



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



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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Office Manager: Halena Estep**

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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 ~ 4:00 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, April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord



### Jesus Is Risen ~ Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, “[a] Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. <sup>7</sup> Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.” Matthew 28:5~7



## Mass Intentions

Apr. 11	4:30 pm	In Thanksgiving by James & Donna Voss
Apr. 12	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Virginia Rose Hardiman by Frank & Ann Schalasky Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Apr. 13	7:30 am	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Apr. 14	12:00 pm	William Loy (Death) by Ann Loy
Apr. 15	7:30 am	Harry Bohman (Birthday) (Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman
Apr. 16	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Apr. 17	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 18	4:30 pm	Ethel Hardiek by Eileen Hartrich
Apr. 19	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina

## Petitions To Jesus

**O** Good Jesus: Word of the Eternal Father, convert me. Son of Mary, take me as her child. My Master, teach me. Prince of peace, give me peace. My Refuge, receive me.

### TO GOD THE SON

My Shepherd, feed my soul. Model of patience, comfort me. Meek & humble of heart, help me to become like You. My Redeemer, save me. My God & my All, possess me. The true Way, direct me. Eternal Truth, instruct me. Life of the saints, make me live in You. My Support, strengthen me. My Justice, justify me. My Mediator with the Father, reconcile me. Physician of my soul, heal me. My Judge, pardon me. My King, rule me. My Sanctification, sanctify me. Abyss of goodness, pardon me. Living Bread of heaven, feed me. Father of the prodigal, receive me.

## An Easter Message



Heavenly Father & God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive & has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death, You raise us with Him & renew Your Gift of Life within us, increase in our minds & Hearts the risen life we share with

Christ & help us to grow as Your people toward the fullness of eternal life with You. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



## Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Apr. 13, 2020 Acts 2:14, 22-33 Gospel Mt. 28:8-15  
 Tues. Apr. 14, 2020 Acts 2:36-41 Gospel Jn. 20:11-18  
 Wed. Apr. 15, 2020 Acts 3:1-10 Gospel Lk. 24:13-35  
 Thurs. Apr. 16, 2020 3:11-26 Gospel Lk. 24:35-48  
 Fri. Apr. 17, 2020 Acts 4:1-12 Gospel Jn. 21:1-14

## A Fond Farewell To Courtney Ferris



As we travel as pilgrims through this life that God has given to us we do so in the midst of constant changes. In the midst of these changes, we rely more deeply upon the presence of God who guides & leads us to His Everlasting Love. Our hearts are blessed with humble gratitude as we reflect upon the dedicated & faithful service to St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish of COURTNEY FERRIS as she steps aside in her important role as DIRECTOR of the PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM. We firmly believe that God guided you, COURTNEY, to our parishes to provide spiritual leadership in helping each of us to grow in our Catholic Faith & to deepen our love for the Blessed Trinity. From July 25, 2011 unto the May 28, 2020, you have devoted yourself completely to be of of service in any way possible & for this we are deeply grateful. Your dedicated accomplishments are too numerous to mention but your presence will remain in our hearts as we say FAREWILL to you. We hope that you will always know of our gratitude, prayer, & love for you. May God bless you in your new endeavors.

## A Warm & Sincere Welcome to Kathy Staller



Our parish families of ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES is blest with God's Presence to be able to offer a PRAYERFUL WELCOME to one of our dedicated & faith-filled parishioners KATHY STALLER who is assuming the role as DIRECTOR OF THE PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM. We are grateful to God that Kathy has accepted this position & we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead & guide her as she helps us to draw closer to God's Love. With her deep faith & her faithful participation already as a teacher in the PSR Program, may God's Grace continue to strengthen her in her new role. THANK YOU, KATHY, God bless you, for helping us & A WARM & SINCERE WELCOME.

