



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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Custodial Care: Lori Davis, 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.

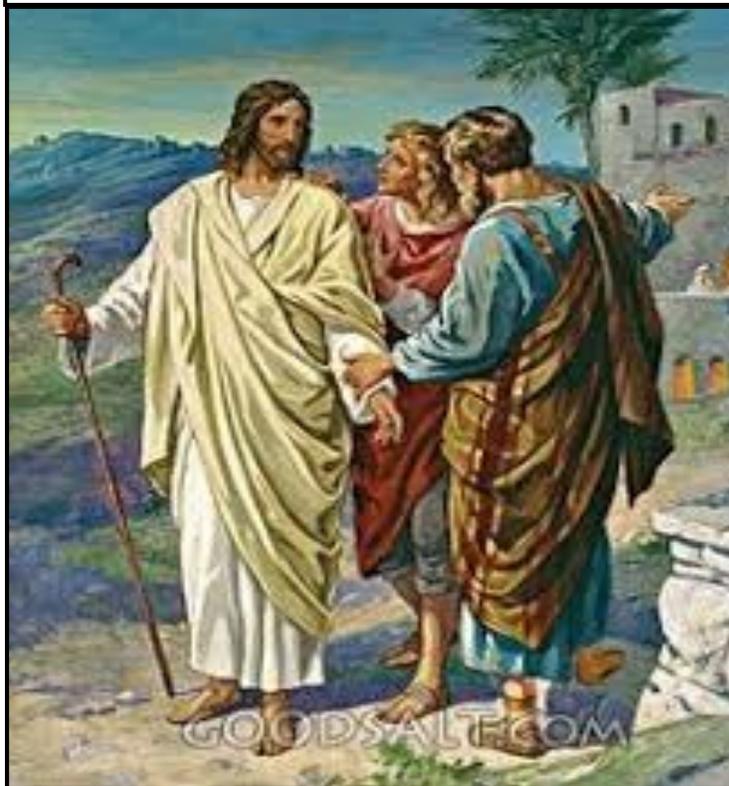
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter



Story found in Luke 24

And they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, & while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

Apr. 14	4:30 pm	Martha Tebbe by Ken & Carol Bergbower
Apr. 15	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Harry Bohman Birthday (Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman
Apr. 16	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 17	12:00 pm	Virginia Japson by Eileen Hartrich
Apr. 18	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 19	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Dan & Marian Hatfield
Apr. 20	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Apr. 21	4:30 pm	Marissa Rees by Ellen Rees
Apr. 22	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 21, 2018 ~ Sunday, April 22, 2018

<u>Sat. April 21, 2018 4:30 pm</u>		St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Geri Ezell	
USHERS:	Jack & Carol Watts	
COMMUNION MIN:	Ginger Osborne, Susan Goodwine	
SERVERS:	Liam Wirey	
GIFTS:	Mark Grimm Family	
<u>Sun. April 22, 2018 7:30 am</u>		St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Janet Jenkins	
USHERS:	Dave Holscher, Tom Huss	
COMMUNION MIN:	Jim & Shari Eckert	
SERVERS:	Jacob Eckert	
GIFTS:	Eric Mosbey Family	
<u>Sun. April 22, 2018 9:00 am</u>		Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Lori Davis	
USHERS:	Frank & Anne Schalasky	
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS:	Cameron Davis	
GIFTS:	Frank & Anne Schalasky	
<u>Sun. April 22, 2018 10:30 am</u>		St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Cydnee Weber	
USHERS:	Anthony O'Dell	
COMMUNION MIN:	Jane Bohman, Phyllis Inboden	
SERVERS:	Levi Dickerson, Cody York	
GIFTS:		

Collection Counters:

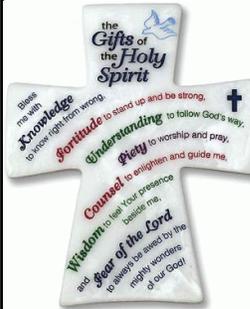
April, 2018: Scott & Valerie Chapman, Karen Reinoehl

Parish School of Religion Classes will be on Wednesday, April 18 & 25, & May 2 & 9 from 6:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm.

The Holy & Sacred Sacrament of Confirmation



On SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 2018, BISHOP THOMAS JOHN PAPROCKI will be coming to ST. ELIZABETH PARISH to administer the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION at the 10:30 AM Sacred Eucharist. Our parish family is privileged and honored to be able to welcome BISHOP PAPROCKI to St. Elizabeth Parish and to participate in the bestowal of the LOVE, GIFTS, GRACE, and PRESENCE of the HOLY SPIRIT into the hearts and souls of those parishioners who have been preparing for this most sacred moment in their spiritual journeys.



