



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Our Lady of Lourdes

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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, October 15, 2017 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable of the Wedding Banquet Story found in Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

Matthew 22:1~3



Mass Intentions

Oct.14	4:30 pm	Allen Osborne by Ginger Osborne Family
Oct.15	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions
Oct.16	7:30 am	Peace in the World by Maria Szigethy
Oct.17	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Oct.18	7:30 am	Jim Maloy by George & Jane Bohman
Oct.19	7:30 am	Don Calvert by Karen Sanders
Oct.20	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct.21	4:30 pm	Favorable Weather
Oct.22	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 21, 2017 ~ Sunday, October 22, 2017

<u>Sat. Oct. 21, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Eileen Hartrich
USHERS:	Jack & Carol Watts
COMMUNION MIN:	Mike Dorn, Celeste White
SERVERS:	Jeff Hermann, Jared Hermann
GIFTS:	Mark Grimm Family
<u>Sun. Oct. 22, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Linda Sikorski
USHERS:	Mike & Jona Uptmor
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner
SERVERS:	Greyson Holscher
GIFTS:	Jim Eckert Family
<u>Sun. Oct. 22, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Keith Wirey
USHERS:	Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Taylor Blank
GIFTS:	Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice
<u>Sun. Oct. 22, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	
USHERS:	Ed & Linda Reis
COMMUNION MIN:	Roselene Quick, Missy York
SERVERS:	Evan Ferris, Cody York
GIFTS:	Miguel Vega Family
Collection Counters:	October, 2017: Suzanne Dartt, Rhonda Stone, Marge Boatman

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



PSR Upcoming Classes

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm
 Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm
 Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm,
 Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm
 Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm
 Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm



Youth Group

The High School Youth group will meet on Sunday 10/22/2017 from 7-9 p.m. at the Ferris House. Please come prepared to work on a very important project.



Confirmation Service Project

If you were so kind as to receive a N. O. W. BAG, please try to remember to return it on OCTOBER 21 or 22. As always, your generosity is deeply valued and appreciated. May God bless you in many ways for helping those who are hungry.

Prayer for the Hungry

LORD Jesus Christ, You urged us to give You food in Your hunger which is visible to us in the starving faces of other human beings. Let me realize that there are millions of persons—children of the same God and our brothers and sisters—who are dying of hunger although they do not deserve to do so. Do not allow me to remain indifferent to their crying need, or to soothe my conscience with the thought that I cannot do anything about this evil. Help me to do something—no matter how small—to alleviate their heart-rending want. Also let me pray regularly that these poor starving people will be rewarded for this terrible suffering they are enduring, and be relieved of it as soon as possible.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”

Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

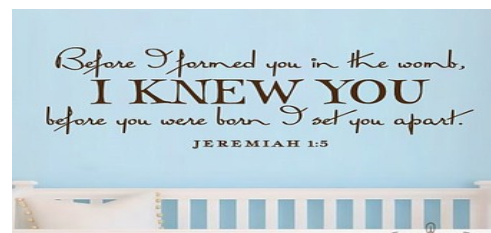
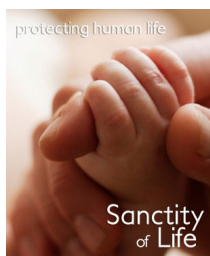


On WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017, the FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, there will be a DAY OF PRAYER at St. Elizabeth consisting of EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Parishioners from both parishes have consented to spend an hour in prayer that day. Following is the schedule for NOVEMBER 1, 2017:

7:30 A.M. - SACRED EUCHARIST
 8:00 A.M. - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 8:00 A.M. - RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
 8:15 A.M. - CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY
 11:00 A.M. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 3:00 P.M. - RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
 3:15 P.M. - CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY
 4:45 P.M. - BENEDICTION

All are WELCOME to come and spend any amount of time in prayer before the BLESSED SACRAMENT that day.

Thank you & God bless you.



