



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~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, March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

Story found in Jn.4:5~42 or 4:5~15

THE MESSAGE AND PROMISES OF JESUS, THE DIVINE MERCY

National Multimedia Presentation

The Spark from Poland Ignites the World

Tuesday, April 2 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Presentation and Holy Hour for USA

Wednesday, April 3 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Religious Ed / Family Program

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

207 E. Walnut St., Robinson, Illinois 62454

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation each evening 5:00 to 5:45 pm.



Presented by:

Dave & Joan Maroney

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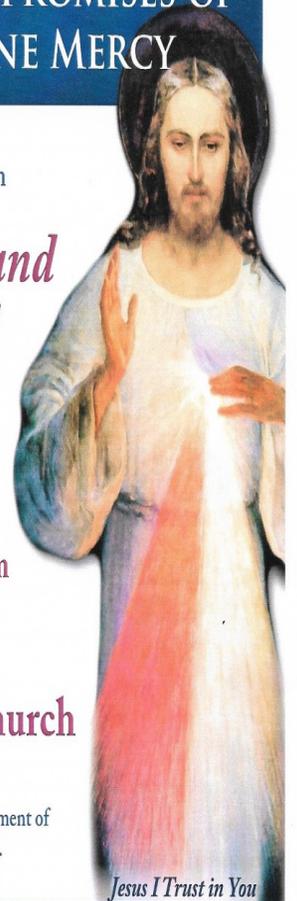
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Mass Intentions

Mar. 23	4:30 pm	Bernard & Clara Mette & Family by Jack & Carol Watts
Mar. 24	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Francis Medina by Steve & Geri Ezell
Mar. 25	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Mar. 26	12:00 pm	Terry Baird from PSR Teachers
Mar. 27	7:30 am	Joe Stein Birthday Deceased by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 28	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Mar. 29	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Mar. 30	4:30 pm	Jean Loy (Birth) by Anne Loy
Mar. 31	7:30 am	Terry Baird from PSR Teachers
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 30 ~ Sunday, March 31, 2019

Sat. Mar. 30, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Richard Mullins Family

Sun. Mar. 31, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Shari Eckert

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFTS: James Eckert Family

Sun. Mar. 31, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

Sun. Mar. 31, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: Jack Grimm, John Grimm

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Anthony Tran

GIFTS: Scott Chapman Family

March Collection Counters: Marge Boatman, Scott & Valerie Chapman



Parish School of Religion

Wed. Mar. 27, 2019. April Dates: Wed. Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24

Think About These Things. An Exam of Conscience For Lent

We all have philosophies, or approaches to life that guide how we use our time, how we make decisions & how we interact with those around us. You can probably see yours reflected in how you try to raise your children, what you spend your money on, & how you treat others. Our philosophies form overtime through personal experiences, & they're often influenced — for better or worse — by the world around us. Perhaps we never even deliberately stated our philosophies; we simply picked them up as we went along. In his Letter to the Philippians, St. Paul presents an inspired philosophy of life. He urges us to fill our minds & hearts only with things that are holy, true and pure— things that will build up our faith. He urges us to act like a holding on to the ways of God & letting go of everything that's opposed to Him. In other words, Paul calls to take the spiritual lessons that Jesus taught & put them into practice so that we can shape our philosophies around Jesus. This Lent, as you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God is inviting you to reflect on your philosophy of life. Are there areas in your life where you haven't held on to the way Jesus lived? Maybe in the way you treat your family members or coworkers, or maybe like how much time you set aside for daily prayer. Are there any areas where worldly thinking guide your decisions more than the call to holiness does? Using this passage from Philippians 4, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your examination. Ask him to show you how you can become more like Jesus. As you bring these areas into the light of Christ, you will come to experience more and more of God's lasting, perfect peace. **A LENTEN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.**

Whatever is true... Are there areas in which I'm not being honest with myself & the Lord? Are there ways in which I have been dishonest with those closest to me? Am I trying to hide some sin from the Lord? Am I avoiding my need to deal with a relationship that has been wounded? *Whatever is honorable...* Am I using my gifts & talents for God's glory? Do my goals in life, especially my goals for my relationships, reflect gospel values? Or are they based more on life-centered, worldly ambitions? Do I speak to other people, & about them, in a way that is respectful & straightforward? *What is just...* Have I treated anyone unfairly? Have I engaged in improper deals at work or been untrue to a friend or family. Have I focused more on flaws of the people around than on their gifts & blessings? Am I trying my best to care for the poor & the unfortunate? *Whatever is pure...* have I guarded my mind & my eyes against lust? Have I acted impurely, either with someone else/myself? Am I treating my husband or wife with honor & respect? *What is lovely, whatever is gracious.* Are there ways in which my witness to the gospel is tarnished whether by speech or my actions? Am I modest in my dress & appearance? Or am I overly concerned with how I look before others? Have I become caught up in grudges & resentments against someone else? Is there someone I need to forgive? Keep on doing what you have learned, received, heard & seen in me.

