



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, March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in Luke: 6:39~45



⁴³ For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, ^[e] on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. ⁴⁴ For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. ⁴⁵ The good man out of the good ^[d] treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil *treasure* brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from ^[e] that which fills his heart.

Luke 6:43~45



Mass Intentions

Mar. 2	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Mar. 3	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Mildred Schmidt by Bob & Kourtney Coffman
	10:30 am	Roy Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 4	7:30 am	Francis Medina by Jane Howard
Mar. 5	12:00 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Mar. 6	7:30 am	Julie Maloy-41st Birthday by George & Jane Bohman
	4:00 pm	Mark Stone by Mark & Cindy Grimm
	6:30 pm	Special Intentions
Mar. 7	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Mar. 8	7:30 am	William Loy (Birth) by Anne Loy
Mar. 9	4:30 pm	Terry Baird by Youth Group
Mar. 10	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Erica Adams



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 9~Sunday, March 10, 2019

Sat. Mar. 9, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Mark & Cindy Grimm

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Lily Ann Mullins

GIFTS: Randy Mullins Family

Sun. Mar. 10, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Dave Holscher, Tom Huss

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Travis Rich Family

Sun. Mar. 10, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Taylor Blank, Emma Davis

GIFTS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

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

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Emily Ferris, Lauren Staller

GIFTS: Charles Richey Family

March Collection Counters:

Marge Boatman, Scott & Valerie Chapman



Parish School of Religion

PSR News: March Dates: Wednesday, March 6,13,20 & 27, 2019.

Scriptural Reflections for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Times

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit." Because "every disciple will be like his teacher," our union with Jesus makes us good trees—we have his "store of goodness" within our hearts. Thus, we don't begin bearing good fruit in order to become good trees. Instead, Jesus' perfect, sinless vision means he removes the beams from our eyes with unflinching precision, "clothing us with immortality." On any given day, the good fruit that "shows the care we have had" might simply be our soul's humble, incessant attachment to Jesus' mercy.

Spiritual Reading for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In any failure, fault, or personal error, our ego instinctively tries to excuse itself. It is the tactic of pride—which is not willing to admit its mistakes and schemes—to hide them under more or less false pretenses, always finding some way to blame them on other people or on circumstances. Adam and Eve acted in this way after their sin; it is also the instinct of anyone who commits a fault. Herein lies great danger for the soul, because it is impossible for us to correct our faults if we are not willing to acknowledge them. It requires great courage to tear down these ingenious but inconsistent constructions of safe-love, to expose our failings and look them squarely in the face, just as they are, without blaming them on anyone but ourselves. "When we commit a fault," said Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, "we must not attribute it to a physical cause, such as illness or the weather, but we must attribute it to our own lack of perfection. Occasions do not make one weak, but they do show what he is." Excusing our faults may satisfy our pride, but in reality, it is voluntarily blinding oneself and making oneself incapable of seeing the true situation. Thus our poor soul is not only unable to advance, but is condemned to grope in the dark with no possibility of escape. On the other hand, if we sincerely recognize our faults, we have already taken the first step toward correcting them.

LENTEN EVENTS:

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ March 6, 2019

St. Elizabeth

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

Our Lady Of Lourdes

4:00 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist ~

Imposition of the Blessed Ashes

St. Elizabeth

6:30 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist ~

Imposition of the Blessed Ashes

St. Elizabeth

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ St. Elizabeth

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

11:30 AM ~ Stations of the Cross



Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Spiritual Reflections for Ash Wednesday

We begin each Lent conscious of our mortality & begging for the blessing of forgiveness. God longs for us to return to him with our whole heart. For without such repentance we remain tormented by the question, "Where is our God?" God has not cast us out of his presence; rather, he makes us "become the righteousness of God." The Father "who is hidden" waits for us to pray, "A

Spiritual Reading for Ash Wednesday

Remember that doing penance is not only necessary but also urgent. The Holy Spirit tells us: "Don't delay in being converted to the Lord & don't put it off from one day to the next." The worst thing to say is: "I know well that I'm not what I should be; I wouldn't want to die in my present state, but I'll try to reform my life later on...." We imagine that later our conversion will be easier, while on the contrary, our procrastination makes it even harder by weakening grace, strengthening habit, hardening our heart & angering God against us.... If you really want to become holy as Jesus wants you to, you must commit to this task all the ardor & noble enthusiasm of which you are capable...but you mustn't let anything in you be your own; rather, let all that you do be solely for the pure glory of God.... If you were alone you might be afraid, but God's grace is in you & with you & works in you.... I leave you in the most Sacred Heart of Jesus that your spirit may become strong & that you might not weaken a single day in your good & holy resolutions.... Carry the torch of holy love into all the corners & hidden places of your soul that nothing will remain there that does not lead to the glory & honor of God. Don't be afraid of trials. Throw yourself full force into the loving arms of Jesus and with him you'll be able to take giant steps along the way of perfection.

