



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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### PASTORAL STAFF

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Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis,

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, November 5, 2017 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Warning Against Hypocrisy Story found in Matthew 23:1~12

**“But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**

**Matthew 23:11 & 12**



## Mass Intentions

Nov. 4	4:30 pm	Ed Halter by Rosemary Halter
Nov. 5	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Mildred Schmidt by Bob & Kourtney Coffman
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 6	7:30 am	Roy Wagner by Carol Wong
Nov. 7	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 8	7:30 am	Betty & Gene Uptmor by Mike & Jona Uptmor
Nov. 9	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 10	7:30 am	Madonna Kirts by Larry Kirts
OLOL Friday Mass	5:30 pm	Harold Harris by Adam Davis Family
Nov. 11	4:30 pm	Martha Tebbe by CCW
Nov. 12	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 11, 2017 ~ Sunday, November 12, 2017

<u>Sat. Nov. 11, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Terry Roche
USHERS:	Jack & Carol Watts
COMMUNION MIN:	Lisa Baird, Karen Sanders
SERVERS:	Eva Hermann, Jared Hermann
GIFTS:	Terry Roche Family
<u>Sun. Nov. 12, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Linda Sikorski
USHERS:	David Holscher, Tom Huss
COMMUNION MIN:	Mike & Jona Uptmor
SERVERS:	Matthew Jenkins
GIFTS:	
<u>Sun. Nov. 12, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Bob Coffman
USHERS:	Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson
COMMUNION MIN:	Mary Patchett, Kourtney Coffman
SERVERS:	Ava Patchett
GIFTS:	Rod & Wilmer Wilson
<u>Sun. Nov. 12, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Courtney Ferris
USHERS:	Ken Deters, Chris Weber
COMMUNION MIN:	Jane Bohman, Matthew Hartrich
SERVERS:	Emily Heidorn, Isabel Heidorn
GIFTS:	George Bohman Family

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

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## PSR Upcoming Classes

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm  
Wednesday, November 15 & 29, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm



## High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group is accepting donations for religious themed Christmas books for our first little library. These books will be a wonderful way to evangelize to our community and to give to children in our community. Books can be brought to the Parish Center.

Scriptural Reflections for the  
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The attitude of the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians is the exact opposite of that of the Pharisees toward their people. The Pharisees "tie up heavy burdens hard to carry & lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them."

Paul, on the other hand, was "gentle as a nursing mother" among his people, sharing with them, "not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well."

That gentleness is the living sign that we all have "The One Father." When we are loved like that we cannot help but be humble. And, that humility paves the way for an exaltation we could never create or even concoct on our own.



## Rest In Peace

Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of GROVER MICHL, the husband of MARILYN. Grover was buried from Our Lady Of Lourdes Church on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

May God's eternal light shine upon his soul for all eternity & may God grant him a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of God.

May Marilyn & her children & their families receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT ONTO HIM, O LORD, & LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM FOREVER.**



## Baptism News

Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is happy to welcome Bryson Charles Allen Osborne, Cardyn Michal Auteberry & Evaleigh Anne Auteberry into the Catholic Church & Christian Community through the oils & waters of the Sacrament of Baptism.

As you begin your Baptismal journey into eternal love & eternal life with GOD, we promise that we will be by your side to lead & guide you with our constant prayers, good example & God's Love. All received the oils & waters of BAPTISM on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Dustin & Kalyn Auteberry are the parents of Bryson, Cardyn & Evaleigh.



## Prayer Requests

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

**Nov. 5, 2017 ~ Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
~From the Pastor ~ Leadership is Service, Not Privilege**

