



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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 18, 2019 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Christ Divides Men

⁴⁹ "I ^[a]have come to cast fire upon the earth; and ^[b]how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to ^[c]undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; ⁵² for from now on five *members* in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Luke 12:49~53



Mass Intentions

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
Aug. 19	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 20	12:00 pm	Dr. Gilbert Williamson by Steve & Janet Jenkins
Aug. 21	7:30 am	Bob Berty by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Aug. 22	7:30 am	Jane Brown by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Aug. 23	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Aug. 24	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Aug. 25	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Val Pescatore by Carol Ryan
	10:30 am	Henry Chapman by Carol Wong



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 24 ~ Sunday, August 25, 2019

<u>Sat. August 24, 2019</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Celeste White
	USHERS:	Jack & Carol Watts
	COMMUNION MIN:	Phil & Kayla Blank
	SERVERS:	Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins
	GIFTS:	Ken Bergbower Family
<u>Sun. August 25, 2019</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Dave Holscher
	USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Travis Rich
	COMMUNION MIN:	Jane Bohman, Shari Eckert
	SERVERS:	Matthew Jenkins
	GIFTS:	Joe Hepner Family
<u>Sun. August 25, 2019</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
	LECTOR:	Keith Wirey
	USHERS:	Rich & Anita Kocher
	COMMUNION MIN:	
	SERVERS:	Jeff Hermann
	GIFTS:	Rich & Anita Kocher
<u>Sun. August 25, 2019</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Courtney Ferris
	USHERS:	Jack Grimm, John Grimm
	COMMUNION MIN:	Valerie Chapman, Patti Buercklin
	SERVERS:	Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings
	GIFTS:	Brendan Grimm Family
	August Collection Counters:	Marge Boatman, Don Brown, Rhonda Stone

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

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.

PSR CLASS DATES: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019 FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM.

SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019 FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM.

Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: Aug. 18, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22 & Sept. 29, 2019 from 5:30—7:00 pm

FIFTIETH 50 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Our Parish family of St. Elizabeth's is honored to offer to MIKE & SUE EMMERICH our sincerest CONGRATULATIONS on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The model of marital love that you have exemplified in your 50 years of married life speaks to us of God's enduring & everlasting love. In your marriage is the design of God's Presence. We are grateful to God for the graces & blessings that you share with St. Elizabeth Parish through your marital covenant & dedication. THANK YOU, MIKE & SUE & may God in His infinite LOVE for you continue to bless you with good health, peace, & contentment. AUGUST 9, 1969 ~ AUGUST 9, 2019. CONGRATULATIONS to MIKE & SUE EMMERICH. God bless

Spiritual Reading for the Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Deus ignis consumens. Our God is a consuming fire, that is, a fire of love which destroys, which transforms into itself everything that it touches. The delights of the divine enkindling are renewed in our depths by an unremitting activity: the enkindling of love in a mutual and eternal satisfaction.... Certain souls have chosen this refuge to rest there eternally. For these souls, the mystical death of which Saint Paul spoke (cf. Gal 2:20)...becomes so simple and sweet! They think much less of the work of destruction and detachment that remains for them to do than of plunging into the furnace of love burning within them which is none other than the Holy Spirit, the same love which in the Trinity is the bond between the Father and his Word ... I have come to cast fire upon the earth and how I long to see it burn. It is the Master himself who expresses his desire to see the fire of love enkindled. In fact, all our works and all our labors are nothing in his sight. ... That is why he demands from the soul the tribute of its love, for the effect of love is to make the lover to the beloved as much as possible. The soul in possession of this love appears on an equal footing with Christ because their mutual affection renders everything common to both. I have called you my friends because all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you (Jn 15:15). But to attain to this love the soul must first be entirely surrendered, its will must be calmly lost in God's will so that its inclinations, its faculties, move only in this love and for the sake of this love. I do everything with love, I suffer everything with love: this is what David meant when he sang, I will keep all my strength for you. Then love fills it so completely, absorbs it and protects it so well that everywhere it finds the secret of growing in love, even in its relations with the world, in the midst of life's cares it can rightly say: "My only occupation is loving!"