## Spiritual Reading for EASTER SUNDAY



"Jesus is risen from the dead! This message resounds in the Church, the world over, along with the singing of the Alleluia.... He remained two days in the tomb; but his death contained God's love in all its power, released and made manifest on the third day, the day we celebrate today: the Easter of Christ the Lord.... The words heard by the women at the tomb are also addressed to us: Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Death, solitude, and fear are not the last word.

There is a Word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the Resurrection (Pope Francis). Christ has made good on all he promised. He is truly risen.

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

Sunday, April 12, 2020 ~ EASTER SUNDAY  
 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
 From The Pastor: What's In A Name?



Peter's burst of speech in today's first reading from Acts comes forth like Christ from the tomb. This is the same Peter whose pre-Resurrection language was tainted by denial & silence. Now under the Spirit of the Risen Lord, he brings a new word into being as he recounts salvation history through the lens of God's saving event in Christ Jesus. Peter owns his witness to Jesus, who "went about doing good & healing all those oppressed by the devil" (Acts 10:38). It is impossible to imagine the Easter event separate from a proclamation. The 1 Corinthians passage (second option for the second reading) provides an apt metaphor to disclose the mission of preaching the Good News that Christ has risen from the dead. "Clear out the old yeast," says Paul, "so that you may become a fresh batch of dough." That means something in us must die so that we will rise to newness of life & in order that the word might be born anew. Once again, Peter says: "He commissioned us to preach to the people & testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living & the dead." And this: "Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring," says the famous Easter Sequence today. And, out of silence, speak she did, to the other disciples who also would be witnesses to the dawn of eternal life. The Johannine account of the Resurrection puts the mystery squarely in our faces. Much like the disciples, we await the Spirit to enlighten us during Paschaltide about the fullness of the Scripture culminating in Christ – something Peter uncovers for us throughout Acts. We must note that our understanding will be shaped by Mary Magdalene as well. Instead of returning home, she remained at the tomb weeping. It is there, in vigil & in grief, that she finds the risen Lord in the garden. Mary's stance after the Resurrection suggests that it may take time to grasp the reality of this mystery. God has revealed himself in the midst of his disciple's desolation, an echo of what will also occur in Luke's account of the road to Emmaus when the Lord appears to discouraged disciples. We know that it is only in the Spirit of the Risen Lord that we can bear witness with our words. Anyone who has tried to preach in the midst of a depression (or listen to the Good News while in desolation) will know that it takes an absolute act of faith to proclaim & hear the Lord in the midst of darkness. Yet these are the moments that we know God is most with us. The Lord is whispering our name in this morning fog of Easter morning, no matter our condition. If it is only one word we can muster in the shadow of the empty tomb, we can utter this: Alleluia!

### Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church ~ Week ending Sun. Mar. 29, 2020  
 Envelopes 725.00 Votive Candles \$92.00 Harry Wong Memorial  
 \$60.00 6 online @ \$450.00 Deposit: \$1,327.00

Week ending Sun. Apr. 5, 2020

Envelopes \$695.00 CCW \$10.00 Ash Wednesday \$25.00  
 Operation Rice Bowl \$50.00 Palm Sunday \$80.00 5 online @  
 \$550.00

Deposit: \$1,410.00

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Week ending Sun. Mar. 22, 2020

Envelopes \$240.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$20.00

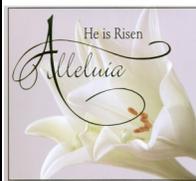
Deposit: \$260.00

Week ending Sun. Apr. 5, 2020 Envelopes \$200.00 Building  
 Fund \$10.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$10.00 Deposit: \$220.00

