



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Our Lady of Lourdes

Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thursday 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 ~ 12:00 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.

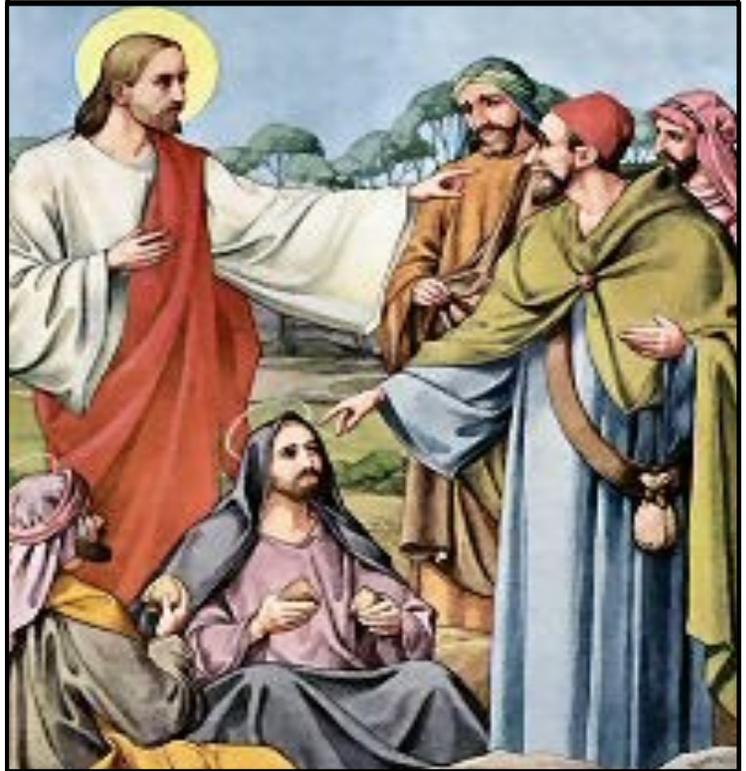
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 19, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Story found in John 1:29~34 ~

John the Baptist's Testimony to Jesus.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him & said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John 1:29~31



Mass Intentions

Jan. 18	4:30 pm	Mrs. Paul (Rita) Holscher by Rosemary Halter
Jan. 19	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Augustine & Loretta Pescatore by Kaye Pescatore Special Intentions Rees Family
Jan. 20	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 21	12:00 pm	Ralph F. Miller by Rosemary Halter
Jan. 22	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 23	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 24	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 25	4:30 pm	Francis Medina by Rito & Mario Medina
Jan. 26	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Donald Davis by Adam & Lori Davis Family 50th Wedding Anniversary George & Jane Bohman



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 25 ~ Sunday, January 26, 2020

<u>Sat. January 25, 2020</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Geri Ezell		
USHERS: Mark & Cindy Grimm		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: Aleigha Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins		
GIFTS: Don Biernbaum Family		
<u>Sun. January 26, 2020</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Dave Holscher		
USHERS: Angel Avila, Garrett Rich		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg		
GIFTS: Chad Arkenberg Family		
<u>Sun. January 26, 2020</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR: Cameron Davis		
USHERS: Carol Miller & Janelle Hoke		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: Eva Hermann		
GIFTS: Carol Miller, Janelle Hoke		
<u>Sun. January 26, 2020</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Courtney Ferris		
USHERS: John Birkofer, Chris Weber		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: David Staller, Lauren Staller		
GIFTS: Clark Myers Family		

January Collection Counters: Marge Boatman, Josh & Roselene Quick



Parish School of Religion

JANUARY DATES: WED. JANUARY 22 & 29, 2020.



Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: JANUARY 26, 2020 & FEBRUARY 2, 9 & 23, 2020 from 5:30~7:00 pm.

Scriptural Reflections for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Because God formed John the Baptist "as his servant from the womb," John's whole being is ordered to God. Thus, when John "saw Jesus coming toward him," he instantly cried out, "Behold, the Lamb of God." John immediately recognizes that Christ is the one the world has been waiting for. This leads John to "testify that he is the Son of God." The same grace has been given to us. By baptism, we "have been called to be holy with all those who call upon the name of the Lord." By professing the one "who takes away the sin of the world," we become a light to the nations, through whom God's salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. As we glorify the Lamb of God, God shows his glory through us.

Spiritual Reading for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whom lies all our hope of eternal salvation, though he was God became man for this reason, that man, having put himself far away from God, should not think he had been left far off and deserted. So, he became our mediator, and thus after a fashion brought to an end the time of the distance which separated us from God, so that through him we might not remain far off, but could even draw near. Nothing, you see, is so closely joined together as the Word and God; again, nothing is so closely joined together as flesh and humanity. So, since the Word and God were a long way away from flesh and humanity, the Word became flesh, and joined humanity to God. So, this Lord and Savior of ours, the Son of God, the Word of God who became flesh, taught those who believe in him how to live, taught them how to die; to live without greed, to die without fear. He taught us how to live, so that we might not die forever; he taught us how to die, so that we might live forever.

