



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Custodial Care: Lori 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

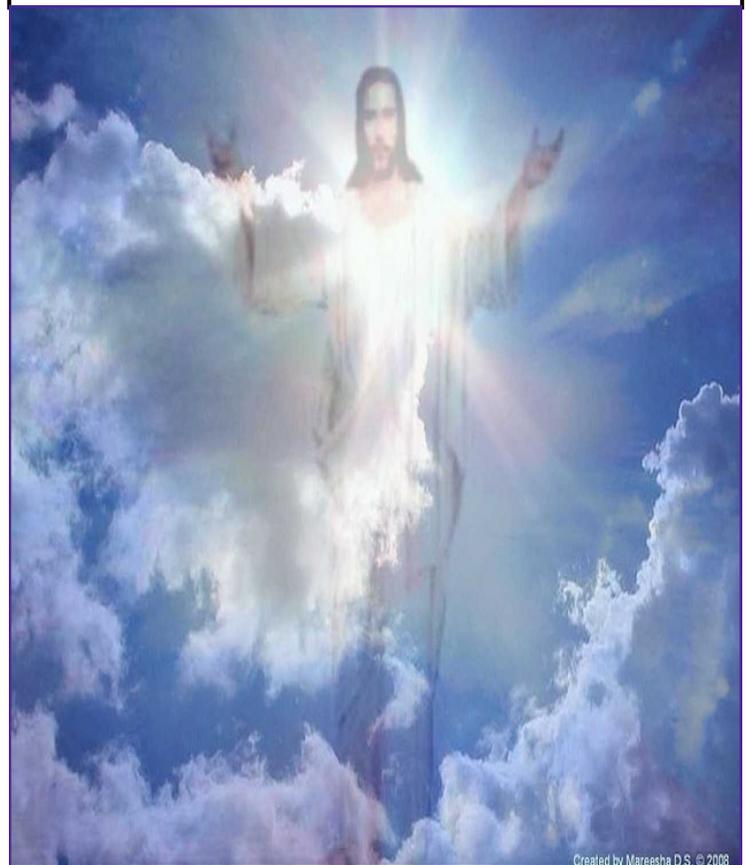
If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sunday, November 18, 2018 Thirty~Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in Mark 13:24~32
The Coming of the Son of Man



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24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, 25 AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in ^[a]the heavens will be shaken.

Mark 13:24~25

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| Nov. 17 | 4:30 pm | Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Sherri Murray Thomas |
| Nov. 18 | 7:30 am 9:00 am | Special Intentions Ron Dhom by Fred Kirts & Ann Kirts |
| Nov. 19 | 10:30 am 7:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Marilu Fehrenbacher by Brendan & Barbara Grimm |
| Nov. 20 | 12:00 pm | Joe & Henrietta Stein by George & Jane Bohman Wedding Anniversary |
| Nov. 21 | 7:30 am | Special Intentions |
| <u>Thanksgiving</u> Day Mass | 9:00 am | Karlene Frese by Pete Frese |
| Nov. 22 | 7:30 am | Marilu Fehrenbacher by Mark & Cindy Grimm |
| Nov. 23 | 7:30 am | Special Intentions |
| Nov. 24 | 4:30 pm | Special Intentions |
| Nov. 25 | 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am | Florence Huss by Tom Huss For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions |



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 24 ~ Sunday, November 25, 2018

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| <u>Sat. Nov. 24, 2018</u> | 4:30 pm | St. Elizabeth |
| LECTOR: Celeste White | | |
| USHERS: Lisa Baird, Logan Baird | | |
| COMMUNION MIN: | | |
| SERVERS: Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins | | |
| GIFTS: Dennis Jenkins Family | | |
| <u>Sun. Nov. 25, 2018</u> | 7:30 am | St. Elizabeth |
| LECTOR: Janet Jenkins | | |
| USHERS: Jeff Rich, Craig Weber | | |
| COMMUNION MIN: | | |
| SERVERS: Eva Hermann | | |
| GIFTS: Steve Jenkins Family | | |
| <u>Sun. Nov. 25, 2018</u> | 9:00 am | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| LECTOR: Lori Davis | | |
| USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson | | |
| COMMUNION MIN: | | |
| SERVERS: Taylor Blank, Emma Davis | | |
| GIFTS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson | | |
| <u>Sun. Nov. 25, 2018</u> | 10:30 am | St. Elizabeth |
| LECTOR: Sam Quick | | |
| USHERS: John Grimm, Jack Grimm | | |
| COMMUNION MIN: | | |
| SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Anthony Tran | | |
| GIFTS: Josh Quick Family | | |
| November Collection Counters: | | |
| John Ferris, Alan Maddox, Ann Schrey | | |

PSR: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Wednesday, December 5,12,19, 2018.

