



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



## CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Office Manager: Halena Estep**

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**Custodial Care: Jerry Pittman, St. Elizabeth**

**Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis,**

**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.

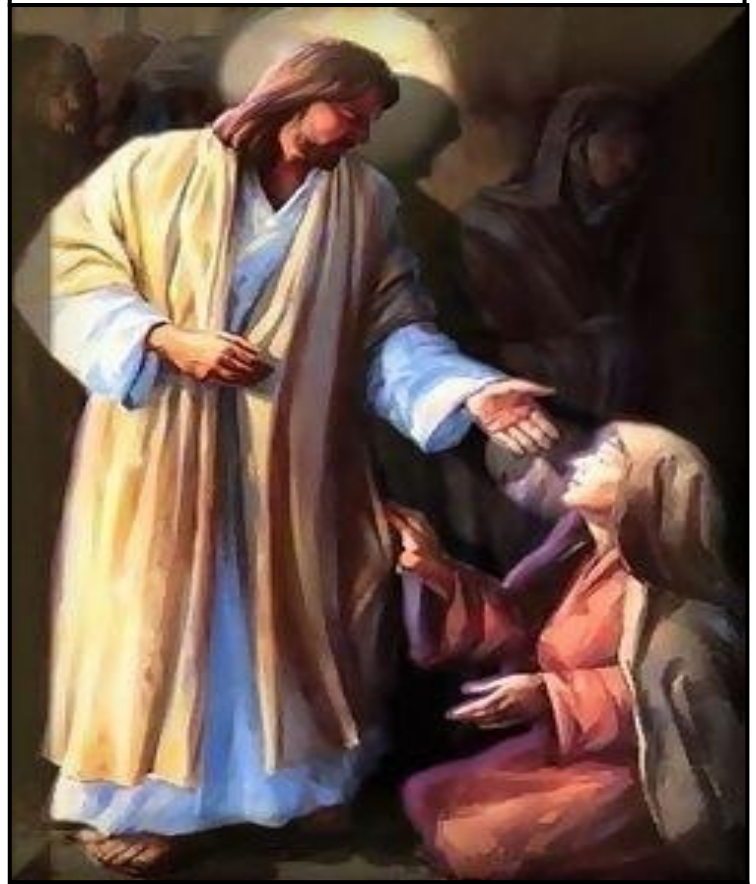
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 20, 2017**  
**20th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**



Story found in Matthew 15:20-28

**Then Jesus answered & said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire."  
And her daughter was healed from that very hour. Matthew 15:28**

## Mass Intentions

Aug.19	4:30 pm	Buercklin Family by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Aug.20	7:30 am 9:00 am	Special Intentions George & Margaret Schalasky by Dan Schalasky
Aug.21	10:30 am 7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Jane Brown by George Brown
Aug.22	12:00 pm	Jane Brown by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Aug.23	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Aug.24	7:30 am	Lee Spradlin by Jim & Maria Morris
Aug.25	7:30 am	Anthony O'Dell by George & Jane Bohman
Aug.26	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann
Aug.27	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners Special Intentions Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin

## Ministry Schedule



Saturday, August 26, 2017 ~ Sunday, August 27, 2017

Sat. Aug. 26, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR:

USHERS: Logan Baird, Lukas Baird

COMMUNION MIN: Ginger Osborne, Celeste White

SERVERS: Xavier Brown, Jeff Hermann

GIFTS:

Sun. Aug. 27, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor

USHERS: Craig Weber, Nick Weber

COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey, Greyson Holscher

GIFTS: Chad Arkenberg Family

Sun. Aug. 27, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

SERVERS: Jeff Hermann

GIFTS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

Sun. Aug. 27, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Roselene Quick

USHERS: Ed Reis

COMMUNION MIN: Eileen Cooper, Matt Hartrich

SERVERS: Evan Ferris, Joe Quick

GIFTS: Clark Myers Family

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

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## PSR Upcoming Meetings

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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Benedict XVI wrote that faith makes us light, enabling us to escape our own gravity, which drags us down. The terrible trial of a chronically ill child could have wrecked the Canaanite woman's spirit weighing her down with despondency and defeat. But faith lifts

her from the heaviness of hopelessness and carries her to the "holy mountain" who is Christ. The promise proclaimed by Saint Paul—that God desires to have mercy on all—moves the woman beyond the burden of fatalism and doubt. Before the Answer who is Christ she will not take no for an answer. Even Christ's silence does not dissuade her. Instead, it serves to steel her belief, showing her a new tack by which to beg for what God is eager to give her. "My God, your silence replies better than the many fervors of my love for you" (M. Robin).

