



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter



Story found in John 10:11~18

“I AM the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 10:11

Apr. 21	4:30 pm	Marissa Rees by Ellen Rees
Apr. 22	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher
Apr. 23	7:30 am	George Bohman
Apr. 24	12:00 pm	Joe Stein (Death) by George & Jane Bohman
Apr. 25	7:30 am	Anthony O'Dell
Apr. 26	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 27	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 28	4:30 pm	Henrietta Stein Birthday (Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman
OLOL	6:00 pm	Ginger Japson by Keith & Rita Wirey
Apr. 29	7:30 am	Mette Family by Jane Howard
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 28, 2018 ~ Sunday, April 29, 2018

Sat. April 28, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR:

USHERS: Mark & Cindy Grimm

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Kitty Platt

SERVERS: Eva Hermann, Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Steve Ezell Family

Sun. April 28, 2018 6:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Jeff Hermann

GIFTS: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

Sun. April 29, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor

USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor

COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Kurt Holscher Family

Sun. April 29, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Levi Dickerson, Krescene Holscher

USHERS: Ken Deters, Chris Weber

COMMUNION MIN: Lisa Baird, Jane Bohman

SERVERS: Isabel Heidorn, Abby Mullins,

Lily Ann Mullins, Lauren Staller, David Staller

GIFTS: Newly Confirmed

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Parish School of Religion Classes will be on Wednesday,
April 25 & May 2 & 9, 2018 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 SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018 AT 10:30 AM.

Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation

LOGAN MARIE FRANCIS OF ASSISI 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

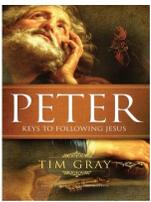
I am
the Good Shepherd
John 10:11

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes tagged as "Good Shepherd Sunday," because the Gospel always is taken from the 10th chapter of John, where Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. This year, the Gospel selection focuses on Jesus' "laying down his life for his sheep." The image of the shepherd in the

Bible is not always positive. The prophet Ezekiel, for instance, denounces the civil and religious leaders of his day as bad shepherds (see Ez.34). Like the shepherds-for-hire spoken of by Jesus in today's Gospel, Ezekiel says these leaders have "no concern for the sheep," and they certainly have no intention of laying down their lives for them. Jesus, by contrast, makes clear that he is a good shepherd — caring, vigilant and protective. Even after he does "lay down his life for his sheep" at Calvary, and takes it up again on Easter, Jesus leaves Peter to succeed him as pastor (originally meaning "shepherd") of the nascent faith community.

In Acts, we see 5,000 souls who recognize Jesus' voice in Peter's preaching and join the Christian flock. The best parents are "good shepherds." They love all their children equally, and they really mean it when they say, "You are all my 'favorites!'" They understand and respect the differences between their children: Jack loves sports, while Tim is a bookworm. Sarah is a tomboy, but Mary has a delicate constitution. And while it hurts the parents' hearts to watch, they love their children even when they go astray. When I as a director of campus ministry, I once received a call from a father whose son had gotten into some fairly serious disciplinary trouble. I was surprised to hear the man say: "I don't want to interfere with the college's disciplinary process, Father. My son knows that we won't try to rescue him from the consequences of his own ill-advised choices. But I do want to be sure that he knows we love him, and we will be there to help him pick himself up when it's over." Lucky son, to have that kind of shepherd for a dad.

Kiosk Corner



Peter—Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights these important lessons from Peter's life,

including:

- How to become a trusting disciple and "cast into the deep"
- The pitfalls of living discipleship at a distance and the eventual denial that will come
- How to recover from sin and accept God's mercy
- How to become a bold witness to others of the love of Jesus.
- Come to better know, love, and follow Jesus through the Rock on whom he built his Church.

Praise for Peter: Keys to Following Jesus

"Tim Gray strolls through Scripture, walking alongside Peter, a great Apostle and model disciple. As you read, you will be caught up in the drama and glean insights and instruction for your daily life." — Steve Ray, Author of *Upon this Rock: Peter and the Primacy of Rome in Scripture and the Early Church*

"Dr. Gray weaves together the scriptural, traditional, and archaeological evidence of the life of Peter—giving us a deep personal insight into the head Apostle—as if we are really there." — Fr. Robert Spitzer, Author of *5 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality and Finding True Happiness*.



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Jesus is the Good Shepherd because of the fact that he gives his life to the Father in this way: giving it back in sacrifice, he lays it down for the sheep. Here we enter the field of a splendid and fascinating simile, already so dear to the Old Testament prophets.

Here are the words of Ezekiel: For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out...I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down (Ez. 34:11, 15; cf. Jer. 31:31).

Taking up this image again, Jesus revealed an aspect of the Good Shepherd's love that the Old Testament had not yet divined: to

lay down one's life for the sheep.

As is known, Jesus often used parables in his teaching to make the divine truth which he proclaimed comprehensible to people who were generally simple and accustomed to think by means of images. The image of the Pastor and of the fold was familiar to the experience of his listeners, as it still is to the mind of modern man. Even if civilization and technique are progressing by leaps and bounds, this image, however, is still present in our state of affairs. The shepherds take the sheep to the pastures (as, for example, on the Polish mountains where I come from) and remain there with them during the summer. They accompany them from one pasture to another. They watch them so that they do not go astray, and in particular they defend them from wild animals.