Meditation on the Holiday of Thanksgiving



No people ought to feel greater obligations to celebrate the goodness of the Great Disposer of Events of the Destiny of Nations than the people of the United States. His kind providence originally conducted them to one of the best portions of the dwelling place allotted for the great family of the human race. He protected & cherished them under all the difficulties & trials to which they were exposed in their early days. Under his fostering care of their habits, their sentiments, & their pursuits prepared them for a transition in due time to a state of independence and self-government. In the arduous struggle by which it was attained they were distinguished by multiplied tokens of his benign interposition. During the interval which succeeded he reared them into the strength & endowed them with the resources which have enabled them to assert their national rights, & to enhance their national character in another arduous conflict, which is now so happily terminated by a peace & reconciliation with those who have been our enemies & to the same divine Author of Every Good & Perfect Gift we are indebted for all those privileges & advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored land. It is for blessings such as these, & more especially for the restoration of the blessing of peace, that I now recommend that Thursday.. .be set apart as a day on which the people of every religious denomination may in their solemn assembles unite their hearts & their voices in a freewill offering to their Heavenly Benefactor of their homage of thanksgiving & of their songs of praise.

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on **THANKSGIVING DAY** at 9:00 A.M. in St. Elizabeth Church. The Sacred Eucharist is the most important PRAYER that we have & through the Mass we offer to God our sincere gratitude & appreciation for all of His devoted graces & blessings. May God bless you with a **HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING.**



Our Lady of Lourdes News

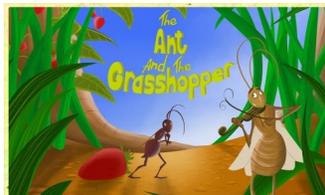
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be collecting non-perishable food items for donations to the Oblong Food Pantry. Collection dates will be November 18, 25th & December 2 immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Oblong, OLOL) Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Superhero movies sell. Last summer, "Deadpool 2," "Avengers: Infinity War" and "Ant-Man and the Wasp" were playing in theaters everywhere. This, in part, is due to the advances in computer-generated imagery, which have made it possible for scriptwriters & directors to put superpowers on film with an unprecedented degree of reality. As we celebrate these final weeks of the liturgical year, the Scriptures turn, as always, to the end times. But now that we have seen it all at our local multiplex, the words & imagery of the prophet Daniel, or even of Jesus himself, don't pack quite the punch that they must have had for the first hearers. We also have lost the sense of immanence that the early Christians had concerning Christ's return. If we can believe in a final reckoning at all, we presume that it's a long way off. But the truth is, despite our ever-improving health care & increased longevity, that we all remain mortal. Since the impact of the sci-fi imagery of biblical eschatology has been lessened for us by our exposure to superhero movies, perhaps we might reawaken some sense of urgency by revisiting a different kind of narrative. I refer to Aesop's fable of the ants & the grasshopper. You remember it. The grasshopper idles away the summer fiddling, singing & dancing, while the industrious ants labor to store up provisions for the winter, however far away it may seem. They warn the grasshopper, but he just laughs it off. Naturally, winter does come, & the grasshopper, freezing & hungry, knocks desperately at the ants' nest, pleading for help & the ants, refusing to open to him, remind the grasshopper of his former idleness & ask why he is not singing & dancing now. The lesson stands: Our lives & what we do with them matter, & we don't have forever. Jesus warns us to watch for the signs so that we won't be caught up short.



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Scriptural Reflections ~ Thirty~Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the midst of the darkness, the quaking of the heavens, & the "unsurpassed distress" of the last days, one thing remains to give us comfort: the presence of Jesus Christ. "They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds." Christ is His Word that "will not pass away." "By one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated." "The wise shine brightly" in the midst of such darkness by clinging to this Word with full awareness, obedience, & trust. As for Christ, "now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool." As for us, we wait for Christ, begging for the perfection that saves us from being enemies of God.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