## An Easter Message

I often ask myself if I would give another the same mercy that our Savior, Jesus of Nazareth, had given the multitudes who mocked & condemned Him during His Passion on Calvary so long ago- The Tridum (meaning 'three begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday & concludes with the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. The season of Lent, the "Spring" of the Spirit, is the perfect time to renew our lives in Christ as well as look forward to the Paschal Feast. Our faith teaches us that by His death, Jesus freed us from sin, & by His Resurrection, He opened for us the way to Eternal Life. As members of the Church, we believe that through Baptism, we are freed from sin & reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the church & made shares in her mission," (Catechism of the Catholic church 1213), "makes amends superabundantly for the disobedience of Adam" (CC 411) & as the unblemished Lamb, sacrifice (for sin, gained for us Redemption. As we are forgiven, so must we forgive, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Rom 5:20). Many need the reassurance of God's undying love for them now. Together, united in the Church, we can bring Christ's message to those who may not yet have heard what goodness the Gospel can bring to our lives., It's not always easy to be in solidarity since the world today, like that of Jesus' time, is filled with pride, anger, envy, jealousy, greed, gluttony, lust, sloth - which spiritual-laziness — unforgiveness, anxiety, & fear. The serpent is still out there, tempting us to sin. In spite of all this, we must strive to build upon our strengths as we recognize our weakness, believing that, as followers of Christ, we are saved by the power of Divine Mercy. During this sacred Easter time, please don't pass up the chance to tell the special people in your life that you love them, forgive them, or want to support them with prayers. It is now our inheritance to be apostles for Christ! May our Merciful Lord bestow upon you & yours countless Easter Blessings!

### A Prayer for Easter



Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven & voices raise sing God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled-Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead. Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace, rain & dew & gleams of glory from the brightness of thy grace; that we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be, & by angel hands be gathered, & be ever, Lord, with thee. Alleluia, Alleluia! Sincere Easter blessings & Greetings. As the season of spring dawns, we find ourselves celebrating the most important feast in the lives of all Christians. The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the time for us to rejoice in the meaning of the resurrection knowledge that Jesus has risen & has promised that we will also share in His Glorious Resurrection. The Feast of Easter is a time of rebirth & renewal, a special time to celebrate. The celebration of Easter brings the Gift of Eternal Life to mind the season of hope & trust in God's promises. Witnessing the deep faith of the parishioners of St. Elizabeth parish & Our Lady of Lourdes parish has been a great source. May this hope & joy for the future of our parishes special feast of EASTER bless our hearts with the joy of believing how much our faithful Father loves each & every one of us personally, Amen.

## Christ Is Risen!

Today the Church repeats, sings, shouts: 'Jesus is Risen!' But why is this? Peter, John, & the women went to the sepulcher & it was empty. He was not there. They went away with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: The Teacher, their Teacher, the One whom they loved so much, had been put to death; he is dead & there no return from death- This is the defeat. This the path of defeat, the path towards the sepulcher. But the Angel says to them, He is not here, he is Risen. It is the first announcement: "He is Risen." And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper Room the entire day because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. The Church does not cease to say before our losses, our closed & fearful heart: "Stop, the Lord is Risen." But if the Lord is Risen, why is it that these things happen? Why is it that there is so much adversity: illness, human trafficking, human slavery, war, destruction, mutilation, vengeance, hatred? Where is the Lord then? Yesterday, I phoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated young man, an engineer, & while talking to him, to give him a sign of faith, I said: "There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the cross. God did this to His Son, & there is no other explanation." And he answered: "Yes, but he asked his Son & the Son said 'yes.' I was not asked if I wanted this." This moves us. None of us is asked: "Are you happy with what is happening in the world? Are you willing to carry this cross further?" And the cross goes forth & faith in Jesus comes down from it. Today, the Church continues to say: "Stop. Jesus is Risen & this is a fantasy. The Resurrection of Christ is not a celebration with many flowers. This is beautiful, but this is not it. It is something more. It is the mystery of the discarded stone which becomes the foundation of our existence. Risen is what it means. In this throwaway culture where what is not needed is just used & disposed of, where what is not needed is thrown away, that stone—Jesus the source of life is discarded. And with faith in the Risen Christ, we too, pebbles on earth of pain, tragedy, acquire meaning amid so many calamities. The sense to look beyond, the sense to say: "Look, there is no wail; there is a horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross with this ambivalence. Look ahead, do not close within yourself. You pebble, acquire meaning in life because you are a pebble near that rock, that stone which the evil of sin discarded." What does the Church tell us today before so many tragedies? Simply this: the discarded stone is not really discarded. The pebbles which believe and stick to that stone are not They have meaning & it is with this sentiment that the Church repeats from the bottom of her heart: "Christ is Risen." Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies, & with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen & I have put a wager on it." Brothers & sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you- Go home today repeating in Christ is Risen in your hearts: Christ is Risen!



