



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, September 3, 2017 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then Jesus said to His disciples,
"Whoever wants to
be My disciple must
deny themselves
and take up
their cross and
follow Me."

- Matthew 16:24

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Story in Matthew 16:21~27

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Mat. 16:24-27

Mass Intentions

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| Sept.2 | 4:30 pm | The Mette Family by Jane Howard |
| Sept.3 | 7:30 am | Lexi Davis by Mike & Jona Uptmor |
| | 9:00 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| | 10:30 am | Special Intentions |
| Sept.4 | 7:30 am | Charles & Ida Mary Adams By Keith & Patti Buercklin |
| Sept.5 | 12:00 pm | Special Intentions |
| Sept. 6 | 7:30 am | Loretta Holscher by Dave & Kaye Holscher |
| Sept. 7 | 7:30 am | Jane Brown by George Brown |
| Sept. 8 | 7:30 am | Martha Tebbe by Carol Wong |
| Sept. 9 | 4:30 pm | Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family |
| Sept.10 | 7:30 am | Loretta Holscher By Dave & Kaye Holscher |
| | 9:00 am | Special Intentions |
| | 10:30 am | Connie Cooper by Dave & Eileen Cooper |



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 9, 2017 ~ Sunday, September 10, 2017

Sat. Sept. 9, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:
USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower
COMMUNION MIN: Lisa Baird, Karen Sanders
SERVERS: Eva Hermann, Jared Hermann
GIFTS: Dave Cooper Family

Sun. Sept. 10, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Linda Sikorski
USHERS: Nick Weber, Craig Weber
COMMUNION MIN: Mike & Jona Uptmor
SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins
GIFTS: Christopher Bonnell Family

Sun. Sept. 10, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman
USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson
COMMUNION MIN: Bob Coffman, Jim Ping
SERVERS: Taylor Blank
GIFTS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

Sun. Sept. 10, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Courtney Ferris
USHERS: Ken Deters, Chris Weber
COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Patti Buercklin
SERVERS: Emily Heidorn, Isabel Heidorn
GIFTS: Chris Weber Family

Collection Counters: September, 2017:
 Janet Hill, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Parish School of Religion Class Schedule



Wednesday, September 6, 2017 6:30—7:30 pm
 Wednesday, September 13, 2017 6:30—7:30 pm
 Wednesday, September 20, 2017 6:30—7:30 pm
 Wednesday, September 27, 2017 6:30—7:30 pm

First Reconciliation—First Holy Communion Parent Meeting
 Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Parish Center

Scriptural Reflections for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Peter tries to deny the Lord His Passion— "God forbid that such a thing ever happen to you!"—he, in effect, is denying the possibility of happiness itself. "It is only by freeing himself through suffering," said Pope Benedict XI, "that man himself, that he finds his truth, his joy, his happiness." Therefore, we eagerly offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. For, no matter how much our sharing in Christ's cross may make us an object of the world's laughter and mockery, we know that our need to live our relationship with the Lord will become like fire burning in our heart. "The cross forces us to look upon the fact that we are loved by God. The cross becomes a new center of gravity for the bringing together of what is divided" (Pope Benedict XVI).

Daily Mass Readings Sept. 4 ~ Sept. 8, 2017



Mon. Sept. 4- Reading 1~ 1 Thes. 4:13-18
 Gospel Lk.4:16-30

Tues. Sept. 5- Reading 1~ 1 Thes. 5:1-6, 9-11
 Gospel Lk. 4:31-37

Wed. Sept. 6 - Reading 1~ Col. 1:1-8
 Gospel Lk.4:38-44

Thur. Sept. 7- Reading 1~ Col.1-9-14
 Gospel Lk.5:1-11

Fri. Sept. 8 - Reading 1~ Mi.5:1-4A or Rom. 8:28-30
 Gospel Mt. 1:1-16, 18-23



Prayer Requests

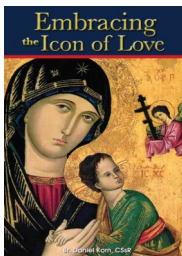
Please remember the following in your prayers: Sherry Boswell, Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Ron Dhom, Sharon Drake, Jamie Hartrich, Leona Kocher, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Vickie Wilson, the men & women in the armed forces.

