



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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, January 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Story found in Mark 1:21-28 Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

24 "What do you want

with us, Jesus of

Nazareth? Have you

come to destroy us? I

know who you are—

The Holy One of God!"

Mark 1:24



Mass Intentions

Jan. 27	4:30 pm	Special Intentions Cindy Vahling by Dave & Eileen Cooper
Jan. 28	7:30 am 9:00 am	Special Intentions Dan Schalasky Family by Dan Schalasky
Jan. 29	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Jan. 30	7:30 am	Fr. William Overmann by Anne Pool
Jan. 31	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Jan. 31	7:30 am	Jim Loy by Anne Loy
Feb. 1	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 2	7:30 am	Mike & Judy Smolinski by Karen Sanders
OLOL First Friday	5:30 pm	Perna Wirey by Keith & Rita Wirey
Feb. 3	4:30 pm	Loretta Koester by Dave & Eileen Cooper
Feb. 4	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Edith Smith by Karen Smith Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 3, 2018 ~ Sunday, February 4, 2018

Sat. Feb. 3, 2018 4:30 pm	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Celeste White
USHERS:	Logan Baird, Lukas Baird
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Xavier Brown, Jeff Hermann
GIFTS:	Don Biernbaum Family
Sun. Feb. 4, 2018 7:30 am	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Janet Jenkins
USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Travis Rich
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Matthew Jenkins
GIFTS:	Chad Arkenberg Family
Sun. Feb. 4, 2018 9:00 am	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Keith Wirey
USHERS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Cameron Davis
GIFTS:	Bob & Kourtney Coffman
Sun. Feb. 4, 2018 10:30 am	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Josh Quick
USHERS:	Gene & Teresa Gower
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Breanna Briggs, Halle Gower
GIFTS:	Gene Gower 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, 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 31 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Scriptural Reflections for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

What can free us from being "anxious about the things of the world"? The authority of Jesus, who commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." The people in the time of Moses begged for such a prophet. That promise is fulfilled definitively in Jesus Christ, whose authority astonishes the assembled crowd. "If today you hear his voice," adhere "to the Lord without distraction." "To him you shall listen," because obeying the authority of Christ makes us more human and fills us with a burning desire for things truly great.



The Lenten Season

The Holy and Sacred Season of Lent begins on February 14, 2018. LENT is an amazing and fruitful spiritual season. It begins with Ash Wednesday and leads on a forty—day pilgrimage towards the feast of Easter. Along the way, LENT invites us to cultivate a spirit of unselfishness based on the virtues of faith, hope, and charity. This holy and sacred season invites us to remember that what it's all about is the love of God and neighbor, the only source of ultimate meaning and purpose. The SPIRIT OF LENT invites us to "UNSELF OURSELVES" and that is the purpose of the traditional disciple of FASTING and ABSTINENCE. That is, to UNSELF OURSELVES and to become more oriented to the LOVE OF GOD and NEIGHBOR. That is what we want to help each other to do during the holy and sacred season of LENT — to help each other to cultivate the SPIRIT OF LENT in our hearts and souls.

Lenten Events for Feb. 14~Feb. 23, 2018



ASH WEDNESDAY~ February 14, 2018

7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist~

Imposition of the Blessed Ashes

8:00 am ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am ~ Stations of the Cross

10:30 am ~ Benediction

4:00 pm ~ OLOL~Sacred Eucharist~

Imposition of the Blessed Ashes

6:30 pm ~ St. Elizabeth~Sacred Eucharist~

Imposition of the Blessed Ashes

Friday, February 16, 2018

7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

5:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross~Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, February 19, 2018 6:00~7:00 pm ~

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, February 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

Friday, February 23, 2018

7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

5:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Sun. Jan. 28, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
From the Pastor ~ The Nearness of God

Prophets challenge their listeners. They speak words that touch hearts and connect to their listeners' everyday lives. Prophets remind the people not just who they are, but whose they are. This seems to be the core message of every authentic prophet God sends: Yahweh is their God, and they are his people. Therefore, the people need to act accordingly.