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees), Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Paul Deters (Ken Deters), Eileen Fabris, Randy Hatten, Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Linda Sparks (Robb Sparks), Linda Stewart (Nolan Stewart), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, Brian Wirey, Linnie York (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.

## Fish Fry News: Sincere Congratulations

**SINCERE & HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS** & a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all those who helped in any way wherever they were needed at the recent **SUCCESSFUL FISH FRIES**. In 3 Fish Fries, there were 2,401 meals served. **MARCH 6, 2020 - 972 meals ~ MARCH 13, 2020 - 778 meals & MARCH 20, 2020 - 651 meals.** All of your hard work from preparing for endless hours to cleaning up certainly paid off as we were able to secure a profit of \$17,111.31. Profit for 2017 = \$14,325.00. Profit for 2018 = \$15,644.96. Profit for 2019 = \$17,771.15. Profit for 2020 = \$17,111.31. With all that was taking place this year, I think the profit is successful. Our profit continues to increase **THANKS** to each of you. May God bless you for your helpful & dedicated work. **THANK YOU** a thousand times over.

## Spiritual Reading for EASTER SUNDAY

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. We can picture them as they went on their way. They walked like people going to a cemetery, with uncertain and weary steps, like those who find it hard to believe that this is how it all ended. We can picture their faces, pale and tearful. And their question: can Love have truly died? Unlike the disciples, the women are present—just as they had been present as the Master breathed his last on the cross, and then, with Joseph of Arimathea, as he was laid in the tomb. Two women who did not run away, who remained steadfast. And suddenly there was a great earthquake. Unexpectedly, those women felt a powerful tremor, as something or someone made the earth shake beneath their feet. Once again, someone came to tell them: Do not be afraid, but now adding: He has been raised as he said! The heartbeat of the Risen Lord is granted us as a gift, a present, a new horizon. The beating heart of the Risen Lord is given to us, and we are asked to give it in turn as a transforming force, as the leaven of a new humanity. In the resurrection, Christ rolled back the stone of the tomb, but he wants also to break down all the walls that keep us locked in our sterile pessimism.... That is what Easter calls us to proclaim: the heartbeat of the Risen Lord. Christ is alive! That is what quickened the pace of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. That is what made them return in haste to tell the news. That is what made them lay aside their mournful gait and sad looks. They returned to the city to meet up with the others. Now that, like the two women, we have visited the tomb, I ask you to go back with them to the city. Let us all retrace our steps and change the look on our faces. Let us go back with them to tell the news. In all those places where the grave seems to have the final word, where death seems the only way out. Let us go back to proclaim, to share, to reveal that it is true: the Lord is alive! He is living and he wants to rise again in all those faces that have buried hope, buried dreams, buried dignity. ... Let us go, then. Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by this new dawn and by the newness that Christ alone can give. May we allow his tenderness and his love to guide our steps. May we allow the beating of his heart to quicken our faintness of heart.

## Offeratory Envelopes Mail

If you could please be so kind as to provide your **OFFERTORY ENVELOPE** for the financial support of our parishes in the absence of the Sacred Eucharist either through **ONLINE GIVING** or through the **MAIL**, it would be deeply appreciated to provide the necessary financial support. May God bless you for your generosity & **THANK YOU**.