## Daily Mass Readings Aug. 21 ~ Aug. 25, 2017



Mon. Aug. 21 Reading 1~ Jgs. 2:11-19  
Gospel Mt. 19:16-22

Tues. Aug. 22 Reading 1~ Jgs. 6:11-24A  
Gospel Mt. 19:23-30

Wed. Aug. 23 Reading 1~ Jgs. 9:6-15  
Gospel Mt. 20:1-16

Thur. Aug. 24 Reading 1~ Rev. 21:9B-14  
Gospel Jn. 1:45-51

Fri. Aug. 25 Reading 1~ Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16, 22  
Gospel Mt. 22:34-40



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sherry Boswell, Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Ron Dhom, Sharon Drake, Jamie Hartrich, 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.

## First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL



The First Friday of the Month Mass will be at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 5:30 pm. Mass is for: Faye & Glenwood Ferguson by Dan Schalasky



## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 for the Labor Day Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.



## Rest In Peace

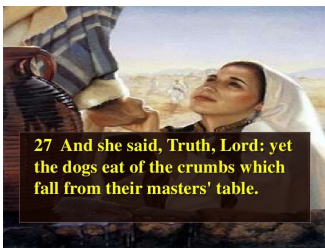
Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Martha M. Tebbe, mother of KEN & CAROL BERGBOWER that God will grant her a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of God & that her family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.



August 20, 2017 20th Sun. in Ordinary Time  
 Scriptural Reflections From Your Pastor

The story is told that one day a beggar by the roadside asked for alms from Alexander the Great as he passed by. The man was poor and wretched and had no claim upon the ruler, no right even to lift a solicitous hand. Yet the emperor threw him several gold coins. A courtier was astonished at his generosity and commented, "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet a beggar's need. Why give him gold?" Alexander responded in royal fashion, "Copper coins would suit the beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving." Let it not be said that Alexander's generosity exceeded that of our generous God. This week's readings make the point that God reads and responds generously to what is in a person's heart — regardless of where that person comes from. Jesus is hanging out in Gentile territory when he encounters the Canaanite woman. She is doubly disqualified from asking Jesus for help, as she is an unclean Gentile and is an unaccompanied woman. Yet she clearly hopes Jesus can and will do something for her daughter who is tormented by a demon, so she dares to approach him with her request. Initially, Jesus remains silent in the face of her question, but when his disciples urge him to get rid of the woman, Jesus says, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mt 15:24). But perhaps even Jesus was impressed by the tenacity of this mother. She charges ahead,

saying, "Lord, help me." Jesus makes his refusal more pointed:



27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs" (Mt 15:26). But the quick-witted woman doesn't miss a beat. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters" (Mt 15:27). Because of her faith, he heals her daughter. This is the kind of largesse which

"suits" God's giving. But can we muster faith like that of the Canaanite woman? Christian journalist Philip Yancey writes: "Unlike the Canaanite woman, I am easily discouraged by the silence of God. When my prayers are not soon answered, I am tempted to give up and not ask again. . All too often I find myself ... dangling somewhere between belief and unbelief,

**With Deep Appreciation**



The Parish Family of Our Lady Of Lourdes is **SINCERELY GRATEFUL** to all those devoted & faithful parishioners who have assisted with the **MUSIC MINISTRY** for many years. Your strong & deep faith is revealed in your selfless **SERVICE** in providing for the inspiring & uplifting **MUSIC** for our Eucharists. It is our heartfelt prayer that you will always know of our gratitude & appreciation for all of your devoted assistance & we pray with earnest love that God will grant each of you good health & peace. **THANK YOU & 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.

**SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS for the 20TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME.**

**SPIRITUAL READING:  
 THE HEALING PRESENCE OF GOD**



The great are those who have made progress or else are perfect in the love of God and are reformed in feeling. The little ones are imperfect souls, people living in the world, all those who have only a child's knowledge of God and very little realization of him; they are carried in the bosom of the Church and nourished with the sacraments, as children are with milk. All such as these

love God and give him thanks that in his everlasting mercy and goodness he has saved their souls. For the Church, who is their mother and dearly loves her spiritual children prays for them all to her spouse, Jesus, and obtains the healing of their souls through the virtue of his Passion. And she prays specially for those who cannot express their own needs in prayer. Thus in the Gospel the Canaanite woman asked our Lord to heal her daughter who was possessed by a devil. He at first refused, because she was of another race. But she did not cease to beg until our Lord had granted her request and said to her: O woman, great is your faith; be it done to you according to your will (Mt 15:28). And her daughter was cured at that moment. This woman represents the Church who asks our Lord to help simple, ignorant souls, who are laboring under the temptations of the world and who cannot speak to God with fervent devotion or in the burning love of contemplation. It seems at first that our Lord refuses to hear, because these souls are, as it were, strangers to him, but in the end, because of the great faith and the merits of the Church, he grants her all that she asks. And so these simple souls, who believe firmly what the Church believes, putting themselves entirely in God's hands and submitting humbly to the sacraments and the laws of the Church, are saved through the prayer and faith of their spiritual mother.

**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.**

**AUG. 22, 2017 FEASTDAY of the QUEEN SHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



  
 Father,  
 you have given us  
 the mother  
 of your Son  
 to be our queen  
 and mother.  
 With the support  
 of her prayers  
 may we come  
 to share  
 the glory  
 of your children  
 in the kingdom  
 of heaven.  
Taken from the Mass  
of the Queenship of Mary

Just eight days ago we celebrated the Solemnity of our Lady's Assumption into heaven. Today on this octave day of that great feast we celebrate our Lady's Queen ship. This is not a liturgical coincidence but rather a profound insight into the role of Mary and her continued mediation: in the Church, in the world, and in the universe. No woman makes herself a queen. She does not decide one day to choose this for herself. A queen is not self-proclaimed. She is not elected. A woman becomes a queen by her

relationship to another, either by marriage or by ancestry. Queen ship is something bestowed upon her by another. This is an essential part of Mary's own queen ship, as she was chosen by the Father to be the Mother of his Son. Her relationship to Christ has brought a new depth and dimension to her person. As Mary has now entered heaven, body and soul, she has begun her reign as Queen of that realm entrusted to her care, all of heaven and earth. But the greatest gift that the Blessed Mother offers us is not one of worldly power. Her queen ship possesses greater riches. The gift of her reign is the gift of her Son. Our own relationship to Christ is what brings a new depth and dimension to our lives. As Queen, Mary always stands ready to reveal how fully this gift can be bestowed upon us as well. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! You will find, that as in Mary's prerogatives themselves, there is the same careful reference to the glory of him who gave them to her. You know, when first he went out to preach, she kept apart from him; she interfered not with his work; and, even when he was gone up on high, yet she, a woman, went not out to preach or teach, she seated not herself in the Apostolic chair, she took no part in the priest's office; she did but humbly seek her Son in the daily Mass of those, who, though her ministers in heaven, were her superiors in the Church on earth. Nor, when she and they had left this lower scene, and she was a Queen upon her Son's right hand, not even then did she ask of him to publish her name to the ends of the world, or to hold her up to the world's gaze, but she remained waiting for the time, when her own glory should be necessary for his... In you, O Mary, is fulfilled, as we can bear it, an original purpose of the Most High. He once had meant to come on earth in heavenly glory, but we sinned; and then he could not safely visit us, except with a shrouded radiance and a bedimmed majesty, for he was God. So he came himself in weakness, not in power; and he sent you a creature, in his stead, with a creature's comeliness and luster suited to our state. And now your very face and form, dear Mother, speak to us of the eternal; not like earthly beauty, dangerous to look upon, but like the morning star, which is your emblem, bright and musical, breathing purity, telling of heaven, and infusing peace. O harbinger of day! O hope of the pilgrim! Lead us still as you have led; in the dark night, across the bleak wilderness, guide us on to our Lord Jesus, guide us home.

**Liturgical Ministry Contacts**



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**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Scheduling of Liturgical Ministries**  
**Anita Kocher 592-3384**



**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.

**Upcoming Church Meetings**



The Pastoral Council Meeting will be held at  
 Our Lady Of Lourdes on  
 Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm.  
  
 The Finance Council for St. Elizabeth will be  
 on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**Weekly Collection**

**St. Elizabeth Church**  
**Week Ending Sunday, August 13, 2017**  
 Envelopes \$ 2,785.00 Loose \$ 309.00  
 2 Online @ \$80.00 Building Fund \$5.00  
 Deposit \$3,179.00  
  
**Our Lady Of Lourdes Church**  
**Week ending Sunday, August 6, 2017**  
 Envelopes \$810.00 Loose \$40.00 Building Fund \$50.00  
 Edith Smith Food Pantry \$30.00  
 Deposit \$930.00  
  
**Our Lady Of Lourdes Church**  
**Week ending Sunday, August 13, 2017**  
 Envelopes \$600.00 Loose \$72.00 Building Fund \$10.00  
 Assumption of Mary \$30.00  
 Deposit \$712.00

**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. Thank you to those who use the online giving.