In preaching his mission, Christ shaped with his words and his deeds what he wanted service to others to look like. He wanted his disciples to be shepherds, ready to lay down their lives for their flock. Humble service is the heart of Jesus' good news. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is agreeing with Malachi's message by stating strongly to his disciples that they are to minister without concern for rank or privilege and with impartiality. Indeed, Jesus showed that he came to serve everyone wherever he found him or her, and he found all kinds: lepers, those possessed by demons, and outcasts like the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus healed them simply by putting self-second and venturing among the marginalized. What Jesus did as he ministered is not to be passed over quickly. His desire to heal these outcasts and not accept any title of deference to him was deliberate. This is why the Lord is pleased with Paul's ministry in Thessalonica. While not being afraid to challenge wrongdoing when he saw it, Paul never lorded over his flock; he worked side by side with believers and nonbelievers while earning his own way. Pope Francis continues to remind religious leaders that service is a mixture of humility and mingling among the people. In fact, Pope Francis described this near-ness as being "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep." Humility is the prized virtue God wishes all to practice. Jesus was humble by telling us that everything he accomplished or achieved came from his Father. Therefore, we can never act superior over another. All gifts, large or small, belong to God and God alone. Biles, the Simone 19-year-old multiple medal winner at the 2016 Olympic Games, showed the humility Jesus asks his disciples to display. Simone knew her past. Her parents had drug addiction problems. She also realized her Olympic success came not from gold medals, but from her Catholic faith taught by her loving grandparents. Her faith shaped her attitude. Simone always traveled with reminders of her faith: a statue of St. Sebastian, the patron of athletes; a rosary given by her birth mother; and by reciting one Hail Mary before each event. Each of these reminded her that nothing was hers, but her gifts were given to her by God. As a result, she never felt haughty, only grateful that God blessed her with wonderful athletic talent. Jesus knows this message of humility can be difficult, because discipleship is about being last, not first. But if we look to Jesus, He shows us the way.



**OLOL ~ NOW Program**

Oblong School District participates in the County's Nutrition On Weekends (NOW Program) initiative. Their NOW Program involves 21~30 children.

A greater need is experienced 4 times in the school year when the children have extended out-of-school weekends. For those times, plastic jars of peanut butter & jelly or monetary donations would be appreciated.

Collections will be arranged at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Sun. Nov. 5 & 12, 2017.

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at OLOL's on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**OLOL~Friday Mass**

Due to the fact that Father Flach has a wedding rehearsal on Friday, November 3, 2017, the NOVEMBER FRIDAY MONTHLY MASS will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 at

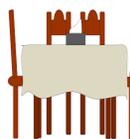
**St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting**



There will be a Finance Council Meeting at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Center.



**Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry**



**Table empty? If so, St. Elizabeth Church & Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry are here for you.**

**When: Saturday, November 18, 2017  
Time: 10:30 am~12:00 pm.**

**Thanksgiving Dinner**



The PASTORAL COUNCIL of OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. ELIZABETH invite all parishioners of both Parishes to our Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the Parish Hall of Our Lady Of Lourdes.

While the meat, potatoes, main vegetable & rolls will be provided by the Church, it would be appreciated if those attending whose names begin with A~M bring a salad while those whose last names begin with N~Z would bring a dessert.



In addition, a gift of non-perishable food items for the Oblong Christian Community Food Pantry would be accepted with gratitude.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE**



ABBY FERRIS recently received the Robinson High School GOLF AWARD for the Fall Season for the LOWEST STROKE AVERAGE.

CONGRATULATIONS, ABBY, on a job well done.



Like all theologians, little Therese of Lisieux knew that the divine Love is a consuming & transforming love. Therefore, the weaker we are, the more fit we are for the working of such a love.

To have burning desires, to express them with eloquence, to feel ourselves full of enthusiasm, does not depend directly upon us. What we can always do, however, is to love with our will our littleness & our poverty; we can love our nakedness & our powerlessness, & come to have nothing but a single treasure: our blind abandonment to mercy. That is a program for the interior life which is within your reach.

Do you know what misleads us? The fact that the best men are often so hard. They grow tired of pardoning. They do not forget the wounds they may have received. The world is pitiless in its judgments. It would seem that the perverted should be less severe than others, if only from looking at themselves. Quite the contrary, because mercy is a fruit of grace. Listen to the Pharisees, behind their whitewashed facades, passing judgment on the poor publicans.

We apply the Heart of Jesus the measure of our own miserable little hearts, so mean, so narrow, so hard, & we do not succeed in comprehending how good, how indulgent, how compassionate, how gentle, how patient is Jesus Himself.

We are severe particular through lack of humility. This lack of humility prevents us from going to Jesus with the childlike confidence which permits Him to make our heart gentle & humble like His, to exchange our hearts for His.

Yes, it is really this which misleads us. We have not experienced a truly merciful, universally merciful heart, always benevolent & understanding, which, attracted by misery, always knows how to bend over it in compassion.



