



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.

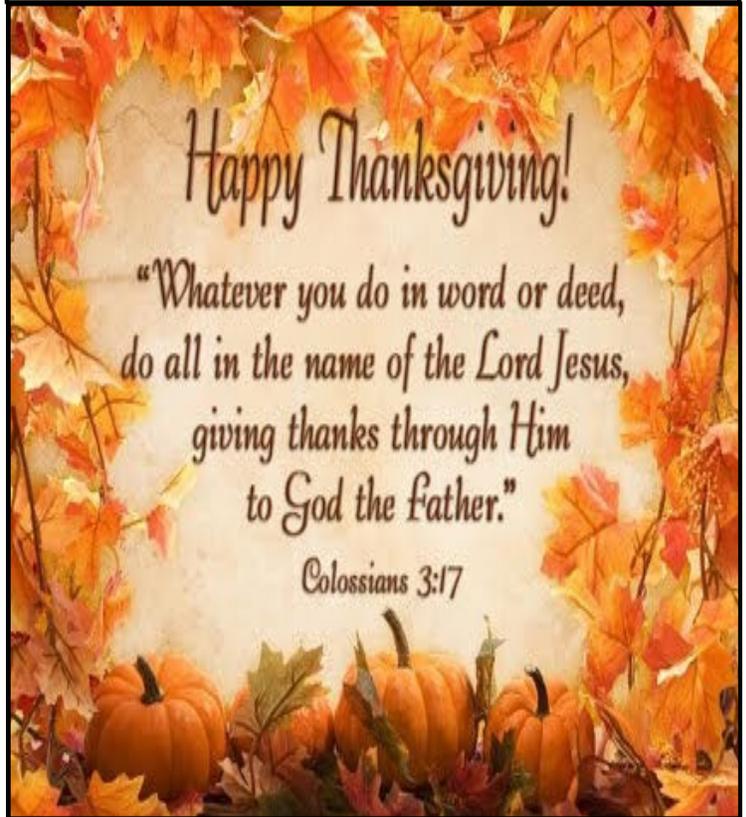
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, November 19, 2017 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Mat. 25:19~21



Mass Intentions

Nov. 18	4:30 pm	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Nov. 19	7:30 am	Marylin Stanley by Dave Cooper & Eileen Hartrich
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 20	7:30 am	Virginia Japson by Dave Cooper & Eileen Hartrich
Nov. 21	12:00 pm	Joe & Henrietta Stein by George & Jane Bohman
Nov. 22	7:30 am	Lee Spradlin by Jim Morris
Thanksgiving Day Mass		
Nov. 23	9:00 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 24	7:30 am	Martha Tebbe by Ken & Carol Bergbower
Nov. 25	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 26	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 25, 2017 ~ Sunday, November 26, 2017

<u>Sat. Nov. 25, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Karen Sanders
USHERS:	Terry & Lynne Roche
COMMUNION MIN:	Patti Buercklin, Kitty Platt
SERVERS:	Ty Mullins, Liam Wirey
GIFTS:	Chad Wirey Family
<u>Sun. Nov. 26, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Mike Uptmor
USHERS:	Craig Weber, Jeff Rich
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner
SERVERS:	Greyson Holscher, Mallory Mosbey
GIFTS:	Joe Hepner Family
<u>Sun. Nov. 26, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Keith Wirey
USHERS:	Frank & Anne Schalasky
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Jeff Hermann
GIFTS:	Adam & Lori Davis
<u>Sun. Nov. 26, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	
USHERS:	Geraldo Rios, Miguel Vega
COMMUNION MIN:	Sean & April Sexton
SERVERS:	Owen Schmidt, Anthony Tran
GIFTS:	

Collection Counters: November, 2017: John Ferris, Alan Maddox, Anne Schrey

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



PSR Upcoming Classes

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, December 6 & 13, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm

Thanksgiving Eucharist ~ November 23, 2017

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am in St. Elizabeth Church.