Charitable Contributions 2019



If you would like to receive a STATEMENT in regards to your CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS for 2019, please call the PARISH OFFICE at 544-7526 and a copy of your donations will be prepared. When the statement is prepared, you will receive a call to pick it up. Thank you and God bless

February Meetings ~ Pastoral Council



ST. ELIZABETH and OUR LADY OF LOURDES PASTORAL COUNCIL will Pastoral meet on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council



Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council will meet on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

These readings place the principal participants in the salvation drama center stage providing a bit of last-minute unscripted drama. At first, John the Baptist clearly states that he does not know who Jesus is prior to God's disclosure. "I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me." This seems odd for those who remember Mary's visit to John's mother, Elizabeth, and her mentioning John's recognizing leap in her womb. However, John later clarified: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." This declaration puts John's hesitancy to rest allowing him to complete his mission. He declared Jesus as God's son, the Messiah, and then with great exuberance announces his mission. Anyone bearing that responsibility would want to be as certain. The following affirms his certainty: "On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John teaches and learns a primary lesson of life — the time to let go. Everyone from parents to popes faces the moment when another comes to fill their position. Difficult



as this is, John shows us how to do it well. After calling Jesus the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," John admirably proclaims his new rank and place alongside Jesus. "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." John will decrease as Jesus, God's son, increases, taking his superior role as the Messiah, a role that comes with much suffering and agony. With these words, John the Baptist personifies humility, leaving Jesus to carry out his mission to take away the

sin of the world. Jesus will do this on a cross outside of Jerusalem and the sending of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the fulfillment of Isaiah's suffering servant figure. Both arrive with the same mission — forgiveness of sins for Israel and all nations. However, to fulfill this task both must die. In the Sacrament of Baptism, the newly baptized acceptance of Jesus commits everyone to share this same Spirit Jesus himself received. Paul identifies himself as an apostle because Jesus sent him. He now identifies as sent similarly as evangelizers sent to communities, offices, towns and villages bringing their deep commitment to Jesus to share with everyone. It is a mission for every follower of Jesus right to today.

Why Must I Attend Sunday Mass?

Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man & drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (Jn.6:53). To have no "life within you" is to be without sanctifying grace, which is necessary for friendship with God, & ultimately, for salvation. May you receive the Eucharist (the flesh of Jesus) if you don't attend Sunday Mass regularly? No, because: 1. It is a serious sin to miss Mass on Sundays or holy days. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: On Sundays & other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass (can. 1247). The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation & confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful Jesus said, "do this in memory of me" Lk. 22:19) at the Last Supper. The only way you can fulfill this command is by attending Mass. All are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor (can. 1245). Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. [Par. 2181] Thus, you cannot receive the Eucharist worthily if you don't

Why Must I Attend Sunday Mass continued?

attend Sunday Mass weekly, since being in grave sin means that you may not receive the sacraments. If you are in grave sin, you must go to confession before receiving the Eucharist again. 2. The third commandment is still in effect: "Keep holy the Lord's day." What could be holier than the Mass? The Mass sanctifies our Sundays & holy Days. 3. "From the liturgy especially from the Eucharist, grace is poured forth upon us as from a fountain, & the sanctification of men in Christ & the glorification of God to which all other activities of the Church are directed, as toward their end, are achieved with maximum effectiveness." (Vatican II, Decree on Sacred Liturgy, par. 10. 4. Jesus died on the cross to make our salvation possible. The Mass is primarily the re-offering of this one great sacrifice of love. Can we say we love God if we won't even come to simply share in offering this holy sacrifice at least once a week? 5. If only we knew how many graces we receive from the Mass, how powerful an offering it is for our departed relatives in Purgatory, how pleasing it is to God, we would consider going to Mass every day! On the other hand, if only we knew how displeasing it is to God for us to miss Sunday Mass, we would move mountains in order to be there every Sunday, and never, never miss, except when sick, caring for the sick, or prevented by lack of transportation. 6. Finally, don't think that going to Mass every Sunday and holy day will guarantee your salvation. It won't. God expects much more: prayer, receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, good works for others, etc. But intentionally missing Mass on Sunday or a holy day without a serious reason is to fall short of the minimum obligations of love. The eternal consequences of this are frightening, to say the least! But... I work on Sunday!" some say. For an occasional crisis, you can be excused from Sunday Mass, if you work from early morning until late at night Saturday and Sunday. But, many places, early morning or even keeping Masses are available at nearby churches. Anyone who works every Sunday and does not need to do so in order to provide basic necessities as food and clothing should afford a way to avoid Sunday work. Those who give themselves and their time to God first find that they are blessed and need not work so hard. Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God his righteousness, and all these things [food, drink, clothing] will be given you besides" (Mt 6:33).....I don't get anything out of it! When a husband does what his wife wants rather than what he wants does he get anything out of it? Why we go to Mass we're not trying to get something, but to give back, because of all that Jesus did for us. Is an hour on Sunday too much to ask? I'm a good person. I do many good works for my neighbor," you say First, loving your neighbor is the second great commandment, not the first. The first is to love God with all your heart, soul and mind (Mt. 22:37). Also, as St. John Vianney said, "All good works put together are not equivalent to the sacrifice of the Mass, because they are the works of men and the holy Mass is the work of God."



