



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



## CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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**Reverend Father James A. Flach, Pastor**

### PASTORAL STAFF

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**Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth**

### 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 13, 2017**  
**19th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**



Story found in Matthew 14:22-33

**And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." Mat. 14:32~33**



## Mass Intentions

Aug.12	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann
Aug.13	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Aug.14	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
OLOL	5:00 pm	Special Intentions-Holy Day
Aug.15	12:00 pm	Holy Day-Adams Family By Keith & Patti Buercklin
	6:00 pm	Special Intentions-Holy Day
Aug.16	7:30 am	Jane Brown by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Aug.17	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Aug.18	7:30 am	Angie Parker by Jim & Maria Morris
Aug.19	4:30 pm	Buercklin Family by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Aug.20	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	George & Margaret Schalasky By Dan Schalasky
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 19, 2017 ~Sunday, August 20, 2017

<u>Sat. Aug. 19, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Patti Buercklin
USHERS:	Mark & Cindy Grimm
COMMUNION MIN:	Susan Goodwine, Joe Hepner
SERVERS:	Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins
GIFTS:	Dave Cooper Family
<u>Sun. Aug. 20, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Eileen Cooper
USHERS:	Steve & Janet Jenkins
COMMUNION MIN:	Mike & Jona Uptmor
SERVERS:	Hayden Bonnell, Greyson Holscher
GIFTS:	Eric Mosbey Family
<u>Sun. Aug. 20, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Lori Davis
USHERS:	Ron & Ethel Dhom
COMMUNION MIN:	Keith & Rita Wirey
SERVERS:	Cameron Davis
GIFTS:	Ron & Ethel Dhom
<u>Sun. Aug. 20, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Cyndee Weber
USHERS:	Ken Deters, Chris Weber
COMMUNION MIN:	Jane Bohman, Carol Wong
SERVERS:	Madalyn Myers, Lauren Staller
GIFTS:	Andrew Ferris Family

Collection Counters: August, 2017: Don Brown, Jim & Maureen Hill

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## PSR Upcoming Meetings

REGISTRATION AUGUST 16, 2017 6:00 PM AT  
ST. ELIZABETH PARISH CENTER  
REGISTRATION FEE OF \$35.00 PER CHILD IS DUE  
ON AUGUST 16, 2017.  
OPENING MASS OF THE PSR SCHOOL YEAR  
WED. AUG. 23, 2017 6:30 PM ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH  
FIRST PSR CLASS WED. AUG. 30, 2017 6:30 PM—7:30 PM

## Scriptural Reflections for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Benedict XVI made the point that the essence of faith is that something meets us that is greater than anything we can think of for ourselves. That is literally what happens to the disciples as they see Jesus walking on the water. Jesus summons them to faith—a way of approaching reality that entails leaving behind our old way of measuring things & seeing all according to this Something Greater that meets us. We should not be surprised that Christ often will come in ways that we least expect, as Elijah found out in that tiny whispering sound. And when such faith takes hold of us, we want everyone we know to share in it, as Saint Paul testifies today.

## Daily Mass Readings Aug. 14~ Aug. 18, 2017

Mon. Aug. 14 Reading 1~ Dt. 10:12-22  
Gospel Mt. 17:22-27

Tues. Aug. 15 Reading 1~1 Chron. 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2  
Reading 2~1 Cor. 15:54B-57 Gospel Lk. 11:27-28

Wed. Aug. 16 Reading 1~Dt. 34:1-12  
Gospel Mt. 18:15-20

Thur. Aug. 17 Reading 1~Jos 3:7-10A, 11, 13-17  
Gospel Mt. 18:21-19:1

Fri. Aug. 18 Reading 1~ Jos 24:1-13  
Gospel Mt. 19:3-12



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sherry Boswell, Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Sharon Drake, Bonnie Field, Jamie Hartrich, Susan Hills, Deena Jones, Leona Kocher, Logan Inboden, Trent Matthews, Linda Russell, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Vickie Wilson, the men & women in armed forces.

## Embracing the Icon of Love



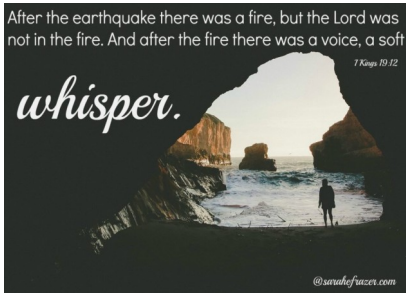
If you are interested in attending the Spiritual Retreat, please call the Parish Office so that a resource may be ordered for you by Wed. Aug. 16th. The fee is \$15.00. The first session will be Mon. Sept. 11th at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. God bless you.