American-born Notre Dame de Namur Sister Dorothy Stang met death in Brazil's Amazon, far from her Ohio hometown. She spent her life defending the rights of poor farmers against rich loggers. Two gunmen shot her as she read the Beatitudes. "Blessed are the peacemakers." Sister Dorothy was a modern-day prophet concerned for the rights of the poor and protection of the rainforest — God's creation. Jeremiah faced similar dangers in his time. Prophetic suffering in defense of the Gospel message is not simply for times gone by. These modern times have seen their share of extraordinary people who have died for Gospel values: Maximilian Kolbe, Oscar Romero, El Salvador's Jean Donovan and Sisters Ita, Maura and Dorothy, and the El Salvadoran Jesuit University Martyrs, plus many more who may not yet wear the title. In them, and in many more places, the Faith is being tested, yet the Faith is still growing stronger. The prophets such as Jeremiah and all others whose names we know, and those we don't, are those who stand wholeheartedly behind the God who made them, because they hear St. Peter's words in John 6:68 speaking from their hearts: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Oscar Romero shed his blood for the poor around him, saying, "A bishop will die, but the Church of God — the people — will never die." Today, all followers of Jesus need to look at their faith much in the same way prophets from former times had occasion to do. They have to see beyond the terrible abuse crisis that confronts these times and, like Jeremiah, St. Paul, St. Oscar Romero and all modern believers, stand with Jesus, who gives his life to have his followers live a life of fulfillment forever. This is still his promise. It is the legacy of all the baptized. Today's martyrdom is slightly different than that of the early Church. However, suffering and pain still feel much the same as any other time or place. The Church's days ahead may be darkened for a while, but like Jeremiah thrown into the cistern, he "sank into the mud. . . . Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die." The reading from Hebrews sees this as vindication for Jeremiah, Jesus and perhaps the Church's crisis, too. Hebrews points to the "cloud of witnesses" and reminds us that Jesus was brought through his suffering to his glory. And so can the Church, if its faithfulness remains firm.

Spiritual Reading for the Gospel of St. Luke 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him (9:51-52). He resolutely determined: These three words confirm the reality of the Incarnation. Jesus, a divine Person, has a real human will. The Incarnation was not an apparition but truly God-with-us. What does this mean here and now? "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help" (Heb 3:15-16). His human will's resolute union with his divine will is a source of grace; we should never imagine in any difficulty that we are on our own or that Jesus can't help us. Saint Leo the Great: "Weakness is assumed by strength, lowliness by majesty, mortality by eternity, for this was our fitting remedy. Unless he was God he would not have brought a remedy; and unless he was man he would not have set an example." Jesus' human will enabled him to have pity (Mt 9:36), weep (Jn 1 1 :35), experience agony (Lk 22:44), righteous indignation (Mt 21:12-13), and to love with his sacred, human heart. He sent messengers ahead of him: Jesus sends others—the Apostles and the hierarchy of the Church through the ages—to make him