Jesus is seen as this kind of prophet, because he speaks with confidence and sincerity, challenging those who hear to a conversion of heart.

His words possess the primary purpose of softening hardened hearts, which often meets with resistance from listeners such as the scribes and the Pharisees. They resist Jesus' words, not because they are false teachings, but because they make hearers stop and take notice of Jesus' truthfulness.

Paul and Jesus want their listeners to be who they say they are by living who they say they are. This means they need to rid themselves of evil spirits still lurking in their hearts. This is done by concentrating on the covenant they made with Yahweh before anyone else or anything else. This is pivotal for their Christian lives, and, if they do, other issues and concerns presently distracting them become contained like the evil spirit confronting Jesus.

There is a cartoon of the "Peanuts" character Charlie Brown, who is sitting down looking sad and dejected with his head buried in his hands with the caption: "You may feel alone but God knows exactly where you are, and he has a good plan for your life."

Charlie Brown — and Jesus' disciples — need only keep their daily lives focused on Jesus by recalling his presence. Then to make room for the Holy Spirit so that his voice, too, might deafen those distracting voices that lead to dead ends. Indeed, Jesus is clearly a powerful prophet like Moses, but even more!

"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things, and through whom he created the universe" (Heb 1:1-2).



Mardi Gras News

Raffle Tickets: For the 2018 Mardi Gras, we are in high hopes that we will be able to sell all 1,000 Raffle Tickets to secure the highest possible return. Many THANKS to all of you that have sold tickets & if they are sold, please bring them into the Parish Office.

Directions: Located at the Bulletin in the vestibule of the Church is a MAP.

Transportation: TRANSPORTATION is being provided to STONEY RIDGE EVENT CENTER beginning at 5:30 pm Saturday, February 10 throughout the evening. PLEASE PARK IN THE PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM THE PARISH CENTER.

Dinner Tickets: Table Reservations & Dinner Tickets are available in the Parish Office or after Masses from Father Flach. The MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE has been working very hard together & we are all looking for a successful & enjoyable evening.

Financial Statements for 2017 Contributions

If you would like to receive your 2017 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT, the document is prepared for you to pick up at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Thank you.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Spiritual Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BUT AS FOR ME, GOD'S PRESENCE IS ALL I NEED. I HAVE MADE THE SOVEREIGN LORD MY SHELTER, AS I DECLARE ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE DONE.
PSALMS 73:28

But always we persevere, and must persevere, with the same desire for obedience with which we [began].. on that first day. With that same holy fear we must exercise our spirit in continual humble prayer right up to the last day of our life, so that our spirit will never become lazy. We should always be occupied with praying the Psalms or meditating or raising our mind to God, pondering within ourselves the blazing charity we discover and see in the blood of the Word, God's Son. For he has made a bath of his blood to wash away our sins.

When we see and consider that God loves us so much, we cannot keep ourselves from loving. And when we love, our mind thinks about the object of our love. Now we cannot live without love. And since two opposing loves cannot exist together, we must of necessity be stripped of perverse love and clothed in God's. Because our heart cannot but be sensitive to the one we love, we use holy thoughts to drive out the evil thoughts the devil would like to put into our heart. And the devil, finding that our heart is ablaze in the fire of divine charity, doesn't come around much, any more than a fly comes around a boiling cauldron. But if the devil were to find our heart fearful and lukewarm, he would come in right away with all his ugly thoughts and imaginings.

First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL

There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT KIOSK

The parish family of ST. ELIZABETH is so blessed to be able to begin to participate in a SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT program involving the SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT KIOSK. A Kiosk is a moveable bookcase which will contain spiritual and religious items all pertaining to the CATHOLIC FAITH. All of the spiritual items are from LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA. The items will be C.D.'s, Books, Booklets. Some of the various titles are: the book 7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn, the book Mother Teresa of Calcutta by Leo Maas burg, the C.D. Who Do You Say that I Am by Fr. Robert Barron, the C.D. Why Be Catholic by Patrick Madrid, the booklet Is Jesus Really Present in the Eucharist, the booklet What Happened at Fatima. All of the items on the Kiosk are available to purchase at a reasonable price and the items will be changed from time to time. The Kiosk will be in the vestibule of St. Elizabeth Church. Father Flach will bless the SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT KIOSK at the weekend Masses on Feb. 17 & 2018, the First Sunday of Lent. KATHY STALLER will be serving as the Coordinator of this important ministry and service for our parish family. The Kiosk and all of the items to begin have been provided from the proceeds of the CRAWFORD COUNTY MARDI GRAS 2018. May God bless our efforts as we begin this SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.

The Most Holy & Sacred Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday~February 14, 2018 to Easter Sunday~April 1, 2018. As we begin this holy & penitential season of the Church Year, the Season of LENT, we are invited to enter into the spirit of sacred time through the ancient tradition of receiving the BLESSED ASHES upon our foreheads. Ash Wednesday the first day of the Lenten Season & a day of universal fast, penance & abstinence within the Catholic Church. On this particular day of Prayer, Penance & Fasting, Blessed Ashes will be placed upon our foreheads in the Sign of the Cross to express our willingness & sincere desire during the remaining forty days of Lent to enter into the true spirit of this season of conversion. Through the gifts of God's grace, we will strive to receive into our hearts & souls the Christian virtues—the important symbols of the Spirit of lent, the Spirit of discipline, the Spirit of Sacrifice, the Spirit of Penance, the Spirit of fasting, the Spirit of Reconciliation & the Spirit of Almsgiving. To symbolize our sincere desire to begin this Holy & Sacred Season of Lent & to help us prepare our hearts & souls for the Spirit of Lent, the **Schedule for Ash Wednesday is: 7:**

Lenten Mass & Devotions

During this special season of the Church Year, the holy spiritual season of Lent, we are blessed to be able to gather in prayer. During lent, the Son of God, our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ invites us to come to Him so that our hearts will be renewed, enriched & converted. So that those who work during the day will have an opportunity to celebrate the Sacred Eucharist during the week, there will be Mass & the Stations of the Cross. 6:30 pm Sacred Eucharist. Please give serious thought & reflection to your attendance at the Lenten Devotions so that you will be able to take advantage of these sacred & holy days of Lent.

Parish Meetings



Pastoral Council Meeting: St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. If you are unable to

be in attendance, please call Father Flach.



Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting:

The Finance Council Meeting for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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 7, 2018, the goal for St. Elizabeth Parish is \$31,455.00 with the amount of \$20,250.00 being pledged & the amount of \$18,500.00 being secured. As of January 7, 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 \$2,515.00 being secured. As always, your generosity is deeply appreciated & may God bless you abundantly with good health & peace.



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.




Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church
Week Ending Sunday, January 21, 2018
Envelopes \$ 1,962.00 Loose \$240.00
Catholic Times \$90.00 First Offering \$40.00
3 online @ \$185.00 Building Fund \$15.00
Church in Latin America \$10.00 Deposit: \$2,542.00
Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending Sunday, January 14, 2018
Envelopes \$600.00 Loose \$107.00 Catholic Times \$120.00
Building Fund \$50.00 Deposit \$877.00

Daily Bible Readings 01-29-/02-02-2018



Jan. 29, 2018 First Reading
2 Sm. 15:13-14, 30;16:5-13
Gospel Mk. 5:1-20 
Jan. 30, 2018 First Reading
2 Sm. 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3
Gospel Mk. 5:21-43
Jan. 31, 2018 First Reading 2 Sm. 24:2, 9-17
Gospel Mk. 6:1-6
Feb. 1, 2018 First Reading 1 Kgs. 2:1-4, 10-12 Gospel
Mk. 6: 7-13
Feb. 2, 2018 First Reading Mal. 3:1-4 Reading 2 Heb.
2:14-18 Gospel Lk. 2:22-40 or 2:22-32