Yet, that is what the Heart of Jesus is like.

### Crawford County Catholic Mardi Gras



Plans are being formalized for the Mardi Gras celebration to be held on Sat. Feb. 10, 2018. We are fortunate to have 3 couples who are willing to chair this event for us. BOB & KOURTNEY COFFMAN, STEWART & EMILY SCHUTTE, & JIM & BROOK STEWART. They are already working to coordinate this event. If you have helped in any way in the past & would love to help again this year, simply let one of the above persons know. Please watch the bulletin for forthcoming details, & mark your calendar for SAT. FEB. 10, 2018. Hope to see you there!

### Daily Mass Readings Nov. 6 ~ Nov. 10, 2017



- Mon. Nov. 6- Reading 1~ Rom. 11:29-36  
Gospel Lk. 14:12-14
- Tues. Nov. 7-Reading 1~Rom. 12:5-16 AB  
Gospel Lk. 14:15-24
- Wed. Nov. 8 - Reading 1~ Rom.13:8-10  
Gospel Lk. 14:25-33
- Thur. Nov. 9- Reading 1~ Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
Reading 2~1 Cor. 3:9 C-11, 16-17  
Gospel Jn. 2:13-22
- Fri. Nov. 10 - Reading 1~ Rom. 15:14-21  
Gospel Lk. 16:1-8



### St. Elizabeth Church

#### Week Ending Sunday, October 29, 2017

Envelopes \$ 2,225.00 Loose \$ 401.00  
2 Online @ \$80.00 World Missions \$25.00 All Saints \$25.00  
All Souls \$25.00 Votive Candles \$102.15  
Deposit \$2,883.15

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

#### Week ending Sunday, October 22, 2017

Envelopes \$545.00 Loose \$73.00 World Missions \$210.00  
Deposit \$ 828.00

#### Week ending Sunday, October 29, 2017

Envelopes \$585.00 Loose \$81.00 All Saints \$40.00  
World Missions \$20.00 Landscaping \$500.00  
Deposit \$1,226.00

Striving To Live A Spiritual Life By Knowing The Virtues of Chastity, Obedience, Humility

### CHASTITY.

This virtue is concerned not only with self-mastery but also with love and holiness. "This is the will of God, your holiness: that you refrain from immorality, that each of you know how to acquire a wife for himself in holiness and honor, not in lustful passion as do the Gentiles who do not know God" (I Thessalonians 4:3—5). Alphonsus saw the practice of chastity as another way to strive to do God's will in our lives. He believed that the subtlest dangers regarding chastity were occasions of sin. In his moral theology, Alphonsus refers to occasions of sin that are voluntary (of one's own choosing and therefore avoidable) and proximate (those that frequently lead a person to sin). He taught that even sincere Christians fall into sins against chastity because they voluntarily place themselves into proximate occasions of sin. Likewise, avoiding such occasions is one of the most effective ways to grow in chastity. This month, take time to reflect on the occasions of sin in your life. Pray for the courage to make changes in your life so you can avoid these occasions of sin.

### OBEDIENCE.

Obedience is the moral virtue that inclines Christians to submit to the law of God in all of its manifestations. God alone is the ultimate source of all law. Obedience is a positive response not only to civil and ecclesiastical decrees but also to the authority of God himself. Alphonsus points out that our obedience to human authority can be less than complete. If this authority opposes the authority (God). But our obedience to God must be complete and absolute. We often think obedience is a childish virtue. We should carefully reflect on all specific ways in which this virtue can be manifested in many facets of our lives, like family, job, neighborhood, and nation. This month, check yourself against false pride—Alphonsus believed this was the root of man's difficulties in upholding obedience.

### HUMILITY.

Christian tradition teaches that one of the most important elements on humility is the ability to accept that we are creatures of God, that God is the source of our talents and gifts: Humility does not demand that we deny our gifts but that we acknowledge their source. Alphonsus say: "He who loves God is not deceived by his own qualities because he knows that whatever he possesses is a gift of God, that without God he possesses nothing." During November, consider examining your life in light of these questions: Do I really acknowledge my true relationship with God as Creator and Provider of all Gifts? Does this have a real impact on my behavior and the relationships I have with others?"