St. Elizabeth Parish Family is happy to offer **SINCERE & HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS** to **KAYLA MARIE GOODWINE & PHILIP DONALD BLANK** as they celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Elizabeth Church on Saturday, November 10, 2018. We extend to this newly married couple our heartfelt prayers, best wishes, & love as they promise & vow to live this serious & holy covenant of Matrimony. May God always watch over you & bless you with a long, happy & fruitful married life. **CONGRATULATIONS KAYLA & PHIL & may God bless you always.**



Spiritual Reading for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we contemplate this great promise, we should, together with the angels, live all anew from the Lord's mission. We may be ruled by the certainty that the Lord is with us, that his election is grace; & we should try ever more, in everything we do, in every conversation, in every book we read, in every kind of work we have to do, be it ever so worldly, to live from the thought: he is with us; we have a share in his mission, and we must carry it out together with his angels. Thus, we are not like schoolchildren who at some point are done with their task; rather, we have been sent our whole life long. Our task never lies behind us; nothing in our life may be withdrawn from it; everything all the time lies within it. If we try always to live in this thought, to make it come alive in each meditation, & to give thanks for it, then it will accompany us without emphasis through the days, & more & more often, we will become aware of it. This will not lead us to feel that we are better than others; on the contrary, it will teach us from the mission the humility & the love we need in order to remain at its center. The task, on the one hand, & love & humility, on the other, should continually render each other fruitful.

Christmas Flowers



Please submit your Christmas Flowers Offering before Thursday, December 13, 2018 if you wish to place your family loved one's name that has passed in the Christmas Flowers Bulletin.

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 & 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 & 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 & darkness, waiting & watching, surrender & 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 & for all time, but we must be patient. This is the season of waiting in prayer & 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**. This **ADVENT PRAYER BOOK** will be distributed the weekend of **NOV. 24~25, 2018**.

Daily Mass Readings

- Mon. Nov. 19, 2018 Rv. 1:1-4;2:1-5 Gospel Lk. 18:35-43
- Tues. Nov. 20, 2018 Rv. 3:1-6, 14-22 Gospel Lk. 19:1-10
- Wed. Nov. 21, 2018 Rv. 4:1-11 Gospel Lk. 19:11-28
- Thurs. Nov. 22, 2018
Memorial of St. Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr
Rv. 5:1-10 Gospel Lk. 19:41-44
- Thanksgiving Day Sir. 50:22-24 Reading 2 1 Cor. 1:3-9
Gospel Lk. 17:11-19
- Fri. Nov. 23, 2018 Rv.10:8-11 Gospel Lk. 19:45-48



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 consist of simple necessities. By your generosity, they will know that they are loved and remembered. Through your acts of kindness, their Christmas will be a little brighter. If you wish to participate, please take a star 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 12th. It is very important that the gifts and tags are 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 or gifts for residents whose tags were not returned. For accounting and recording purposes, we cannot accept checks made out to St. Elizabeth's for this project. 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 blessing with someone in need 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.

Weekly Offerings



St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, November 11, 2018
Envelopes \$2,442.00 Loose \$588.46
All Saints \$20.00 All Souls \$35.00
Building Fund \$45.00 Christmas Flowers \$5.00
Harry Wong Memorial \$20.00
5 online @ \$585.00 World Missions \$25.00
Deposit: \$ 3,765.46

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending November 4, 2018
Envelopes \$890.00 Loose \$67.00 Building Fund \$150.00
Edith Smith Food Pantry \$38.00 Votive Candles \$35.00
All Saints Day \$145.00
Deposit: \$1,325.00

Victim Assistance

TO REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR BY A PRIEST DEACON OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH- EVEN IF IT IS IN THE PAST. INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CALL THE DIOCESAN CHILD ABUSE REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION NUMBER (217) 321-1155. INDIVIDUALS MAY ALSO CONTACT ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE AT 1-800-25-ABUSE, OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITY.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

As you are aware, the theme of the 2018~2019 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is "IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS." Gratitude is an attitude & response that is integral to the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. God blesses us in so many ways & one way for us to express our gratitude to God is our participation supporting our parishes goal for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. With the gift of God's grace, may we continue to become intentional disciples through our gift to the ACSA. As of November 2, 2018, THE GOAL FOR ST. ELIZABETH IS: \$38,376.00 with the total pledged of \$13,650.00 & the total paid is \$11,975.00. As of November 2, 2018, the goal for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH IS: \$8,112.00 with the total pledged of \$3,484.00 & the total paid is \$2,542.00. Your deep & sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill our parish goals. Thank you & God bless you.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2018

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 I 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.