Sanctity of Life

Oct. 15, 2017 ~ Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
~From the Pastor ~ Don't Miss God's Invitation

In his book "Hamlet's Blackberry" (Harper Perennial, \$14.99), William Powers tells the story of a friend from a non-English-speaking background who had immigrated to the United States. Whenever he asked her how she was, she would inevitably reply, "Busy, very busy." Powers thought this was strange, particularly given that his friend, Maria, seemed fairly laid back and relaxed. He soon learned that Maria was simply copying what she heard Americans say to each other when asked how they were doing. She thought it was the normal way to reply politely to inquiries about one's well-being. And let's admit it — we do tend to be a bit frenetic and chronically overscheduled. Hopefully we are still somewhat more gracious than the guests invited to the wedding feast in today's Gospel parable. Perhaps we still have enough courtesy at least to send an RSVP tendering our "regrets." And it seems far-fetched to imagine that we would shoot our mail carrier just for bringing us the invitation — or that the host of the banquet would send a hitman to "take us out" for our refusal to attend! If we are too busy for one another, or even too busy for God, then maybe we are just too busy! The first reading from Isaiah and the responsorial psalm spell out the beauty and attractiveness of the eternal banquet to which "the king," our loving God, invites us. The Gospel today urges us to stop and think: Do we really want to miss this never-ending wedding feast? In the upcoming film "Beyond the Clouds," a story is told of an archaeologist who once hired some Inca tribesmen to lead him to an archaeological site deep in the mountains. After they had been walking for some time, the tribesmen stopped and insisted they would go no further. The archaeologist grew impatient and then angry. But no matter how much he cajoled the tribesmen they would not go any further. Then all of a sudden the tribesmen changed their attitude. They picked up the gear and set off once more. When the bewildered archaeologist asked why they had stopped and refused to move for so long, the tribesmen answered, "We had been moving too fast and had to wait for our souls to catch up."

Spiritual Reflections for the Sacred Feast of all Saints

CANONIZATION: The road to official SAINTHOOD has four stages: Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed, and Saint. Sometimes people mistakenly think that the stages are an indication of holiness that a blessed is "holier" than a servant of God, but the stages are merely an indication of where in the process THAT person's cause of sainthood is. The process cannot begin until five years after a person's death to make certain that nothing scandalous emerges. A person can be SAINTLY on earth, but may only become a canonized saint after death. That waiting period has been twice waived in modern times. St. John Paul II started the cause for Mother Teresa two years after her death, and Pope Benedict XVI waived all five years for Pope John Paul II. After the waiting period, the Bishop of the diocese where the person died can initiate the case of sainthood called a cause for beatification and canonization. If there are no objections, the person can then be called a servant of God. **1. SERVANT OF GOD.** During this phase evidence of the person's life is gathered and examined. This stage can take many years. Eventually the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints make a decision as to whether or not the cause should go forward. If they vote to continue, the Pope makes a final judgment and the person becomes venerable. **2. VENERABLE** At this point, the person's holiness is further established by evidence of a miracle performed through his or her intercession. Usually the miracle is a verifiable medical healing that could not have occurred under any known normal circumstances.

Nov. 1st ~ Feast of all Saints~Holy Day of Obligation



As an important part of our desire to love, obey and follow God, we are blessed to be able to gather in the Sacred Eucharist to celebrate the FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, the first day of the month of November. This special feast is provided for by the Holy Mother Church as a beautiful opportunity to examine our spiritual lives. In this review, we are able to determine if we are progressing toward a greater degree of SANCTITY and HOLINESS. As we recall, and honor of the SAINTS who have gone before us, we are able to recognize that their holiness is revealed in their strong and intense willingness to open their hearts and their souls to God's Will and His Presence as lived out in their ordinary and everyday lives in the Spirit of God's Grace and Trust. Every single one of the hundreds and hundreds of SAINTS in the Roman Catholic Faith has a strong willingness to center their hearts and souls to GOD ALONE. As we celebrate this Eucharist, we pray to God asking for His help and guidance to follow the example of the SAINTS who continually imitated their LOVE FOR GOD and who are constant in their prayers and intercessions for each of us. In honor of the Holy Day of ALL SAINTS, the Sacred Eucharist will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 5:00 pm Our Lady Of Lourdes. Wednesday, November 1, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth.

HOLY HOUR ~ OUR LADY OF LOURDES

For the Special Intention of the SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE, there will be a HOLY HOUR on TUES. OCT. 31, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Silent Prayer, & Benediction. This Holy Hour is planned one hour before the Holy Day Mass so that as many parishioners as possible could attend. Please consider spending an hour in prayer before the Most Holy & Blessed Sacrament.