Parish Office Closed



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 for the Labor Day Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Embracing the Icon of Love



If you are participating in the **SPRITUAL RETREAT** entitled **EMBRACING THE ICON OF LOVE**, please note the date of our first session is **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**. On this date, Father Flach will distribute the resource and explain the process. If there are any questions, please contact Father Flach. Thank you & God bless you.

September 3, 2017 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
From the Pastor: Discipleship: Profit or Loss?

As a young girl, Tara was taught to respect people older than herself—"Even when you differ," instructed her mother. Tara always did just that. Now, Mr. Mooney, her elderly neighbor, had a bad temper. When Tara and her friends became too noisy playing, Mr. Mooney yelled and chased them away. No one liked him. After his stroke, Mr. Mooney had trouble walking. When his morning paper didn't make his front porch, Tara carefully and quickly placed it there. He never thanked her, and sometimes he chased her away. But Tara retrieved his newspaper anyway. When her playmates asked why she did this, she answered, "Because my mom said it's the right thing to do."

Tara learned a life lesson: Do what you're told even when it's troubling. This week, Jesus teaches a similar lesson to his followers. Every once in a while, Jesus wanted to make certain that he and his disciples were reading the same signs of the times. Jesus shares that things are not looking good. Jesus' enemies are now beginning to come together with one purpose. They want to kill Jesus. He doesn't observe the Sabbath, and he calls God his father. Jesus has to be taught a lesson. The incredible reality behind all this is that Jesus realizes and understands what all this means. He knows exactly what the chief priests, the elders and the scribes intend to do to him. Jesus is going to Jerusalem, despite what lies ahead. He will do his Father's will, no matter the consequences. This is the same crucial life lesson Tara learned but on a smaller scale:

faithfulness always, whether good or bad times. Jesus asks for trust and faithfulness. He wants his disciples to stand firm, for he knows what they, too, will face in the future. As Jeremiah learned, Tara bravely did and Paul exhorted to his followers: Faithfulness, and not circumstances, determines our choices.

Even when other voices like Peter's tried to pull him in a different direction, Jesus was as quick and firm as he was before: "Get behind me, Satan!" Jesus wants his disciples to think as God does. Peter and all the apostles certainly got the message. Jesus teaches them clearly and simply that embracing the heinous cross will gain life, while denying the cross will lose their lives. It may seem folly, but it is truly profit, for gain comes when they forfeit their lives for another. Jesus is prepared to show them this in Jerusalem. Discipleship includes the cross, death on that cross and resurrection as part of the complete package. They can never avoid the cross. Jesus did not, and neither can they. Jesus is going to Jerusalem, and we are bound to do the same.



Redesigning OF Landscaping

At the Finance Council Meeting held at OLOL's Parish on August 22, it was decided to redesign the landscaping in front of the Church on either side of the glass doors & the Grotto for OLOL's. There are other projects throughout the Church that should also be completed in the future. The exterior landscaping is what we see first upon entering the Church so it can be improved as well as the Grotto be made more appealing. To balance some of the cost of the landscaping so that financial resources are available, perhaps you would be interested in making a donation to assist with the cost of the landscaping. The amount needed for this project is \$2,700.00. If you would like to make a donation, simply place it into an envelope and place LANDSCAPING PROJECT on the front and either give it to Fr. Flach or place in the collection basket. Thank you for your generous consideration & may God bless you.

Spiritual Reading St. Peter's Profession of Faith

Peter professes his faith. And Christ accepts his profession but then goes on to foretell his own Passion and Resurrection. He declares: The Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected... and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again (Mk 8:31). Peter, who has professed that Jesus is the Messiah, is astonished by these words. He takes his Master aside and rebukes him. What does this "rebuke" mean? It means that he tries to convince Jesus that what he has said cannot happen, that such a mission and death cannot happen to him, precisely because he is the Messiah, because he has been sent by God and anointed with the Holy Spirit. And how does Christ react? He in turn rebukes Peter, in words that are very severe. He says, Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's (Mk 8:33). Yes, Peter already believed in Christ, but he was not yet ready to accept the whole truth about Christ. Like so many of his contemporaries, Peter was thinking of the Messiah in human terms: he saw Jesus as the one who could restore freedom to Israel. But in fact the full truth about Christ, about the Messiah, did soon become known. It became known exactly as Jesus had foretold. And only then did Peter believe: he believed that the Messiah sent by God was the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Peter professed and proclaimed this truth about Christ, beginning on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem right up to the day when for the sake of this truth he gave his life on Vatican Hill in Rome. And by believing and teaching this, Peter thought and spoke in God's way and not in man's...