Scriptural Reflections Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why does the master call the two servants "good and faithful"? Because, when entrusted with a vast amount of money, they do not run off or spend the money on themselves. Rather, they invest what was given them as their way of revering their relationship with their master: His reply is, "Since you were faithful; I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share my joy." Which means: Come, and be my equal. The worthy wife is valued "far- beyond pearls" because she loves her husband and family with just such gratuitous, self-sacrificing love. We are "children of the light" in as much as we have been given an all-surpassing Master and the chance to glorify him by our obedience:



The Season Of Advent

As we embark on our ADVENT JOURNEY of prayer, you are able to receive a prayer book of ADVENT entitled DAILY REFLECTIONS for ADVENT and CHRISTMAS, WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE.

The season of Advent invites us to search out those dry places in our spiritual lives with need to be enriched and made pleasing to God before the coming of Jesus Christ as we celebrate His Birth on the Sacred Feast of Christmas.

The season of Advent challenges us to slow down to embrace a time of silence and darkness, waiting and watching, surrender and trust. The flickering candles of the Advent Wreath burn through the enveloping darkness of the month of December to remind us that the darkness will never overcome us. LIGHT is on Christmas and for all time, but we must be patient.

This is the season of waiting in prayer and in the incarnation, the birth of Christ silence. Jesus, we bow in humility. Jesus Christ is born so that we know God's redemptive LOVE. May this resource help you to prepare spiritually as we pray: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL.

The prayer book DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT and CHRISTMAS ~ WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE will be distributed the weekend of NOV. 18 and 19, 2017.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:
Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Sandy Ellis, Karen Heap, Leona Kocher, Trent Matthews, Teresa Mullins, Robb Sparks, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.

Christmas Choir Practice

The choir will practice from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Church on Sundays during Advent to prepare for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. New choir members are always welcome.

Nov. 19, 2017 ~ Thirty-Third Sun. in Ordinary Time ~From the Pastor ~ Be Diligent, for the Lord is Coming

In one last valiant effort before this liturgical year ends and Advent begins, the readings urge us, the People of God, to be vigilant and resourceful. They call us to claim responsibility for building the kingdom of God on earth. Believers are recognized as partners with Christ in spreading the Good News. Celebrating Sunday liturgies are wonderful ways for worshippers to show gratitude and love for God and unity with other believers. But Jesus is asking us for more. He is asking us to be active participants in his mission. Jesus wants deeds. He calls his disciples to send them forth. They are sent to share fervently the goodness they received from the Lord and not "bury it."

The worthy wife from Proverbs is a good example. She uses her gifts to provide for her household and to help neighbors who are struggling. In turn, she earns the respect and appreciation of her neighbors. Paul tells the Thessalonian Christians to do good works while waiting for the Lord. Jesus' tale is of a master who gives a portion of his estate to his workers for safeguarding. At his return the master calls for an assessment of the goods given to each. This parable unveils the proactive stewardship the Lord desires when he returns. Jesus is asking each of us for a fair and responsible return on the gifts given FOR THE LORD IS COMING to us. He reminds his listeners, and us, that God sent him to show the way.

In the sending out of the disciples, they are called to assist Jesus in proclaiming his message. They are expected to be as creative and conscientious as they can be. The hope of Jesus is clear. In fulfilling their baptismal commitment, Jesus wants his followers to use their unique gifts, creatively and conscientiously, to further his kingdom on earth.