Spiritual Reflection Sacred Feast of all Saints cont.

any known normal circumstances. If a miracle is established the person can then be declared blessed. **3. BLESSED.** Those who are declared blessed require a second miracle before the Church makes a final judgment. The same scrutiny and rules apply to the second miracle as to the first. If a second miracle is proven, the person then is named a saint. **4. SAINT.** Once a person is named a saint, he or she can be venerated by the whole Church and his or her name may be added to the general calendar of the Church. Someone who is known to have given his or her life for the faith is not required to have proven miracles before being canonized a saint, because martyrdom itself is believed to be a miracle of grace. **THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD.** The formal canonization process we know has been in place only since the Seventeenth century. In the early Church, if a person died for the faith or if the congregation agreed the person was extremely holy, he or she could be immediately recognized as a saint. In medieval times, the pope could just declare a person a saint. To combat error, procedural norms were gradually added, becoming established canon law in 1917.

Thank you to Our Lady Of Lourdes

Thank you to all parishioners who provided for the SOUP SUPPER held at OLOL's on Sun. Oct. 8th. We are grateful for all of your hard work & dedicated efforts.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal 2017~2018 "Go Therefore & Make Disciples"



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What specifically does the Annual Catholic Services Appeal fund?

Your parish is involved with many of the offices, ministries and services coordinated through the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Some very important services are beyond the resources of any one parish. To meet those needs the Annual Catholic Services Appeal funds more than 20 offices and 90 ministries. The diocese offers these programs and services to help your parish and the people of the diocese makes our communities better places to worship, live and work. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal makes these ministries possible and it enables our parishes to live out the mission of Jesus Christ That mission is to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel, to serve our brothers and sisters and to live a life of community in the Holy Spirit.

I give to my parish, why should I give to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal? Before the Appeal, parishes were annually assessed a certain percentage of their offertory income to help support the diocese. This was called a "cathedraticum." The parish paid this out of their general funds. In the late 1980's at the request of our pastors the Annual Catholic Services Appeal was started. This annual Appeal helps our parishes keep more funds for local needs. In other words, your contribution to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal is helping your parish meet its assessment. If your parish goal is surpassed, then 100% of the overage is returned to the parish. The diocese does not keep it. If your parish does not make its goal, the difference is made up from the regular Sunday offertory.

Sincere & Heartfelt Thank You



A sincere & heartfelt THANK YOU to those parishioners who have already participated in this important fundraiser for the entire Diocese. Your deep & sincere gratitude is appreciated as we strive to fulfill the goal for St. Elizabeth Parish of \$31,455.00 & the goal for Our Lady Of Lourdes of \$3,671.00. Thank you & God bless you.

Upcoming Collections



World Missions Sunday will be on Sunday, October 22, 2017.

Liturgical Ministry Contacts



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Robb Sparks 546-5606
Our Lady of Lourdes
Scheduling of Liturgical Ministries
Anita Kocher 592-3384

Prayer Requests



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

Finance Council Meetings in October



There will be a Finance Council Meeting for Our Lady Of Lourdes on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, October 8, 2017

Envelopes \$2,582.00 Loose \$ 508.03

2 Online @ \$80.00 Building Fund \$65.00

Deposit \$3,235.03

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, October 1, 2017

Envelopes \$785.00 Loose \$72.00

Building Fund \$120.00

Deposit \$977.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, October 8, 2017

Envelopes \$925.00 Loose \$176.00

Deposit \$ 1,101.00

Give Central Online Donations



St. Elizabeth has an online donations system called Give Central. All monies come directly to St. Elizabeth. You can go to the Church website www.crawfordcountycatholics.com & click on DONATE to access Give Central. You can give to what donation you choose to. Thank you to those who use the online giving.

Daily Mass Readings Oct. 16 ~ Oct. 20, 2017



Mon. Oct. 16- Reading 1~ Rom. 1:1-7
Gospel Lk. 11:29-32

Tues. Oct. 17-Reading 1~Rom. 1:16-25
Gospel Lk. 11:37-41

Wed. Oct. 18 - Reading 1~ 2 Tim. 4:10-17B
Gospel Lk. 10:1-9

Thur. Oct. 19- Reading 1~ Rom. 3:21-30
Gospel Lk. 11:47-54

Fri. Oct. 20 - Reading 1~ Rom. 4:1-8
Gospel Lk. 12:1-7