

St. Elizabeth Church

138 Goodell, Wyandotte

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Today we enter a new phase in our Lenten journeying. We join with our elect in undergoing the first of three scrutinies. The scrutinies are communal examinations of conscience which our brothers and sisters who prepare for baptism. Three traditional Gospels will we hear this week and the following two weeks, that help us with seeing the world through new eyes. Today we hear of the woman at the well who, in her encounter with the Lord, recognizes the "living water" that flows from Him. Of course, we recognize that new life that we experience in baptism.

Next week we will hear of a man who was born blind, but who sees more clearly than those religious leaders who had physical sight all of their lives. Finally, in two weeks we will hear a dramatic confrontation with death itself. These Gospels are longer than any we will hear throughout the year [with the exception of the Passion which is read on Palm Sunday]. However, we are now in these waning days of Lent on a dramatic journey with Jesus as well.

Holy Thursday Pot Luck

One of the great traditions here at St Elizabeth is our annual parish potluck on Holy Thursday [March 24]. As we note in another article in the bulletin today we have a sign-up sheet in the back of Church where you can sign up to bring a dish to pass – side dish or casserole or meat a salad or a desert. We will supply the dishes, the silverware, milk and water, and condiments.

This has always been a wonderful opportunity to share a meal around the table as we prepare to celebrate the meal of the Lord's Supper, the anniversary of the institution of the Eucharist.

Catholic Business Owners.com

I would like to draw your attention to a new website for the Catholic business community. It can be reached at www.catholicbusinessowners.com. I and other priests will be offering reflections on the ethics and vision of Catholics in the market. It also

provides an opportunity for Catholics who own businesses to get the word out as to what they offer and their commitment to a Catholic social vision vis-à-vis the business world.

If you own a business or have a Catholic member of your family or friend who does I would commend this opportunity to put our light on the "lamp stand where it gives light to all who enter the house" [Matt. 5:15]

Parish Activities this week

Monday

7:30pm – Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday

6:50pm – Evening Prayer

7:30pm – Worship Commission

Wednesday

5:30pm – Religious Education Classes

7:00pm – Catechist Meeting

7:30pm – Healing Mass

Thursday

7:00pm – 1st Reconciliation 7

Friday

5:15pm – Soup & Salad Dinner

6:30pm – Stations of the Cross

7:15pm – Mass

Sunday

12:00pm – RCIA

6:00pm – Vespers

6:30pm – Purpose Driven Life Class

6:30pm – Youth Group (S.O.S.)

Lenten 2005 Communal Penance Services in March

7th at 7:00m – St. Patrick, Wyandotte

11th at 7:00pm – St. Frances Cabrini, Allen Park

15th at 7:00pm – St. Alfred, Taylor

17th at 7:00pm – St. Francis Xavier, Ecorse

19th at 11:00am – St. Cyprian, Riverview

22nd at 7:00pm – St. Henry, Lincoln Park