known. How does this happen? Through the preaching and teaching of the Church and the sacraments. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem (9:53). The Samaritans resented the focus on Jerusalem because they had become accustomed to a compromised, incomplete religiosity. Similarly we may resist, resent, or fear the resoluteness of Christ's intention to sanctify us, feeling that we are defined by our troubles, impurities, or complications. But Jesus truly makes possible wholeness, perfect sanctity, and freedom from sin (cf. Mt 5:48: "Be perfect, as your heavenly father is perfect"). Whenever we are tempted to give up, doubt the possibility of true holiness, or settle for something less than the full truth of the Catholic Faith, we should recall Christ's promise: "whoever loses his life for my sake will save it" (Lk 9:24). If we carry our cross with Jesus he will overcome every deficiency. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village (9:54-56). Jesus turned and rebuked them: The disciples experience the all-too-human desire to be right, to prove a point, to have vengeance. The Lord has not asked us to forcefully fix every wrong in the world but to "conquer evil with good" (Rm 12:20). Later, Jesus teaches the disciples not to worry about what they will say when they are persecuted, "for the holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say" (Lk 1 2:12). Perhaps that is nothing other than: "Jesus, I trust in you. Into your hands I commend my spirit." It is a grace from the Holy Spirit to bear wrongs patiently, in union with Christ. As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God" (9:57-62). Jesus' reaction may seem harsh. Haven't these people expressed a good and holy desire? Jesus always sees deeper than the surface. Wherever you go: The first man sees Jesus merely as a means to some other end—to be recognized, to be famous, to be known as a saint. Thus, Jesus teaches it is not to some other "place" that he will lead him, for there is no other place for a Christian than Christ himself. Consider Mk 10:35: The sons of Zebedee desire to be at Jesus' right and left, but he wants more for them—to drink his chalice, i.e., to be one with him. How consoling it is to know that when we are on the cross we are still with Jesus, and most profoundly so. Let me go first and bury my father. The second man lives in the past, thinking: "Lord, let me go first bury all the deadness in my life. Let me put all my problems and failures behind me; let me go and arrange everything; I'm not quite ready." But with Jesus there is no reason to bury—he is the one who raises our dead past to life. Let me first say farewell: The third man thinks he has to cut himself off from human happiness in order to be with the Lord. Jesus cuts through the illusion: "If you live in me and with me you will be closer to your family than ever before. For you will be united to them through me. That is a bond which no one can undo. Do you believe this? If so, come now. Come as you are. Remain in me." Colossians 1:1 7: "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Rest in Peace



Rest in peace JAMES RAY WATTS, the UNCLE OF JACK & CAROL WATTS. Rest in peace ALRED PAUL "AL" ROHR, the GRANDFATHER of JUSTIN & RENAE SWINGLER. Rest in peace RALPH FRANCIS MILLER, the brother of MAXINE KOONTZ. In God's Love we pray that He will grant them a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that their families will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

September Meetings



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Pastoral Council of St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will meet on TUES. SEPT. 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. **FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** The Finance Council of St. Elizabeth Parish will meet on TUES. SEPT. 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

IN SINCERE APPRECIATION



MODERN CALLIGRAPHY

Our Parish families would like to extend a SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of those parishioners from OLOL's parish who helped in any way to make the ICE CREAM SOCIAL on SUN. AUG. 11 the enjoyable & delightful SUCCESS that it was. The event was well-planned with beautiful singing, fun games, & of course, the DELICIOUS HOME-MADE ICE CREAM & COOKIES. THANK YOU for an enjoyable afternoon & may God bless each of you for your dedicated efforts.

Spiritual Reflections for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I have come to set the earth on fire." Pope Benedict VI wrote that the fire is Christ's own Passion of love, "a fire that is to be handed on. Whoever comes close to him must be prepared to be burned. This is a fire that makes things bright & pure & free and grand. Being a Christian, then, is daring to entrust oneself to this burning fire." The fire is set ablaze when we speak the truth, like the Prophet Jeremiah, who is punished for it, "The message of the Church is there precisely in order to conflict with our behavior, to tear man out of his life of lies and to bring clarity and truth. Truth makes demands, and it also burns." Christ comes to divide us from whatever keeps us from him. We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Aug. 19, 2019 Jgs. 2:11-19 Gospel Mt. 19:16-22
 Tues. Aug. 20, 2019 Jgs. 6:11-24A Gospel Mt. 19:23-30
 Wed. Aug. 21, 2019 Jgs. 9:6-15 Gospel Mt. 20:1-16
 Thurs. Aug. 22, 2019 Jgs. 11:29-39A Gospel Mt. 22:1-14
 Fri. Aug. 23, 2019 Ru. 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16,22 Gospel Mt. 22:34-40



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 11, 2019
 Envelopes \$2,737.00 Loose \$276.20
 Harry Wong Food Memorial \$25.00
 3 @ \$205.00
 Deposit: \$3,243.20

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church
Week ending Sunday, August 4, 2019
 Envelopes \$730.00 Loose \$101.03
 Building Fund \$30.00
 Edith Smith Food Pantry \$35.00
 Deposit: \$896.03

Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.



Prayer Requests

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