## Parish Center ~ Security System



Within the next several weeks, a new SECURITY SYSTEM will be installed in the Parish Center. Upon entering the center, please push the buzzer, identify yourself loudly, & the door will be released for you to enter. This is for safety & protection for all who enter the Parish Center for any reason.

**August 13, 2017 19th Sun. in Ordinary Time  
Scriptural Reflections From Your Pastor**



Our God is powerful and mysterious; he is also full of surprises. The prophet Elijah learned this when he stood on the mountain and waited for the Lord to pass by. Surely the God of all creation would be present in the mighty wind, the earthquake or the fire? But no. Only when

Elijah heard the “tiny whispering sound” did he feel compelled to hide his face (Kgs. 19:12). God's ways are definitely not always ours. Jesus' appearance to his disciples in Matthew 14 is no less unexpected and disconcerting. Left to cross the Sea of Galilee on their own, the disciples of Jesus are caught in a storm. But what really frightens the disciples is the sight of Jesus walking toward them on the water. "At once," Jesus seeks to reassure them: "Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid" (Mt 14:27). Peter decides to test the waters. And he is doing fine until he thinks too much. When his rational fear asserts itself, he begins to sink like a stone. How often do we do the same — namely, step out in faith only to yield later to our "reasonable" fears and doubts? When we do this, Jesus does not castigate us; he merely asks the challenging question: “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Mt. 14:31).

And when we cry out like Peter, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately stretches out his hand & catches us (Mt. 14:30). Faith can carry us beyond what is reasonable or normal. I have read the following story long before it became a viral video. A little boy packs Twinkies & apple juice & proudly announces to his mom that he is off to the park “to find God”. When he gets there, he sits down on a bench with a homeless woman who looks a bit sad. He opens his Twinkies, but before he takes a bite, it occurs to him to share. He offers his second Twinkie and juice to the woman, who smiles and says, "Thank you!" Soon they are chatting and laughing together like old pals. Before leaving to get home for dinner, he gives the woman a hug, which has her beaming. Back home, he surprises his mom with the news that he did find God, but that she is a woman "and has the most beautiful smile." The woman, for her part, meets up with a friend and explains that she had Twinkies in the park with God, but that he was "much younger than I expected."

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



Pope Benedict XVI wrote that “precisely because Mary is with God & in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually ‘within all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God.” Our Lady “knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us, & being the Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son & in His goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother.” The Blessed Mother’s birth into heaven generates in us “an ever new capacity to await God’s future” (Saint John Paul II). “Mary lifted herself up to such lofty heights of heaven that the Word reached down from the highest pinnacle of heaven & took her in” (A. Autpert).

**Spiritual Reading for the Sacred Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven**



The Solemnity of the Assumption in body and soul of Mary into heaven at the heart of the summer season reminds us of what our true and ultimate dwelling place is: heaven. As the Letter to the Hebrews says: Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come (Heb 13:14). In the mystery which we contemplate today we find clearly revealed the destiny of every human creature: the victory over death, to

live forever with God. Mary is the perfect woman in whom even now the divine plan is fulfilled, as a pledge of our resurrection. She is the first fruit of divine mercy since she was the first to share in the divine covenant sealed and fully realized in Christ who died and rose for us. Blessed is she who believed in the fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord (Lk 1:45). These words well describe Mary, the Virgin of the Fiat, who with her total availability opened the doors to the Savior of the world. Great and heroic was the obedience of her faith; it was through this faith that Mary was perfectly united to Christ, in death and glory. Looking to her strengthens our faith in what we await, and at the same time, we understand better the meaning and value of our earthly pilgrimage. O Mary, Mother of hope, strong with your help, we do not fear obstacles and difficulties; fatigue and sufferings do not discourage us, because you accompany us on the path of life, and from heaven you watch over all your children, filling them with grace. To you, we entrust the destiny of the peoples and the mission of the Church. Dear brothers and sisters, however dark the shadows that sometimes gather on the horizon and however incomprehensible certain events may appear to be in human history, we must never lose trust and peace. Today's feast invites us to entrust ourselves to Mary assumed into heaven who, like a shining star from heaven, directs our daily journey on earth.

**Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**



*Our Mother of Perpetual Help,  
pray for us!*

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name,- which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest "Mary; let thy name-henceforth be -ever on my-Lips; Delay not, O Blessed Lady to help me whenever I call on Thee, for, in-all my needs; in all my-temptations shall never cease to call on Thee, ever repeating Thy sacred name, Mary, Mary. O

what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce Thy sacred name, or even only think of Thee. I thank God for having given Thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing They name: let my love for Thee prompt me ever to Hail Thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. Recite Nine hail Mary's.

## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Scriptural Reflections from Your Pastor



Although it was not solemnly defined as Catholic dogma until 1950, the Assumption of Our Lady has been a widely held Christian belief since apostolic times. Father Josef Jungmann, SJ, one of the great liturgical scholars who served at the Second Vatican Council, liked to remind people that every feast of Mary was also a feast of Jesus; because every privilege Our Lady has received was given to her by God precisely because of her relationship with her Son. Mary is blessed because she is the mother of Jesus. For instance, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Mary, however, was conceived by natural human means, but through a

special grace was conceived free from the stain of original sin. The infant Jesus was presented in the Temple; Mary was likewise taken there as a toddler and dedicated to God's service (as attested in the apocryphal writings). And so it is with Mary's assumption. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven, body and soul, by God's special grace, Mary was also assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Her body was glorified like that of her Son, and thus it never suffered corruption or decay. The mystery we celebrate on this feast day sets our sights on heaven. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our lives are ended. Toward the end of the sixth century, in his *Libri miraculorum*, St. Gregory of Tours wrote the following: "Finally, when blessed Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was about to be called from this world, all the apostles, coming from their different regions, gathered together in her house ... [and] kept watch together with her. "And behold, the Lord Jesus came with his angels and, taking her soul, handed it over to the archangel Michael and withdrew. At dawn, the apostles lifted up her body on a pallet, laid it in a tomb and kept watch over it, awaiting the coming of the Lord. And behold, again the Lord presented himself to them and ordered that her holy body be taken and carried up to heaven. There she is now, joined once more to her soul; she exults with the elect, rejoicing in the eternal blessings that will have no end."



### Mass Intentions

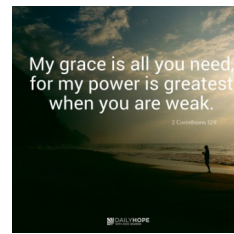
One of the most heart-warming & beautiful ways for us in the Roman Catholic faith to remember & honor not only our loved ones who have gone before us, but those who are still with us is to offer a Mass for them. The graces that are received from this Eucharist can comfort & console you as well as offer guidance & direction. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact the Parish Office at 544-7526.



### Rest In Peace

Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of SANDRA ANDERSON, sister of RICHARD & BEV MULLINS, that God will grant her a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of God & that her family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

## Spiritual Reading: The Gift Of God's Grace During Times Of Suffering



Three reasons have been handed down by our forebears for this mental barrenness of which you speak. It comes either from our own negligence or from an attack of the devil or as the Lord's design and trial. It is a question of negligence when, by our fault and due to luke warmness, we show that we are careless and lax and, having

through laziness cultivated the soil of our heart with wicked thoughts, we let germinate thorns and thistles. As these spring up in it, we consequently become barren of every spiritual fruit and devoid of contemplation. It comes from an attack of the devil, however, when the adversary penetrates our mind with his subtle wiles, even sometimes when we are involved in good activities, and either unaware or unwilling we are drawn away from the highest attentiveness. But there is a twofold reason for the design and trial. First, so that, by being forsaken by the Lord for a short while and humbly seeing the frailty of our spirit, we may not become proud because of any previous purity of heart which has been granted us by his visitation; and so that, by proving to us that when we are forsaken by him we cannot regain that condition of joy and purity by any groans and effort of our own, we may understand that even our previous joy of heart was conferred on us not by our own doing but by his condescension, and that present joy must be sought anew from his grace and illumination.

The second reason for this trial is to put to the proof our perseverance and steadfastness of mind and our desire, and also to manifestation us with what yearning of heart and earnestness of prayer we must look for the visitation of the Holy Spirit when he has left us. Thus, when we realize how much effort it takes to seek out that spiritual joy and gladness of heart once it has departed, we may strive to guard it more carefully and to hold on to it more attentively once it has been found. For it seems to be the case that whatever is in the habit of being poorly guarded is believed to be able to be easily retrieved.

### Weekly Collection

#### St. Elizabeth Church

#### Week Ending Sunday, August 6, 2017

Envelopes \$ 3,612.00 Loose \$ 287.51

2 Online @ \$80.00 Retired Priests \$15.00

Building Fund \$125.00

Deposit \$4,119.51

#### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

#### Week ending Sunday, July 30, 2017

Envelopes \$650.00 Loose \$78.00 Building Fund \$50.00

Deposit \$778.00



### Give Central Online Donations

St. Elizabeth has an online donations system called Give Central. All monies come directly to St. Elizabeth. You can go to the Church website & click on DONATIONS to access Give Central.

### Holy Day of Obligation

The SACRED EUCHARIST will be celebrated on MON. AUG. 14, 2017 at 5 pm at OLOL's & 12 pm TUES. AUG. 15, 2017 at ST. ELIZABETH as well as 6 pm. This Eucharist fulfills your HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.