Helen is a good example of what Jesus wants from us. She passed away recently, and her obituary read, "Helen was a homemaker," implying in its tone just a homemaker. The obituary didn't state how much Helen loved being a homemaker. Nothing gave her greater happiness than to cook the family's Sunday meal and watch everyone enjoy the wonderful and tasty dinner. And how she appreciated the noisy conversation of each other's company. Helen loved to see the gleam in her husband's eyes as she carefully washed and pressed his clothing. Helen didn't bury her gifts. She let them shine through the happiness they gave to her and her family. She loved hearing the neighbor's compliments about her happy family. To the Lord Jesus' delight, Helen was building the kingdom of God in her present moment. And from her gifts, Jesus was seen anew.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The theme of the 2017—2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is GO THEREFORE and MAKE DISCIPLES. This is an invitation from God to provide out of our financial resources and 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 and trust that God will bless you. Through our Baptismal calling, we are all invited to EVANGELIZE and we do so by sacrificing so that the necessary services throughout the diocese are fulfilled. To date, the goal for ST. ELIZABETH is \$31,455.00 with the amount of \$11,925.00 being pledged and the amount of \$11,300.00 being secured. To date, the goal of OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH is \$3,671.00 with the amount of \$1,720.00 being pledged and the amount of \$1,370.00 being secured. If you haven't done so, please consider helping us with our assigned goals. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and God bless you in many ways.

Happy Thanksgiving To Each Of You!



Be Thankful.

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to? Be thankful when you don't know everything, for it gives you the opportunity to learn. Be thankful for the difficult time. During those times you grow. Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement. Be thankful for each new challenge because it will build your strength & character. Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons. Be thankful when you're tired & weary, because it means you've made a difference. It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, & they can become your blessings. -Author unknown— OUR THANKSGIVING

PRAYER

Good & gracious God, we come before You today united with all who give You thanks & praise. Fill us with gratitude for Your many blessings, both physical & spiritual. We thank You in particular this day for the gifts of food & family. Bless this food, Lord, that it may nourish our bodies. Bless our family, especially those who cannot be with us today. Also, today, we remember those of our Family who have gone on to be with You. Grant us Your spiritual blessings & help us pray daily for the grace to serve You in response to Your bountiful blessings & graces. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives & reigns with You now & forever. Amen.

First Friday of the Month Mass ~ OLOL

The First Friday Mass for December will take place on December 1. The time for the FIRST FRIDAY MASS at OLOL's will remain at 5:00 pm. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE MASS TIME WHICH WILL BE AT 5:00 PM. THANK YOU.

Advent Nursing Home Project

Your participation is encouraged in our Parish Advent "nursing home project". Our Parishes will provide Christmas gifts to residents of three Crawford County nursing homes. These residents have little or no family and their wish lists consists of simple necessities. By your generosity they will know that they are loved and remembered. Through your acts of kindness, their Christmas will be filled with love, joy and happiness.

If you wish to participate, please take a heart ornament from the tree located in the front of the Church. Purchase the item and return the unwrapped gift and tag to the Church (weekends) or the Parish Center (weekdays during office hours) before Wednesday, December 13th. It is very important that all gifts and tags be returned by that date. If you are making a clothing purchase please keep in mind that these are elderly residents who may need assistance with their daily routine. Cash donations will be accepted to purchase any needed supplies. For accounting and recording purposes, we are not accepting personal checks. Gifts will be wrapped and delivered before Christmas. For more information or questions contact Geri Ezell, (544-7910) or Patti Buercklin (544-8704).

Will you consider sharing your blessings and reach out to someone in love this Advent Season? Thank you for your continued support and generosity for this Project. May your days be blessed and filled with the peace of Christ.



Daily Mass Readings

Reading 1-Mon. Nov. 20-1 MC. 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Gospel Lk. 18:35-43
Reading 1-Tues. Nov. 21-2 MC. 6:18-31
Gospel Lk. 19:1-10
Reading 1-Wed. Nov. 22-2 MC 7:1, 20-31
Gospel Lk. 19:11-28
Reading 1-Thurs. Nov. 23-33rd Wk. in Ordinary Time
1 MC. 2:15-29
Gospel Lk. 19:41-44
Thurs. Nov. 23-Reading 1-Thanksgiving Day-Sir. 50:22-24
Reading 2-1 Cor. 1:3-9 Gospel Lk. 17:11-19
Reading 1-Fri. Nov. 24-1 MC. 4:36-37, 52-59