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Jan. 20, 2020—1 Sm. 15:16-23
Gospel Mk. 2:18-22
Tues. Jan. 21, 2020—1 Sm. 16:1—13
Gospel Mk. 2:23-28
Wed. Jan. 22, 2020—1 Sm. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Gospel Mk. 3:1-6
Thurs. Jan. 23, 2020—1 Sm. 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Gospel Mk. 3:7-12
Fri. Jan. 24, 2020—1 Sm. 24:3-21 Gospel Mk. 3:13-19

Thank You from the Family of Henry Kirts

To: Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners. We don't remember who all did the set up, cooking, sewing, & cleanup. And, some, I'm sure, dropped off food items or beverages. Just know how grateful we are to you all for providing our family & friends with a nice, warm hall & delicious food during a difficult day of saying our goodbyes to Dad!

thank you

With Love & Gratitude, Ann Kirts, Mark Kirts & Family.

Thank You from the Family of Dr. Steven Szigethy

The family of Dr. Steven B. Szigethy would like to thank the Our Lady of Lourdes Church for all their thoughts & prayers & for the meal that was served to our family. We are grateful to all of you for your care to our family. Thank you & God bless

thank you

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



For George & Jane Bohman
on January 26, 2020
At St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
207 E Walnut St, Robinson, Illinois
10:00 am ~ Rosary, 10:30 ~ am Mass
11:30 am ~ 1:00 pm ~
Refreshments in Parish Hall

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church
Week ending Sunday, January 12, 2020
Envelopes \$2,247.00 Loose \$316.00
First Offering \$50.00
Catholic Times \$345.00
4 @ \$225.00
Deposit \$3,183.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church
Week ending Sunday, January 5, 2020
Envelopes \$985.00 Loose \$123.00
Building Fund \$105.00
Solemnity of Mary \$180.00
Edith Smith Food Pantry \$194.00
Deposit: \$1,587.00



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees), Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris, Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Monica Mann (Sherri Murray-Thomas), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Linda Stewart (Nolan Stewart), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.

Music Appreciation from Chris Jansen



Much gratitude goes to all the musicians who used their talents & rehearsed extra to help make the Christmas Masses musically extra special for everyone. Every musician is appreciated. A Special thanks goes to Mike Emmerich for directing the Christmas Eve choir, Teresa Gower for directing the Children's Choir, Jeff Mueller for accompanying the Children's Choir, & Jill Jansen for directing one of the selections for Christmas Eve. It is great to recognize each of our musicians, & please accept my apology if anyone was inadvertently omitted. Choir

Members for Christmas Eve included: Jacob Blankenbeker, Jessie Blankenbeker, Xavier Brown, Kandle Dart, Larry Dix, Mike Emmerich, Susan Emmerich, Marian Hatfield, Isabel Heidorn, Kayla Holscher, Jill Jansen, Sarah Laski, Ginger Osborne, Ian Quick, Joe Quick, Josh Quick, Roselene Quick, Sam Quick & Barb Shimer. Instrumentalists for Christmas Eve included: Jessie Quick-Flute, Chris Jansen-Keyboards & Trumpet, Sam Quick-Trumpet, Xavier Brown-Horn & Trumpet, Joe Quick-Euphonium, & Josh Quick-Keyboards & Tuba. Children's Choir Members for Christmas Day included: Ella Buntun, Callie Dickerson, Emily Ferris, Halle Gower, Eva Hermann, Mallory Mosbey, Logan Mueller, Maddy Myers, Sicily Rawlings, Lauren Staller, & Anthony Tran. With much appreciation, Chris Jansen.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL supports our parishes & diocese in carrying out the GOSPEL MISSION of the Catholic Church in forming disciples of JESUS CHRIST. The theme of the 2019 appeal is "TOGETHER IN MISSION". Each of us by our common Baptism into Christ Jesus is called to be active participants in working to form ourselves into DISCIPLES who are willing with the grace of God to labor TOGETHER IN MISSION". As we strive to be able to serve with one another in the spirit of MISSION may we continue to receive the gift of God's Grace by generously supporting this year's appeal. As always, your deep & sincere generosity is greatly appreciated as we strive together to fulfill the goal for: ST. ELIZABETH PARISH \$33,773.00 & OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH - \$7,153.00. As of JANUARY 4, 2020, for ST. ELIZABETH PARISH, the TOTAL PLEDGED is \$18,860.00 with the TOTAL PAID of \$16,810.00. As of JANUARY 4, 2020 for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, the TOTAL PLEDGED is \$3,069.00 with the TOTAL PAID of \$2,653.00. May God bless you abundantly with His Graces for your kind & generous responses.

Catholic Times

In your JANUARY Offertory Envelope Packet, there is an envelope marked CATHOLIC TIMES. If you are able to provide payment for this collection, 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 & God bless you.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass