



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.

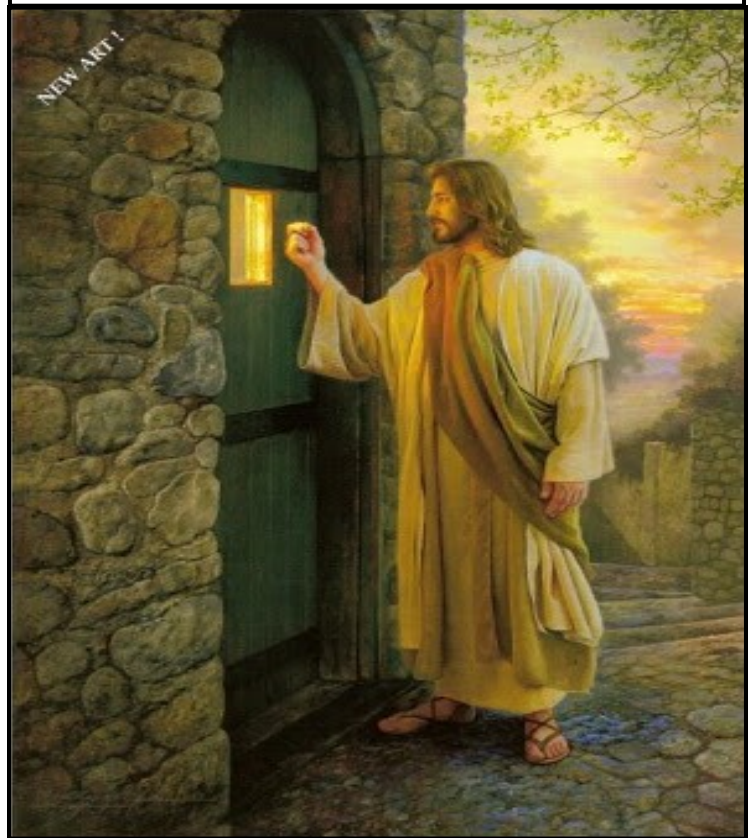
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, August 11, 2019 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Vigilant & Faithful Servants Story found in Luke 12:35-40

³⁵ “[a] **Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit.** ³⁶ **Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open *the door* to him when he comes and knocks. Luke 12:35~36**



Mass Intentions

Aug. 10	4:30 pm	John Rooney (Birth) by Anne Loy
Aug. 11	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Darrell & Marjorie Wilson by Wilson Brothers
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 12	7:30 am	Clarence, Elizabeth & Norbet Anderson by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Aug. 13	12:00 pm	Mary Kay Veldhaus by Ted & Kathy Staller
Aug. 14	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Clarence Schutte
HOLY DAY OLOL	5:00 pm	Franciso & Annie Begley by Frank & Anne Schalasky
Aug. 15	7:30 am	Special Intentions
HOLY DAY ST. ELIZABETH	6:00 pm	David Musgrave by Hugh & Celeste White
Aug. 16	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Aug. 17	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Aug. 18	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Mary Kay Veldhaus by Ted & Kathy Staller



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 17 ~ Sunday, August 18, 2019

Sat. August 17, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins

COMMUNION MIN: Ginger Osborne, Celeste White

SERVERS: Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Don Biernbaum Family

Sun. August 18, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Brad Schutte, Randy Schutte

COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner

SERVERS: Jared Hermann

GIFTS: James Eckert Family

Sun. August 18, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Carol Miller, Janelle Hoke

COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Carol Miller, Janelle Hoke

Sun. August 18, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: John Birkofer, Chris Weber

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Carol Wong

SERVERS: Emily Ferris, Maddy Myers

GIFTS: Bob Birkofer Family

August Collection Counters: Marge Boatman, Don Brown,
Suzanne Dartt

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

REGISTRATION for the 2019~2020 P.S.R. SCHOOL YEAR will be held on MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. The FIRST CLASS for the School Year will take place on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm with an OPENING MASS of the P.S.R. School Year.

Spiritual Reflections for the Holyday— Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven

The Blessed Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven makes clear to us that there is room for our humanity in heaven. Mary's Assumption assures us that what Jesus accomplished in rising from the dead & ascending into heaven was not limited to his own Person—even though we are not divine, we too are meant to be in heaven with the Incarnate Son, in his home with the Father & the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Blessed Mother's birth into heaven generates in us "an ever new capacity to await God's future" (Saint John Paul [I]). Just as grace does not destroy but perfects our nature, so the glory of heaven will include our whole humanity, body & soul. "That transformation of our material bodies to which we look forward one day has been accomplished—we know it now for certain—in her" (R. Knox).