After several years of study, preparation, prayer, and service the CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES are able to receive the SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, COUNSEL, FORTITUDE, KNOWLEDGE, PIETY, and the FEAR of THE LORD. In addition, through the active practice of our Roman Catholic faith, their prayer and service, these newly Confirmed parishioners will be able to

utilize and practice the TWELVE FRUITS of the HOLY SPIRIT: CHARITY, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, GENEROUSITY, GENTLENESS, FAITHFULNESS, MODESTY, SELF-CONTROL, and CHASTITY. Our parish family of ST. ELIZABETH is happy to offer our SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS with our SINCERE LOVE and PRAYERS to these newly CONFIRMED CATHOLICS and our prayer will always be that the HOLY SPIRIT will continue to lead and guide them closer to God, our Father, through His son, Jesus, each day. With God's grace and help, may we always be good examples to these newly confirmed and may we offer them our prayerful support and love. Confirmed with the LAYING ON OF HANDS and the ANOINTING with the OIL OF SACRED CHRISM, the following parishioners will receive the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION by BISHOP THOMAS JOHN PAPROCKI on

Confirmation

Candidates

LOGAN MARIE FRANCIS OF ASSSI BAIRD
 ETHAN JAMES JAMES BOWDEN
 XAVIER ALAN GREGORY BROWN
 MEGAN ALEXANDRA ALEXANDRA BURTON
 DAVID LEVI MAURICE DICKERSON
 JAIME MAXIMILIAN ESCOBEDO
 EMILY LOREN BARBARA HEIDORN
 KRECENE KAYLA JOHN THE APOSTLE HOLSCHER
 TY RICHARD EUSTACHIUS MULLINS
 ANTHONY SCOTT ANTHONY O'DELL
 SARAH MARIE ANASTASIA STALLER
 JEFFERY SCOTT CHRISTOPHER CHAPMAN
 KESHIA BROOK ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY PARKHURST
 THAO-NGUYEN- TABITHA TRAN

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

In Acts, Peter explains to his Jewish audience that Jesus was & is the chosen servant of the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Acting out of ignorance, they had put the Holy & Righteous One to death; but by his resurrection, the God of their ancestors had brought to fulfillment all that the prophets foretold. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus proclaims the same mystery: The seeming tragedy of his suffering and death had been foretold by the prophets, but his resurrection had been foretold as well. Now his followers were witnesses to his victory over sin and death, called to preach the Good News of repentance & forgiveness to all nations. In Hans Christian Andersen's familiar fairy tale "The Ugly Duckling," the main character literally is an "odd duck." When he emerges from the egg, our hero does not look like his supposed siblings. They are adorable little balls of yellow fluff, while he is larger, gawker & a dull grayish-brown color. Immediately judged for his appearance, he is subjected to taunts & worse. Fleeing the barnyard, he searches for a home but continues to find rejection & abuse. He eventually spends a cold, lonely winter huddled in a cave. When spring comes, he spies a flock of beautiful swans. Deciding to take one last chance at finding a home, he risks joining them. Shocked when he is accepted with ease, he looks at his reflection in the water and realizes that he has grown into one of them. This is but one of

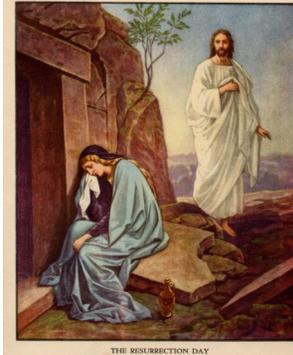


many examples where traces of the Paschal Mystery are woven into the natural world. Like the duckling, Jesus also was "spurned & avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, like one from whom you turn your face" (Is 53:3). But the rejection & cruelty proved only to be a passageway to final glory in God's mysterious & surprising plan. So, we can hope & trust that in the end God's compassionate love & forgiveness will

overcome human fickleness & violence, transforming them into new light and life. Good News, indeed.

Spiritual Reading for the Third Sunday of Easter

On Easter Day, on awakening late after the long midnight services in our parish church, I read over the last chapter of the four Gospels and felt that I received great light & understanding with the reading of them. They have taken the Lord out of his tomb and we do not know where they have laid him, Mary Magdalene said, & we can say this with her in times of doubt & questioning. How do we know we believe? How do we know we indeed have faith? Because we have seen his hands & his feet in the poor around us. He has shown himself to us in them. We start by loving them for him, & we soon love



them for themselves, each one a unique person, most special! In that last glorious chapter of Saint Luke, Jesus told his followers, Why are you so perturbed? Why do questions arise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me & see. No ghost' has flesh & bones as you can see I have. They were still unconvinced, for it seemed too good to be true. So he asked them, "Have you anything to eat?" They offered him a piece of fish they had cooked which he took & ate before their eyes.

How can I help but think of these things every time I sit down...& look around at the tables filled with the unutterably poor who are going through their long-continuing crucifixion. It is most surely an exercise of faith for us to see Christ in each other. But it is through such exercise that we grow & the joy of our vocation assures us we are on the right path.