LENTEN EVENTS

Mon. March 25, 2019 ~ 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study

Wed. March 27, 2019 ~ 7:30 am—Sacred Eucharist

8:00 am—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am—Stations of the Cross

6:45 pm—P.S.R. Confessions—Grade 5

Friday, March 29, 2019 ~ 7:30 am—Sacred Eucharist

4:00 pm—7:00 pm—Fish Fry—St. Elizabeth Parish

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

Sunday, March 31, 2019 ~ 11:30 am—Stations of the Cross

Martin Scorsese's 2016 film "Silence" tells the story of Jesuit missionaries laboring in 17th-century Japan after the official suppression of Christianity. Having received word in Portugal that an older priest has renounced his faith under torture, two younger Jesuits volunteer to go to Japan and find him. Needing a guide, they enlist the aid of an alcoholic fisherman named Kichijiro, a weak-willed sometimes-Christian who admits that he fled Japan to avoid persecution. Under threat of torture, Kichijiro betrays Rodrigues (one of the younger Jesuits) into the hands of a samurai. Rodrigues is imprisoned with many Japanese Christians — including, eventually, Kichijiro, who asks Rodrigues to hear his confession and absolve him of the betrayal. Putting priestly duties before personal feelings, Rodrigues agrees; and he is forced to watch when Kichijiro yet again rejects his faith in exchange for his freedom. What faith and generosity it must have taken for Rodrigues to hear the confession of his betrayer and to absolve him. It certainly would have been easy to dismiss Kichijiro as never having been serious about his faith in the first place — especially after he goes on, freshly absolved, to deny his faith yet again. But years later when he is arrested, Kichijiro is found to have a Christian amulet; and although he denies owning it, he nevertheless is led away, presumably to die for the Faith. God is like Rodrigues the confessor, ever ready to extend mercy, ever open to second chances. God wants only to deliver us from our bondage to sin and to save us. We are all, in some way, trapped like Kichijiro; our tepid, weak will often overwhelms our best intentions, and our courage and faith seem to fail us. But God's abundant grace remains ever on offer, as Paul reminds the Corinthians. By baptism (and reconciliation) we washed clean and filled with the Spirit, who guides and strengthens us. The Eucharist is always there to feed and sustain us spiritually. And Jesus, the compassionate gardener, will not give up on us fruitless fig trees. He never tires of cultivating and fertilizing, hoping against hope that we might yet bear fruit.

Congratulations to the 2019 First Reconciliation Class



Our Lady of Lourdes Schedule Changes

Pertaining to the SCHEDULES for Ministries at the Sacred Eucharist as well as counting money when you are making CHANGES, PLEASE inform Father Flach. Thank you for your faithful & devoted service to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Spiritual Reading for the Third Sunday Of Lent

First of all, it must be emphasized that nothing is more personal and intimate than the Sacrament of Confession in which the sinner stands alone before God with his sin, repentance and trust. No one can repent in his place or ask forgiveness in his name. There is a certain solitude of the sinner in his sin, and this can be seen dramatically represented in Cain with sin "crouching at his door," as the book of Genesis says so effectively, and with the distinctive mark on his forehead; in David, admonished by the prophet Nathan; or in the prodigal son, when he realizes the condition to which he has reduced himself by staying away from his father and decides to return to him. Everything takes place between the individual alone and God. But at the same time one cannot deny the social nature of this sacrament, in which the whole Church—militant, suffering, and glorious in heaven—comes to the aid of the penitent and welcomes him again into her bosom, especially as it was the whole church which had been offended and wounded by his sin. As the minister of penance, the priest by virtue of his sacred office appears as the witness and representative of this e c c l e s i a l nature of the sacrament.... Second, it must be emphasized that the most precious result of the forgiveness obtained in the Sacrament of Penance consists in reconciliation with God, which takes place in the inmost heart of the son who was lost and found again, which every penitent is. But it has to be added that this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations which repair the breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his own true identity. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way attacked and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation. As a result of an awareness of this...there arises in the penitent a sense of gratitude to God for the gift of divine mercy received, and the church invites the penitent to have this sense of gratitude. Every confessional is a special and blessed place from which, with divisions wiped away, there is born new and uncontaminated a reconciled individual—a reconciled world!

