice Peel-n-Eat Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce, Variety of Cheese Balls, Crudités with Chipotle Ranch Dip, Fresh Fruit Kabobs Dessert Tasting Bar, Tea/Lemonade/Cucumber Lime Water/Coffee. **BIG DIVVY TICKETS-\$25.00**

Big Divvy Drawings announced at 9:00 p.m. Big Divvy winners need not be present to win. **PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT**

CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS. Take South Cross Street and turn left onto Duncanville Road (East 700th Avenue) and then turn right onto N 1200th Street. Turn right onto E 625th Avenue and Stoney Ridge will be on the left. Signs will be placed at each turn to assist. A map to Stoney Ridge Event Center are in the vestibule of st. Elizabeth's church.

In Sincere Gratitude



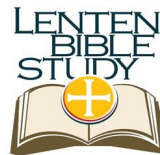
Our parish family of St. Elizabeth is sincerely grateful to all those who helped to prepare for the music for our Christmas Masses. We are well aware of the amount of time that it took to prepare and we are so grateful for your devotion and dedication. The music was simply BEAUTIFUL. One song from beginning to end more beautiful than the next! We want you to know that all of your sincere efforts helped us to appreciate the holiness and spirit of Christmas. Many thanks for a job well done. We are happy to say THANK YOU to the following parishioners:

MUSIC DIRECTOR: CHRIS JANSEN. We also want to say THANK YOU to ALEX HERMANN WHO played the Piano and to LORI DAVIS who cantered for the Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. We are grateful for your help and devotion. May God bless all of you in the New Year!

Christmas Eve-Musicians 2017. Music Director-Chris Jansen & Choir Director-Jill Jansen. Choir Members: Jacob Blankenbeker, Xavier Brown, Megan Burton, Kandle Dart, Larry Dix, Mike Emmerich, Susan Emmerich, Marian Hatfield, Emily Heidorn, Jill Jansen, Ginger Osborne, Ian Quick, Jessie Quick, Joe Quick, Josh Quick, Roselene Quick, & Sam Quick, Barb Shimer, Sarah Staller, Lindsey Watts. Keyboardists: Chris Jansen & Josh Quick. Instrumentalists: Jessie Quick-Flute, Chris Jansen-Trumpet, Sam Quick-Trumpet, Xavier Brown-Horn & Trumpet, Joe Quick-Euphonium, Josh Quick-Tuba.

Christmas Day Musicians 2017 Keyboard-Kayla Holscher. Cantor/Children's Choir Director-Teresa Gower. Cantor-Mike Emmerich. Children's Choir Members: Ella Bunton, Halle Gower, Eva Hermann, Jared Hermann, Abby Mullins & Anthony Tran.

Lenten Bible Study



As the holy and sacred season of LENT approaches, you are being invited to accompany Jesus through the events of His Passion, Death, and Resurrect 1 on in a spiritually enriching and inspiring BIBLE STUDY entitled THE SEVEN

LAST WORDS OF CHRIST. The SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST uttered by Jesus upon His Cross as He endured the Crucifixion are filled with spiritual meaning and significance. These are not simply words like, Yes or Please, but they are strong statements or phrases, both brief and poignant, capturing the depths of Jesus physical suffering, emotional torment, and spiritual isolation. If we want to meditate on Jesus experience of the Passion during the Sacred Season of Lent, we can turn to the Master Himself as He spoke from His Cross to those He loved the most and to His Father. This Bible Study-THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST has the strength to change our hearts as those who participate can be enriched in the virtues of forgiveness, trust, abandonment, obedience, and eternal life. These virtues can be applied to various challenges we face in our own lives. The DATES and TIMES of the LENTEN BIBLE STUDY are as follows:

Mon. Feb. 19, 2018 6-7 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Mon. Feb. 26, 2018 6-7 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Mon. Mar. 5, 2018 6-7 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Mon. Mar. 12, 2018 6-7 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Mon. Mar. 19, 2018 6-7 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Mon. Mar. 26, 2018 6-7 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Center
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REGISTER BY WED. JAN. 31, 2018 by calling the Parish Office at 544-7526 so that a book may be ordered for you at the cost of \$10.00. Thank you & God bless you.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church
Week Ending Sunday, January 7, 2018
Envelopes \$ 2,688.00 Loose \$ 292.40
Catholic Times \$170.00 First Offering \$195.00
Solemnity of Mary \$105.00 3 online @ \$130.00
Building Fund \$100.00
Deposit: \$3,680.40

Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending Sunday, December 31, 2017
Envelopes \$695.00 Loose \$110.00
Solemnity of Mary \$85.00
Deposit \$890.00

Give Central Online Giving

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