Most certainly, it is easier to believe now that the sun warms us, & we know that buds will appear on the sycamore trees in the wasteland across from the Catholic Worker office, that life will spring out of the dull clods of that littered park across the way. There are wars and rumors of war, poverty & plague, hunger & pain. Still, the sap is rising, again there is the resurrection of spring, God's continuing promise to us that he is with us always, with his comfort & joy, if we will only ask. The mystery of the poor is this: That they are Jesus, & what you do for them you do for him. It is the only way we have of knowing and believing in our love. The mystery of poverty is that by sharing in it, making our selves poor in giving to others, we increase our knowledge & belief in love.

Spiritual Reading for the Third Sunday of Easter



The Risen Christ stands in our midst and asks, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.' This is the Lord's commandment to us. "The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments." When we are in distress, we beg with the Psalmist, "Let the light of your countenance shine upon us!" God has answered that prayer, for "God raised the author of life from the dead." The Lord will hear and have pity. "Touch and see."

Our Lady of Lourdes News

Due to Bishop Thomas John Paprocki coming to St. Elizabeth to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 29th at the 10:30 A.M. Eucharist, the SUNDAY EUCHARIST for OUR LADY OF LOURDES will take place on SATURDAY, APRIL 28th 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Thank you & God bless you.



Catholic Home Missions

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Upcoming Parish Meetings

The OLOL's Finance Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6 pm. The Pastoral Council Meeting for St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes will be at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit



COME, O HOLY SPIRIT, the Lord and Life giver; take up your dwelling within my soul, & make it your sacred temple. Make me live by grace as an adopted child of God. Pervade all the powers of my soul, and create in me a fountain of living water springing up into everlasting life.

COME, O SPIRIT OF WISDOM, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things,

their exceeding greatness, and power and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions on earth. Show me the way by which I may be able to attain them and possess them, and hold them hereafter, my own forever.

COME, O SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation, and may merit at last to see the eternal light in your light; and in the light of glory to have the clear vision of you and the Father and the Son.

COME, O SPIRIT OF COUNSEL, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do your holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good, turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the path of your Commandments to the goal of eternal life for which I long.

COME, O SPIRIT OF FORTITUDE, and give fortitude to our souls. Make our hearts strong in all trials and in all distress, pouring forth abundantly into them the gifts of strength, that we may be able to resist the attacks of the devil.

COME, O SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE, and make us understand and despise the emptiness and nothingness of the world. Give us grace to use the world only for your glory and the salvation of your creatures. May we always be very faithful in putting your rewards before every earthly gift.

COME, O SPIRIT OF PIETY, possess my heart; incline it to a true faith in you, to a holy love of you, my God, that with my whole soul I may seek you, and find You my best, my truest joy.

COME, O SPIRIT OF HOLY FEAR, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever, and shun off things that can offend you, so that I may be made worthy to appear before the pure eyes of your divine Majesty in the heaven of heavens, where you live and reign in the unity of the ever-blessed Trinity, God world without end.

COME, O HOLY COMFORTER, and grant us a relish for heavenly things. Produce in our souls the flowers and fruits of virtue, so that, being filled with all sweetness and joy in the pursuit of good, we may attain unto eternal blessedness.



**COME, HOLY SPIRIT, FILL
THE HEARTS OF YOUR
FAITHFUL.**

Daily Mass Readings ~ April 16 ~ 20, 2018



Monday, April 16, 2018

First Reading ~ Acts 6:8~15
Gospel Jn. 6:22~29

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

First Reading ~ Acts 7:51~8:1A
Gospel Jn. 6:30~35

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

First Reading ~ Acts 8:1B~8
Gospel Jn. 6:35~40

Thursday, April 19, 2018

First Reading Acts 8:26~40
Gospel Jn. 6:44~51

Friday, April 20, 2018

First Reading ~ Acts 9:1~20
Gospel Jn. 6:52~59

Prayer Requests



Please remember the following in your prayers:
Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Todd Drake, Sandy Ellis, Betty Moore, Jennifer Pierce, Marissa Rees, Charlie Steagall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Offering Envelopes



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, April 8, 2018

Envelopes \$2,967.00 Loose \$359.00
Holy Thursday \$35.00 Seminarians \$185.00
Spiritual Kiosk \$43.00 Building Fund \$75.00
5 online @ \$485.00
Deposit \$4,149.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, April 1, 2018

Envelopes \$ 1,085.00 Loose \$140.00
Operation Rice Bowl \$63.00 Seminarians \$150.00
Holy Thursday \$84.00 Holy Land \$90.00
Edith Smith Food Pantry \$55.00
Deposit \$1,667.00



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Prayer to the Sacred Heart for Perseverance

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living & life-giving fountain of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, & glowing furnace of love, You are my refuge & my sanctuary. O adorable & glorious Savior, consume my heart with that burning fire that ever inflames Your Heart. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love. Let my heart be so united with Yours that our wills may be one, & mine may in all things be conformed to Yours. May Your Will be the rule of both my desires & my actions. *St. Alphonsus Liguori*