Spiritual Reading for the Holyday—Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven

We have come within the most sacred light of the Feast of the Assumption, wherein we all see our shortcomings more distinctly than ever, & rejoice proportionately in the beauty of our Blessed Mother, who does not neglect us, though we are such poor, shabby beggars at her feet. She leads us to see in each other all the little virtues which make us dear to her, if we are sincere in our love of our Lord and of herself. No matter how ragged & unlovely a rosebush may be, it still has some bud upon it that has a lovely tint or a breath of fragrance, for which we like it, because the rose is so beautiful that a single petal is charming. So, if we strive to love heavenly things we become part of the family of the saints, & a tiny fragrance at least tells to whom we belong. We must not be sad over our faults, or those of our companions, but take up our time completely in thanksgiving of all sorts that we are in a state of grace, & will strive daily to become more diligent in obtaining victories. I have been so silent that you could not know how much I have thanked you for your prayers, & felt their aid, & how happy I have been to think that I have been at all connected with the calling together of such loving servants of God, who have borne the heat & distress of a city summer with the best cheer any good soldiers could show. May God bless you with numberless years of happiness for every moment of your pain & faintness in the past months, & for your patient fidelity to your resolutions.... We here pray for you every day, with true fervor, and on the blessed Feast of the Assumption we shall not forget you.

Holyday of Obligation

The SACRED EUCHARIST will be celebrated on the FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY into Heaven on WED. AUG. 14, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. at OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH & THURS. AUG. 15, 2019 at 7:30 A.M. & at 6:00 P.M. in ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH.

Catholic Charities Ramblin' Rose Bus

The RAMBLIN ROSE BUS will be at St. Elizabeth's on THURS. AUG. 15, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Ramblin Rose offers FREE basic school supplies & clothing for children K-12.

Sunday, August 11, 2019 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~
From The Pastor ~ The Watchful Servant

The readings today lean heavily on a waiting theme & its importance for the journey of God's followers. Abraham & Sarah waited for their promised heir. The Israelites endured slavery in Egypt, years of wandering & grumbling in the desert before crossing into the Promised Land. The Chosen People were conquered & lived in exile unreconciled with Yahweh for many years before Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, freed them from sin, reuniting them to their heavenly Father. Today, God's people are instructed to wait & do good deeds with faith & trust in Jesus' promises "for the day of the Lord" when they will enter the divine household forever. According to Yahweh's plan, Jesus' followers gain fulfillment only if persistent & productive waiting brings first a deepening faith & a strengthening trust. St. Paul teaches, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for & evidence of things not seen." Waiting helps us live these words. Believers say prayers, & answers arrive at their own pace. This is Yahweh writing with crooked lines but, in the end, getting his way, even if humans often block progress. A Norwegian legend sees this waiting romantically. It says before God gives humans the soul, he kisses each person, & no one forgets that moment through life they wait for the return of that kiss. During this period of waiting, God stretches us & prepares us for his coming to us. Archbishop Fulton Sheen adds that during "love's delay" God is allowing the heart to expand patiently, preparing believers to receive the fulfillment of whatever promise Jesus may be fulfilling at any moment on their journey. When needs are not immediately met or prayers not fulfilled quickly during this delay, Jesus is preparing believers for what they need to become more than they are at that moment. Love's delay is part of this transformation — an ongoing conversion & fulfillment. This longing for fulfillment disciplines & trains Jesus' followers. "Your people awaited the salvation of the just & the destruction of their foes," the Book of Wisdom tells us. How do we prepare for the Lord's fulfillment & the satisfying of our longing? "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." The Lord desires followers who, while waiting, are always channeling their faith into action, building Jesus' kingdom & serving others' needs. When these occur, the day of the Lord is near.

A Letter of Gratitude from Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Dear Friends & Supporters of Choices, CRISIS PREGANANCY CENTERS. Thank you so much for participating in our Baby Bottle Blessing campaign this year. Choices had over 1,500 bottles go to 37 churches from just the Casey Center! It is such a blessing to have so much community support! The total raised for your Baby Bottle Blessings from OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH is \$342.00 and the total raised from ST. ELIZABETH PARISH is \$883.27. As of right now we have a total of almost \$15,000 that has been raised from the Casey area. What a blessing you have been to us! Please share this total with your congregation to let them know what a difference they have made for us here at the center. As you know, the staff and volunteers of Choices strive to reach out with the compassion of our Lord to those who are in a crisis pregnancy situation. As we create an atmosphere of acceptance, encouragement & unconditional love, we have the opportunity to minister to those who have made bad choices & are broken in body, mind & spirit. God is using this ministry to offer hope to those who have no hope & to demonstrate real love instead of the counterfeit offered by the world! We are so grateful for your strong commitment to "Life" issues. Your sacrifice of time, tireless efforts in fundraising, together with your love for the Lord, just blesses us beyond words! May the Lord continue to supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory! Blessings upon you & your church.

August 15, 2019 ~ The Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
From the Pastor: The Promise of Life After Death

What Christians today seem to admire most about Mary is her genuine lowliness. The angel presented Yahweh's request that she allow her body to be the tabernacle that brings to the created world the Son of God, and, within a matter of moments, she said, "Yes." Her response changed her life plans and her destiny forever. It's an amazing response given the way this power-driven world responds to similar requests. Mary's life and commitment are reminders to every disciple who seeks to say "yes" to Jesus. Saying "yes" has lasting benefits here on this earth and for eternity in heaven. Celebrating Mary's entrance into heaven, God shows us how the standards of this world wear away and what God offers does not. It lives well beyond the grave. Mary heard the word of God and decided to keep it. I believe she saw its true value with every encounter she had gazing into the eyes of her son, Jesus. It began as he lay in a manger on the chilly night of his birth. He continued throughout all the hidden years they spent together in their Nazareth home with Joseph. Jesus with his friends. Jesus learning and then working his carpentry with his father. Jesus preparing to be the Messiah through long evening talks with his mother. Jesus learning how to be human through the compassionate words Mary shared, giving him the confidence and the self-assurance he needed to carry out his Father's mission of redemption for his created children. We don't know every detail of their life together during those hidden years, but we can be sure that the love they had for each other helped make the most of every minute they spent together. Later, during his Passion and up to those last moments of intense pain, it was this close bond of love that each felt for the other that helped Jesus last until he could not stand one more moment of suffering. He turned and looked at Mary and uttered, "It is finished," and he closed his eyes, full of thanks and gratitude for Mary, who stayed with him until his end. It is that love that welcomes Mary into heaven today — a reunion filled with great joy and deep rejoicing, bringing to mind these words of St. Francis de Sales: "It's a great consolation to know that the relationships we began on earth we will continue in heaven." And they probably are enjoying them even until this day!



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Josh, Angela & Madison Rose Stumborg, Charlita Wilson, Kathy Wright (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Aug. 12, 2019 First Reading Dt. 10:12-22
Gospel Mt. 17:22-27



Tues. Aug. 13, 2019 First Reading Dt. 31:1-8
Gospel Mt. 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed. Aug. 14, 2019 First Reading Dt. 34:1-12
Gospel Mt. 18:15-20

Thurs. Aug. 15, 2019 Reading 1 Chr. 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2
Reading 2 1 Cor. 15:54B-57
Gospel Lk. 11:27-28

Mass During Day Rv. 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB
Reading 2 1 Cor. 15:20-27 Gospel Lk. 1:39-56

Fri. Aug. 16, 2019 First Reading Jos. 24:1-13 Gospel Mt. 19:3-12

Spiritual Reading for the Holyday-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven ~ Conformity To The Blessed Virgin Mary As Our Catholic Way Of Life