Spiritual Value of Recollection and Prayer

Recollection is not a specific virtue like humility but a stimulus to the practice of all of the virtues. Its full title is "recollection of the presence of God." Saint Alphonsus offers this insight: "The more we walk in the presence of God, the better we recognize his beautiful qualities and strengthen his love in our hearts." November's virtue is a challenge to seek new ways to develop an awareness of God's presence—to make it part of the rhythm of daily life. Thus you might make a list of times in a typical day when a few moments of recollection would be both doable and helpful.

Prayer is the heart of the practical plan of spirituality presented by St. Alphonsus. As the heart pumps life-giving blood to all parts of the body, so prayer enlivens the whole Christian life. Without it, spiritual growth is impossible. Of the many aspects of prayer developed in the writings of Alphonsus, two stand out. These are practical ways to apply this virtue this month: First, be especially aware of God's Presence in the Eucharist & try to make the sacrament the center of your life. Second, set aside at least fifteen minutes each day for meditation & open your mind & heart to God.

Our Lady of Lourdes NOW PROGRAM

Thank you for the generous response from Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners to the "Nutrition-On-Weekend" appeal for the Oblong School District. There will be no need for further collections. Heartfelt gratitude!

Our Lady Of Lourdes ~ Nativity Scene

Many heartfelt and sincere THANKS to all of those parishioners who have in the past donated so faithfully to the FLOWER FUND for the sacred Feasts of CHRISTMAS and EASTER. Your gesture of devoted generosity is deeply appreciated. With the funds collected in the FLOWER FUND, a new NATIVITY SCENE has been purchased for our parish church. I believe that when you pray before these beautiful statues of the Nativity, your heart will be blessed with grace and peace. Thanks to your generosity, these Nativity figurines will enhance the beauty of our church during the blessed Christmas Season.

Many Sincere Thanks

Special & Sincere THANKS to all those members of the Senior High Youth Group who came to put up the outside decorations for our Parish Center grounds. Your dedication & assistance is appreciated. THANK YOU for putting us into the Holiday Spirit. God bless you.

St. Elizabeth & Our Lady Of Lourdes Parishes December Schedule

Our Lady Of Lourdes

Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4:00–5:00 pm

Advent Confessions

Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm—Sacred Eucharist-Holy Day-Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm-Christmas Eve-Sacred Eucharist-Feast of the Nativity Of Our Lord & Savior

St. Elizabeth

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:30 am & 6:00 pm-Sacred

Eucharist-Holy Day-Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm-Advent Confessions

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:00 pm-Christmas Dinner at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Sunday, December 24, 2017—Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm-Sacred Eucharist- Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior

Monday, December 25, 2017—Christmas Day at 9:00 am St. Elizabeth Parish-Sacred Eucharist-Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior

Saturday, December 30, 2017 & Sunday, December 31, 2017
Regular Schedule of Weekend Masses for St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



Advent Confessions

The holy & sacred season of ADVENT is a time of spiritual reflections & preparation as we ready our hearts through sacrifice, prayer, generosity, & contrition. This sacred season before the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, is a perfect opportunity to consider those choices & decisions that we have made in which we have turned away from God seeking our own desires & wills. Through the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION, we are able to renew our relationship of love with God, our Father.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS will be heard on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4:00 pm in Our Lady Of Lourdes Church & on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Church.

May we receive God's faithful & merciful forgiveness within our hearts for the rebirth of the miracle of His Love on the morning of Christmas. God bless you.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, November 12, 2017

Envelopes \$ 3,479.00 Loose \$ 337.24

2 Online @ \$80.00 Building Fund \$5.00

All Saints \$10.00 All Souls \$20.00 World Missions \$50.00

Harry Wong Memorial \$20.00

Deposit \$4,001.24

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, November 12, 2017

Deposit \$840.00