



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, July 29, 2018 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in John 6:1-15



“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves & two fish; but what good are these for so many” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. John 6: 9-10

July 28	4:30 pm	Favorable Weather
July 29	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Mildred Schmidt by Bob & Kourtney Coffman
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
July 30	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
July 31	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Aug. 1	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 2	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Aug. 3	7:30 am	Special Intentions
OLOL First Friday Mass	5:00 pm	Ron Dhom by Sharon Skaggs
Aug. 4	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Aug. 5	7:30 am	Johanna Marshall by Chad Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Baptism of Finley Parkhurst by Joe & Carol Hepner

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 4, 2018 ~ Sunday, August 5, 2018

Sat. Aug. 4, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Lisa Baird, Karen Sanders

SERVERS: Xavier Brown

GIFTS: Don Biernbaum Family

Sun. Aug. 5, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: David Holscher

USHERS: Jeff Rich, Craig Weber

COMMUNION MIN: Eileen Hartrich, Jona Uptmor

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Jeff Rich Family

Sun. Aug. 5, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Lori Davis

USHERS: Rich & Anita Kocher

COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

SERVERS: Jeff Hermann

GIFTS: Rich & Anita Kocher

Sun. Aug. 5, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell

COMMUNION MIN: Mark Ghering, Teresa Gower

SERVERS: Kifer Stevens, Anthony Tran

GIFTS: Andrew Ferris Family

August Collection Counters:

July 2018: Lisa Baird, Marge Boatman, Don Brown

Wed. Aug. 1, 2018 ~

PSR Faculty Meeting

at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Wed. Aug. 8, 2018 ~

PSR Parent Meeting & Registration at

6:00 pm in the Parish Center; PSR fees

are due at this time.

Fees are \$35.00 per child.

Mon. Aug. 13, 2018 ~

Second Grade Parent Meeting at 6:00

pm in the Parish Center.

Wed. Aug. 22, 2018 ~

PSR Opening Mass at 6:30 pm.

First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL



There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, August 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

The Mass will be for Ron Dhom by Sharon Skaggs.

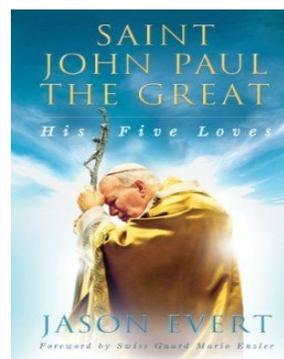
Catholic Charities Ramblin' Rose Bus



The RAMBLIN' ROSE BUS will be at St. Elizabeth's Church on Friday, August 10, 2018 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Ramblin' Rose offers FREE basic school supplies as well as clothing for children grades K-12.

Kiosk Corner

Saint John Paul The Great (Book) by Jason Evert. Discover the five greatest loves of Saint John Paul II, through remarkable



unpublished stories about him from bishops, priests who organized his papal pilgrimages, his students in Poland, Swiss Guards, and others. Mining through a mountain of papal resources, Jason Evert has uncovered the gems and now presents the Church a treasure chest brimming with the jewels of the saint's life. Rekindle your own faith by learning what (and who) captivated the heart of this great saint. This brand new biography features never-before published stories or our

beloved Pope John Paul II! A French novelist once wrote, "Tell me what before published stories of our beloved Pope you love, and I will tell you who you are." John Paul II! Although there are countless ways to study Saint John Paul the Great, the most direct route is by entering the man's heart.

**Original Order of the Sacraments of Initiation.
Baptism-Reconciliation-Confirmation-First Eucharist
Reconciliation—Second Grade
Confirmation-First Eucharist-Third Grade**

1. What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the second of the three sacraments of Christian initiation. Confirmation is the completion of Baptism and the sacrament by which the baptized faithful are anointed with chrism by the laying on of hands. The grace received is the fullness of the Holy Spirit and his gifts. We also describe this fullness as the completion, strengthening, or perfection of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism.

2. What are the Sacraments of Initiation?

The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are interrelated and all three are required for full Christian initiation. The Christian is born anew by Baptism, strengthened by Confirmation, and fed by the food of eternal life in the Eucharist.

3. Who is the minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

The ordinary minister of Confirmation is the bishop. In addition, pastors who baptize an adult or child of catechetical age are the ministers of Confirmation as required by the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

4. Who can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

A candidate for confirmation is one who has reached the age of reason (third grade in this Diocese) and meets the following requirements: Is validly baptized and not previously confirmed, Is Catholic (children baptized in another church must make a Profession of Faith), Is properly instructed, Is capable of renewing their Baptismal promises, Has been previously prepared for and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation,

Candidates will be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Both sacraments will be celebrated together at the same Mass.

5. Why is the Diocese in Illinois changing the age of Confirmation?

By placing Confirmation at this age, the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will be following the natural sequence of the Sacrament of Christian Initiation: Baptism, then Confirmation and then reception of First Holy Communion. Blessed Paul VI stated the following: The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and received in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity (CCC 1212). It should also be noted that this is the sequence followed by RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), which requires that children and adults in the catechumenate receive all three sacraments together, even if the children are younger than the age at which the Catholic children of the parish are routinely confirmed and by the Eastern Catholic Churches for infants and alike (CCC 1232). In addition, by placing Confirmation prior to the reception of First-Eucharist, it makes it easier to view the Eucharist as the "summit" of Christian initiation (CCC 133). Therefore, all baptized who have reached the age of reason should be appropriately prepared and received the Sacrament of Confirmation before the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

6. When our children are confirmed prior to First Holy Communion, how are they to make an adult commitment to the Church?