If we want to keep the covenant with God which Christ accomplished through His blood, in His cross and Resurrection, we must follow Christ Himself. He has called us to be His disciples, and He continues to say to us: If anyone wants to be a follower of Mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it: but anyone who loses his life for My sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it. (Mk. 8:34-35)

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

O Mother of Perpetual Help,- grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name,- which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest "Mary; let thy name-henceforth be -ever on my- Lips; Delay not, O Blessed Lady to help me whenever I call on Thee, for, in-all my needs; in all my-temptations shall never cease to call on Thee, ever repeating Thy sacred name, Mary, Mary. O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce Thy sacred name, or even only think of Thee. I thank God for having given Thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing Thy name: let my love for Thee prompt me ever to Hail Thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. Recite Nine hail Mary's.



Our Mother of Perpetual Help,
pray for us!

September 8, 2017
The Feast of the Birth of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary



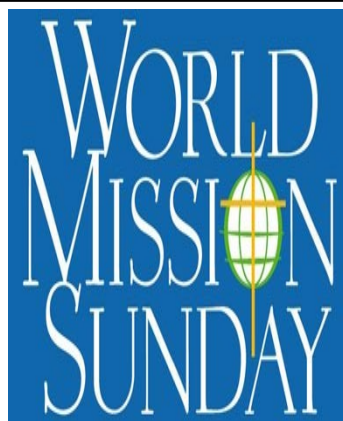
The devil really likes...pride...because it is the principle and source of all sin.

On the other hand, it displeases God just as much as it pleases the devil. God is displeased by pride, and pleased by humility. God was so pleased with Mary's humility that his goodness compelled him to give her the Word, His Only Begotten Son—and she was the wonderful Mother who gave [that Word] to us. You know well that God's Son did not take flesh within Mary until she had clearly expressed both her will and her humility by saying, Ecce ancilla Domini Let

it be done to me according to your Word. But as soon as she had said this, she conceived within her the dear spotless Lamb. By this, gentle First Truth was showing us how excellent this little virtue is, and how much those who receive in humility give their will as an offering to their Creator. So in times of difficulty; when we are harassed or hurt, slandered or vilified by our neighbors; when we are troubled in mind or deprived of spiritual or temporal consolation by Creator or creature (by our Creator in kindness, when he draws our spiritual feelings back into himself, (though it seems from the severity of our pain and struggles that he is no longer within us; and by other people when it seems from our conversation and recreation with them that we love them more than they love us)—in all these things, I-tell you, those who have been made perfect in humility say, "My Lord, here I am, your maidservant! Let it be done in me according to your will, and not according to what my emotions want." In this way they give off the perfume of

patience—to the Creator and to other people and to themselves. They enjoy spiritual peace and calm. In the midst of war they have found peace because they have rid themselves of selfish willfulness grounded in pride.

Upcoming Second Collections



World Missions Sunday will be on Sunday, October, 23, 2017. On October 23rd we will join Catholics around the world to "celebrate the hope that saves." Our prayers and attention will be directed towards strengthening our brothers and sisters worldwide. We will have an opportunity to contribute financially to a special collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supporting missionaries and Church workers who are giving daily witness to Christ by offering service and hope to the poor and most vulnerable in mission countries.

Liturgical Ministry Contacts



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September Church Meetings



The Pastoral Council Meeting will be held at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

The Finance Council for St. Elizabeth will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church
Week Ending Sunday, August 27, 2017

Envelopes \$ 2,962.00
 Loose \$ 303.50
 2 Online @ \$80.00
 Votive Candles \$190.04
 Deposit \$3,535.54

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church
Week ending Sunday, August 27, 2017

The offerings will appear in next week's bulletin.

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.

Victim Assistance

If you or someone close to you have been a victim of abuse by a priest, deacon or individual representing the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, you or they are encouraged to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator-Patricia Kornfeld at 217-321-1155. The Church takes the matter seriously irrespective of anything else and even though we may at times be limited in what we can do, we can affirm and give solace to those with the courage to come forward.