Spiritual Reading

Jesus' parable, recounted in the sixth chapter of Saint Luke's Gospel, concerning the removing of the plank in one's own eye, is one of the most psychologically & spiritually insightful remarks in the New Testament. Let's face it: The favorite indoor pastime of most human beings is the criticism of others. We positively delight in pointing out the failures, foibles, moral failings, & annoying tendencies of our neighbors. This is, of course, a function of pride & egotism: The more I put someone else down, the more elevated I feel. But it is "also, oddly, a magnificent means of turning a mirror on ourselves, to see what usually remains unseen. Why, we ought to ask, do we find precisely this sin of others particularly annoying? Why does that tick or trait or sin of a confrere especially gall us? Undoubtedly, Jesus implies, because it reminds us of a similar failing in ourselves. I remember, years ago during a retreat, the director asked each of us to call to mind a person that we found uniquely hard to take & then to recount, in some detail) the characteristics of that person that made him or her so obnoxious to us. I confess that we entered into the exercise with some relish! But then he made the devastating recommendation: "Now I want each of you to return to your rooms and ask God to forgive you for those very faults in yourself." His words were as unnerving & as illuminating as Jesus'.



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Mar. 4, 2019 Sir. 17:20-24 Gospel Mk. 10:17-27
Tues. March 5, 2019 Sir. 35:1-12 Gospel Mk. 10:28-31
Wed. March 6, 2019 J.L. 2:12-18 Reading 2-2 Cor. 5:20-6:2
Gospel Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18 Thurs. Mar. 7, 2019 Dt. 30:15-20
Gospel Lk. 9:22-25 Fri. Mar. 8, 2019 Is. 58:1-9A Gospel Mt. 9:14-15

Lent Reflections ~ Ash Wednesday

Marked for Salvation: At the beginning of Dante's Purgatory, the Pilgrims discover seven P's scratched across his brow-one for each of the seven deadly sins (peccati). Through his laborious climb up the seven stories mountains, one by one, the P's are wiped away. It isn't the image of a soul saved, but still struggling free of sin's sevenfold lack of love. Lent charts us on a laborious course up a similar Mount Purgatory. And, at the base today, we too find our faces begrimed. Our ashes make public confession that we stand stained by our wicked deeds. We have earned the dusty death wage of sin. Yet, like the guilty Cain, who received a mysterious mark from the hand of the Lord, this sign we wear is also God's seal of protection (dv. Gn. 4:15). We are branded today with the sign of the cross, as sheep of the Lord's own pasture, that the devil (who would make on us his own mark of the will know to keep his thieving hands off. The sign of the death due for our sins thus becomes the emblem of hope-if we believe in the cross & repent in dust & ashes. Ezekiel foresaw this mystery in vision when he saw the saved, who grieve over the sins of Jerusalem, having an X written upon their brow. (Ez. 9:4)

The Holy & Sacred Season Of Lent

Behold, dearest brethren, through the mercy of God the season of Lent is approaching. Therefore, I beseech you, beloved, with God's help, let us celebrate these days, salutary for bodies & healing for the soul, in so holy & spiritual a manner that the observance of a holy Lent may lead to progress for us & not judgment. For if we lead a careless life, involving ourselves in too many occupations, refusing to observe chastity, not applying ourselves to fasting & prayers, neither reading Sacred Scripture ourselves nor willingly to others read it, the very remedies are changed into wounds for us. As a result of this we shall have judgment, where we could have had a remedy. Devoting ourselves to God out of love for eternal life, during these days let us with all solicitude strive to repair and compose in the little ship of our soul whatever throughout the year has been broken or destroyed or damaged or ruined by many storms, that is, by the waves of sins & since it necessary for us to endure the storms and tempests of this world while we are still in this frail body, as often as the enemy wills to lead us astray by means of the roughest storms or to deceive us by the most voluptuous pleasures, God's help may he always find us prepared against him.