All sacraments are a gift from our Heavenly Father, who desires to give us His very life, which we call grace. Sacraments are not

Original Order of the Sacraments of Initiation cont.

earned or merited. For this reason, Confirmation should not be perceived as the sacrament of choosing to confirm one's faith but of Christ choosing us and the deepening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in our baptism. The Church even requires priests to confirm infants and children younger than the age of reason when they are in danger of death so that they may receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. An authentic mature commitment to Christ and the Church is expressed in full participation in the Eucharist and apostolic life of the Church. It is not achieved at a single moment but throughout the life-long deepening of our relationship with Christ. This begins in childhood and continues until death.

Sunday, July 29, 2018

From the Pastor: God Rewards Our Faithfulness

Pope Francis often says, "If we pray to a God who doesn't astonish or surprise us, we are praying to the wrong God." Today we are worshipping the right God who astonishes and surprises. He astonishes his disciples by taking ordinary food — bread and fish — from an ordinary, young boy and amazes everyone by telling his disciples to begin feeding the large crowd. They do, and at the end of the meal, there is an abundance of leftovers. And Jesus did all these things in a peaceful, simple and ordinary way. He moved with faith and trust in his father to make it all happen. The results were astounding. Christ teaches this message to all his followers. If they hope to accomplish things in life, they need faith and trust in God. It is the primary lesson he wants his disciples to learn. If they acquire this lesson first, then they easily can teach others to do the same. Elisha faces a similar challenge. He was given 20 loaves, and he gave them to his servant to distribute to 100 people. Elisha shows his faith and trust by asking his disbelieving servant to feed the hungry people waiting. In sending his servant, Elisha gives the power of his deep faith and trust in God to his servant to act in his name. His servant does, and he is astonished that there are leftovers. The task, faced as overwhelming, is resolved with God's help. In life, believers face difficult challenges and tasks. They may have faith and trust in God, but still, doubts may exist. However, when we rise up, do our best and trust in God, we often achieve more than we thought possible. This is the power of faith, giving us the ability to trust that God will get us through whatever is before us. Often the Lord answers our prayers by coaxing his followers to use the power that comes from faith. Elisha gave this power to his servant. Jesus gave it to his disciples, and they all became God's instruments. They feed the hungry with little, but with the



power of belief, the little produced more. Young Joan of Arc possessed faith and trust. Joan was an ordinary peasant girl unschooled in military warfare. But hearing God's call to defend her people, she stepped forward, trusting in God's word to her. Her powerful faith won over her rulers, giving them a needed military victory. She died for her beliefs. But she lived courageously because she trusted in God. When God sees belief, God provides.

Spiritual Reading for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



We should never tire of saying that the Eucharist communicates our redemption. After all, on the altar there is the continuous saving work of our divine merciful One, always craving that I might seize the most of the fruits of his saving Passion. Continuous redemption on the world's altars means redemption of my personal evil. I need to see my evil in the light of faith. I need to see that God is responding to my faith and contrition. He even uses my evil so that his mercy can more abundantly flow right into me. I am never alone with my fear, despair, disappointment, or a crisis involving accepted authority. Any kind of difficult situation is a trial of faith. I may feel alone and helpless in the face of such trials. Yet the truth is really quite different; paradoxically different. In these highly difficult moments, God is actually closest to me. In times of huge sexual temptations, Christ says to Saint Catherine of Siena: "I have never been so close to you as in this moment." In such moments, God is simply just waiting for me. He is waiting for me to discover the value and treasure of the Eucharist in every temptation, crisis fear, or moment of despair, he wants to embrace and transform me by this redeeming sacrament.

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When "the people saw the sign" of the multiplication of the loaves, they exclaimed, "This is truly the Prophet." "God gives himself to us through the gestures of life, hence, it is through them also that we are to give ourselves to him.... It is not a matter of running away from life, but of entering it down its depths, down into the encounter with the divine Source in the transparency of the act" (M. Zundel). As the Psalmist expresses it, in front of the signs-of God that grace our life, we are to "call upon him in truth." That is how we "live in a manner worthy of our call."



Daily Mass Readings

Monday, July 30, 2018 First Reading Jer. 13:1-11
Gospel Mt. 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 First Reading Jer. 14:17-22
Gospel Mt. 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 First Reading
Jer. 15:10, 16-21 Gospel Mt. 13:44-46

Thursday, August 2, 2018 First Reading Jer. 18:1-6
Gospel Mt. 13:47-57

Friday, August 3, 2018 First Reading Jer. 26:1-9
Gospel Mt. 13:54-58



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Karen Bailey) Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Sonny Rosenski (Linda Allen), Jack Stanley, Charlie Steagall, Dylan Wesley (Celeste White), Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION is an invitation to trust in God & also to imitate Mary in what she herself said: "Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; I put myself at the Lord's disposal." This is the lesson: one should travel on ones' own road; one should give life & not take it. And precisely in this way each one is on the journey of love which is the loss of self, but this losing of oneself is in fact the only way to truly find oneself, to find true life. Let us look at Mary, taken up into Heaven. Let us be encouraged to celebrate the joyful feast with faith: God wins. Faith, which seems weak, is the true force of the world. Love is stronger than hate. And let us say with Elizabeth: Blessed are you among women. Let us pray to you with all the Church: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now & at the hour of our death. Amen. -Pope Benedict XVI from Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— August 15, 2007.

Holy Day of Obligation



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The SACRED EUCHARIST will be celebrated on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 5:00 PM** at **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH** & on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 at 7:30 AM** in **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**.



Finance Council

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Weekly Offerings



Remember Your Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, July 22, 2018

Envelopes \$2,328.00 Loose \$344.00

4 online @ \$285.00

Total Deposit: \$2,957.00

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending July 15, 2018

Envelopes \$892.00 Loose Collection \$121.00

Total Deposit: \$1,013.00



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