Upon the completion of her earthly life, Mary, the Mother of God, was taken to heaven, body and soul. Mary's assumption into heaven in her entirety is inspirational and relates God's desire for us—to be united with our Lord, in body and soul, for eternity. To join God in heaven's glory, we need to conform to God's will. With this conformity we can be raised in holiness during our lifetime to become true children of God. Mary, who was raised in holiness and conformed to God's will, shows us the way. Mary was born sinless and full of God's grace, so how did she conform? As a human, Mary had free will. She conformed by making the right choices. With faith, hope, and love of God and humanity, Mary chose to adhere to God's will, Jesus' redemptive work, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, even at the foot of her Son's cross. God trusted Mary to be the Mother of our Savior. Upon her assumption, God entrusted us to Mary, our Mother, to help us conform our lives so we can be brothers and sisters to Jesus Christ. Open in body and soul, Mary accepted God's love within her. With Mary's intercession on our behalf and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's love can thrive within us when we open ourselves to Christ through the holy Eucharist. Mary guides us by example to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who gives us the gift of wisdom. "Wisdom teaches her children and admonishes all who can understand her" (Sirach 4:11). With this wisdom, we can adhere to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that leads us to holiness—even in our darkest hour—for eternal life in heaven. Our body is animated by a spiritual soul created by God (Catechism of the Catholic Church 364, 366). Fortified by the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, we can become a living tabernacle, like Mary, with our Lord radiating through us. As Mary shares God's grace, we can share our faith, hope, and love of God and humanity with people searching for salvation. With Mary's assumption into heaven—which Catholics celebrate August 15—her conformity was completed with her coronation as Queen of the Most Holy. At the final resurrection, our soul will be reunited with our body, according to the teaching of the Church found in our Catechism. "...Every spiritual soul is created immediately by God—it is not 'produced' by the parents—and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection" (CCC 366). Thus, our conformity, which we pray will last a lifetime, will be completed as holy children of God.

Our Lady of Lourdes Ice Cream Social



Our Lady of Lourdes will host a home made Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 11, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Ice Cream & cookies will be provided. Out door games are planned. Music will be provided by the youth. All are welcome to attend.

Scriptural Reflections for The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord hands down the sternest warning to those who would store up treasure for themselves but who "are not rich in what matters to God." What does matter to God? Qoheleth readily recognizes the vanity of laboring, toiling, & acquiring. Sorrow, grief, & restlessness persist nonetheless in plaguing such a person. What matters to God is that, through baptism, we have died & our life is hidden with Christ in God. Life's richness consists in seeking the One who is above, & claiming the new self-offered to us through him. Christ is all. Our treasure lies in claiming Christ our life, who has appeared.



Pro-Life Speaker

The Pastoral Council would like to invite everyone to come and listen to a Pro-life speaker on September 8th in the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass. Before the talk everyone is invited for pizza in the parish hall directly followed by the talk. Please feel free to invite a friend. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to learn about the Catholic Church's pro-life stance. Monica's talk will cover a brief introduction to the theology of the body as well as discuss the Trinitarian love of God and how it is reflected in the human body, marriage, and the family. The main focus of the talk will be how our culture of death tries to undercut God's creative plan through contraception and in particular through abortion and euthanasia. The Good News is that the Catholic Church has the answers and the medicine to help souls heal and have life abundantly. Monica has been on both sides of the fence and her talk offers a very eye-opening view of what the culture of death is all about. Monica personally found healing and peace after studying why the Catholic Church teaches as she does. The Catholic Churches message is very beautiful and we should be sharing it for love of souls! Monica Siefker hails from Bloomington, Indiana, and is a wife and mother of six. Monica has been involved with the pro-life movement at local and Archdiocesan levels for over 20 years. She is a former member of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Pro-Life Speakers Bureau. Monica is currently the Bloomington coordinator for 40 Days for Life and Sidewalk Advocates for Life, both of which involve being out on the sidewalks in front of abortion facilities, giving women a sign of hope by offering loving, life-affirming alternatives to abortion. She also co-hosts a weekly radio show called Pro-Life 2 The Max which airs on the local Catholic radio, as well as a weekly live broadcast of a one-hour prayer vigil in front of the Bloomington Planned Parenthood.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, August 4, 2019

Envelopes \$3,123.00 Loose \$246.00

Building Fund \$90.00 Retired Priests \$25.00

Harry Wong Food Memorial \$40.00

Peter's Pence \$20.00 3 @ \$255.00 Deposit: \$3,799.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, July 28, 2019

Envelopes \$497.00 Loose \$39.00 Spiritual Kiosk \$7.00

Deposit: \$543.00

Scriptural Reflections for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The night of the Passover was known beforehand to our fathers "that they might have courage," but not the particular ways that God would rescue them from their enemies. In the Gospel Christ is readying us for our Passover. We must be prepared, for the Lord will come when we do not expect, namely, at precisely those moments we feel farthest from God. Those are the moments Jesus invites us to have deep faith that he is come to us, that we have been "entrusted with much." By faith, we know that everything we need to be ready is already ours, for "faith is the realization of what is hoped for & evidence of things not seen: Do not be afraid; be ready to open to him; "the one who made the promise is trustworthy." As the Last Supper proves, Christ will reward our vigilance by waiting on us.