Pro-Life **RED ALERT** Action Meeting

Please join us as we fight these two **EXTREME** **abortion bills** introduced in Illinois!
Reproductive Health Act (HB 2495)
Worse than New York's recent law! Allows abortions for any reason up until birth, requires all health insurance to cover abortions (no exemptions for religious organizations), and many more harmful provisions.
Repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion Act (HB 2467)
Removes the requirement that a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion.
When: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Where: Effingham Event Center, 1501 W. Fayette Ave., Effingham, IL. 62401 Hosted by: Effingham Area Right to Life. Follow us on Facebook!
EffinghamRTL@yahoo.com

Lenten Prayer ~ Stations of the Cross



During this Holy and Sacred Season of Lent we are invited to participate in an uplifting and enriching LENTE PRAYER called the STATIONS OF THE CROSS. The STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed THREE times each week in our two parishes. The dates are: WEDNESDAYS - 10:00 A.M. - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH. FRIDAYS - 5:30

P.M. OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH. SUNDAYS 11:30 A.M. - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH. Please give serious consideration to your participating in the STATIONS OF THE CROSS this HOLY SEASON OF LENT.

T h i s LENTEN SEASON we are using the STATIONS OF THE CROSS by ST. ALPHONSUS - THE WAY OF DIVINE MERCY. As you can see from the LENTE SCHEDULE distributed in last Sunday's Bulletin our LENTE PARISH MISSION is focused on the WAY OF DIVINE MERCY so using this resource for our LENTE STATIONS OF THE CROSS is appropriate.

PRAYER OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

My Lord Jesus Christ, you willingly walked this painful journey to your death on the Cross with unconditional love for each one of us, & I, how often have I ungratefully abandoned you. But now I love you with my whole soul, & because I love you I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus, pardon me, & permit me to accompany you on this journey.

You are going to die for love of me, & it is my wish also, my dearest Redeemer, to die for love of you. My Jesus, in your love I wish to live. In your love I wish to die.



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, February 24, 2019

Envelopes \$1,787.00 Loose \$271.16 Easter Flowers \$350.00

2 online @\$85.00 Votive Candles \$187.00

Deposit: \$2,680.16 CCW \$50.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, February 17, 2019

Envelopes \$755.00 Loose \$120.00

Votive Candles \$56.73

Deposit: \$931.73



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

Pastoral Council Meeting



St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes **PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on **TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019** at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Catholic Charities ~ Second Collection

Providing Help ~ Creating Hope. On the 2nd and 3rd of March, 2019, a **SECOND COLLECTION** will be taken up for the **EFFINGHAM DEANERY CATHOLIC CHARITIES**. Please make the donation payable to either **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH** or **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**. Listed below is information about the involvement of **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** in **CRAWFORD COUNTY**. Poverty has a face & a voice in Crawford County. Who are your brothers & sisters? What are their needs? **\$100.00** helps a family pay their rent or utility bill for one month.

\$26.00 helps provide new basic school supplies for a child at the start of a school year.

\$40.00 helps an individual with a medication copay or helps pay the cost of 1-3 emergency medications.

\$65.00 helps provide meals from the pantry for a family of 4.

\$85.00 helps provide meals from the mobile food pantry for a family of 4.

\$65.00 helps a client receive free or low cost medication for a year.

In Crawford County: 546 people received food through the pantry & mobile pantry programs for an average of 21,840 lbs of food.

17 households were helped with rent, utility, and/or propane assistance impacting the lives of 45 people.

28 people received needed medications for a total of \$7,331.00

224 children received new school supplies through Ramblin' Rose.

In total: Catholic Charities served 79,797 people in 2017-2018 through all our services. Catholic Charities provided food for 31,841 men, women, & children. Catholic Charities gave away \$120,000 in clothing, household items, school supplies, baby items. Catholic Charities obtained for free medications for our clients to the cost of \$737,000.

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting

St. Elizabeth Finance Council will meet on **TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019** at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

Fish Fry News



The **DATES** for the **ST. ELIZABETH FISH FRY** are **FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 22, & 29, 2019**. We are deeply grateful for all of the faithful and dedicated help that we have in the past years and we appreciate everyone working so well together.

If you have not been able to help in the past and would like to be involved and help, please feel welcome to give us a helping hand because it will be deeply appreciated. Thank you & God bless