The Good Shepherd, according to Christ's words, is just he who, seeing the wolf come, does not flee, but is ready to risk his own life, struggling with the beast of prey so that none of the sheep will be lost. If he were not ready to do so, he would not be worthy of the name of Good Shepherd. He would be a hireling, but not a shepherd.

This is Jesus' allegorical discourse. Its essential meaning lies precisely in this, that the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (Jn. 10:11); and this, in the context of the events of Holy Week, means that Jesus, dying on the cross, laid down his life for every human being and for all people.

He alone could do it; he alone could bear a whole world's weight, the load of a guilty world, the burden of man's sin, the accumulated debt, past, present, and to come; the sufferings which we owed but could not pay; in his own body on the tree of the cross (1 Pt. 2:24) through the eternal spirit offering himself

without spot to God, to serve the living God (Heb. 9:14). Such was the deed of Christ, who gave his life for everyone: and therefore, he is called the Good Shepherd (Blessed John Henry Newman).

By means of the paschal sacrifice, all people became his fold—because he has ensured to each one that divine and supernatural life which, since man's fall, owing to Original Sin, had been lost. He alone was able to restore it to man.

The
LORD
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Psalms 23:1

Spiritual Reading for the Easter Season

What doubts, what difficulties, what perplexities torment those souls who wish to unite grace with nature the love of God with the love of self! To get out of this predicament, where it is impossible to stand, there are two extremes to choose between. One is to give up all thought of perfection, to give ourselves up to dissipation, to cast on one side every serious reflection as to the state of our souls; the other is to dedicate ourselves, without reserve, to the love of God, and to oblige ourselves to follow him wherever he may lead us. Can we deliberate on the choice between these two opposite paths? It is a well-known fact that the instant love governs us, all doubts, and anxieties, and well-founded scruples, and often those which are but imaginary, are entirely dissipated; that the reproaches of conscience are quieted, and that we enjoy a delicious calm. Love, also, quiets pious and timid souls upon their inward feelings. It teaches them not to be so anxious as to their spiritual progress; to know how they stand with God: whether he is satisfied with them; but to give themselves up to him, to think only of him, and not of themselves, except in as much as is necessary to correct themselves, and to advance in holiness; but not simply to satisfy their self-love, and to re-assure themselves; which re-assurances, not coming from God, are often vain and delusive. In proportion as divine love takes the ascendancy over our misguided self-love, it spares us those torments which are the bugbear of the human heart, which disguise themselves in a hundred different forms; which assume a hundred different pretexts to make us think more of ourselves than of God.

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the soul of Margaret Ann Brackett, (grandmother of Tom & Julie Dickerson). Please pray that God will grant her a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of God & that her family will receive comfort & peace in their time of sorrow & loss.

Spiritual Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

Good Shepherd
Sunday



To "take refuge in the Lord," the Good Shepherd, we must face the predicament of our powerlessness, our extreme limitations, and our need to follow someone if we want to experience true fulfillment in our life. Unlike literal sheep, we are aware of the risk that our Shepherd takes:

"A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." Therefore we exclaim, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us!" More than merely knowing the Shepherd's voice, we know his name "by which we are to be saved." Because we agree to be sheep, "we are God's children now."

Mission Trip to Haiti



My granddaughter, Tess & I are participating in a Mission Trip to Haiti in June of this year. The group has decided to do a fund raiser to help finance the trip. We will be selling "Kaye's Cinnamon Rolls" after the May 12 & 13 Masses (Mother's Day). They will also be sold at Highland Church of Christ & Outer West Market Church of Christ in Palestine. Our group will be working at an orphanage & involved in a building project. This is an interdenominational organization. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile



Pastoral Council Meeting



The Pastoral Council Meeting for St. Elizabeth & Our Lady Of Lourdes will be held at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL



The First Friday of the Month Mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

May Parish Finance Council Meeting



The St. Elizabeth Parish Finance Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.



Prayer Requests

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



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church Week Ending Sunday, April 15, 2018

Envelopes \$2,089.00 Loose \$294.00
Building Fund \$50.00
4 online @ \$285.00
Deposit \$2,718.00
Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, April 8, 2018

Envelopes \$ 730.00 Loose \$ 138.00
Building Fund \$110.00
Votive Candle Offerings \$20.70
Deposit \$998.70

Give Central



Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website. Click on Donate button and you can donate to whatever collection you would like to. Thank you for using this service.

Daily Mass Readings



April 23, 2018 ~ Acts 11:1~18
Gospel Jn. 10:1~10
April 24, 2018 ~ Acts 11:19~26
Gospel Jn. 10:22~30
April 25, 2018 ~ 1 Pt. 5:5B~14
Gospel Mk. 16:15~20
April 26, 2018 ~ Acts 13:13~25
Gospel Jn. 13:16~20
April 27, 2018 ~ Acts 13:26~33
Gospel Jn. 14:1~6