Scriptural Reflections for the Third SUNDAY of LENT

The burning bush is bursting with fruit: the presence of God. Thus, God commanded Moses, "Remove thy sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." On the other hand, the fig tree in full foliage is barren. The fruitfulness of the fig tree depends on its receiving nutrients from the "cultivated ground around it." Saint Paul says, "Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." If we live with our roots in the holy & fertile ground of the Church, God will make us secure, & set us aflame with his life.

Daily Mass Readings

- Mon. Mar. 25, 2019 First Reading. Is. 7:10-14, 8-10
Reading 2-Heb. 10:4-10 Gospel Lk. 1:26-38
- Tues. Mar. 26, 2019 Dn. 3:25, 34-43
Gospel Mt. 18:21-35
- Wed. Mar. 27, 2019 Dt. 4:1, 5-9
Gospel Mt. 5:17-19
- Thurs. Mar. 28, 2019 Jer. 7:23-28
Gospel Lk. 11:14-23
- Fri. Mar. 29, 2019 Hos. 14:2-10
Gospel Mk. 12:28-34

Lenten Confessions

As we prepare our hearts praying in earnest for the spirit of conversion during these Lenten holy days of fasting, discipline, & sacrifice, why would you not want to receive the gift of our Loving Father's faithful mercy & forgiveness. Through this special, necessary, & important Sacrament, we are invited to live the life of CONVERSION & the willingness to permit ourselves to be freed of the past burdens of sinfulness, grudges, & pain. May God touch your heart & inspire you to participate in the Sacrament of Confession. Prayer: "May Your Mercy, Lord, be upon us; as we put our hope in You." Psalm 33:22. "BLESS me, Father. What Makes for a Good Confession? 1. Contrition. Contrition is a sorrow for the soul & detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again. The reception of this Sacrament ought to be prepared for by an examination of conscience made in the light of the Word of God. The passages best suited to this can be found in The Ten Commandments, the moral catechesis of the Gospels & the apostolic Letters, such as the Sermon on the Mount & the apostolic teachings. 2. The Confession of Sins. Confession to a priest is an essential part of the Sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret.. Without being strictly necessary, confessions of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ & progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this Sacrament the gift of the Father's Mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as He is merciful. 3. Satisfaction. Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused. Raised up from sin, the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: He must "make satisfaction for" or expiate his sins. This satisfaction is also called "penance". The penance the confessor imposes must into account the penitent's personal situation & must seek his spiritual good. ...It can consist of a prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, & above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear.

2019 Fish Fry ~ March 15, 2019

Many heartfelt & sincere THANKS to all of those parishioners who helped on our first FISH FRY for 2019. Your hard work & sincere willingness to pitch in & help wherever you are needed is so important & valuable. We simply could not do it without each of you to help & please know that YOU ARE SO NEEDED & THANKED BEYOND WORDS. We served 959 dinners. A million thanks & God bless you.

First Friday Mass

The FIRST FRIDAY Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be celebrated on FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

April Meetings

St. Elizabeth & OLOL's PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on TUES. APR. 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. OLOL's FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on TUES. APR. 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Lenten Confessions

This holy and sacred Season of Lent is a time of spiritual reflections as we reach into 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. 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:

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 ~ ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

5:00 PM ~ 5:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019 ~ ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

5:00 PM ~ 5:45 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 ~ ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

1:00 PM ~ 2:00 PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 4:00 PM ~ 4:45 PM

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, March 17, 2019

Envelopes \$1,582.00 Loose \$394.08

Easter Flowers \$20.00

4 online @ \$310.00

Deposit: \$2,306.08

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, March 10, 2019

Envelopes \$515.00 Loose \$35.00

Building Fund \$10.00

Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$20.00

Catholic Charities \$372.00

Ash Wednesday \$95.00

Deposit \$1,047.00

Give Central On-Line Donations

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website. You can click on the Donate button and you can donate to whatever collection you would like to. Thank you to all for using this service.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Gerald Bierman (Clarence Schutte), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris & Valentine Pescatore, (Kathleen Pescatore), Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass