



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



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

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Office Manager: Halena Estep**

**Director of Religious Education: Courtney Ferris**

**Custodial Care: Lori 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 4, 2019 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parable of the Rich Fool Story found in Luke 12:13-21

**16** And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. **17** And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' **18** Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.'" **20** But God said to him, 'You fool! this very night <sup>[a]</sup> your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?' **21** So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Aug. 3	4:30 pm	Stephanie O'Dell by George & Jane Bohman
Aug. 4	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions Mary Kay Veldhaus by Ted & Kathy Staller
Aug. 5	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 6	12:00 pm	Roger Reynolds by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Aug. 7	7:30 am	Scott & Valerie Chapman by Jane Howard
Aug. 8	7:30 am	Curtis Estep by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Aug. 9	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 10	4:30 pm	John Rooney (Birth) by Anne Loy
Aug. 11	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Darrell & Marjorie Wilson by Wilson Brothers Special Intentions



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 10 ~ Sunday, August 11, 2019

Sat. August 10, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Janet Hill, Chris Tylka

SERVERS: Lily Ann Mullins

GIFTS: Steve Ezell Family

Sun. August 11, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR:

USHERS: Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Travis Rich Family

Sun. August 11, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: Cameron Davis

GIFTS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

Sun. August 11, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell

COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Roselene Quick

SERVERS: Ian Schmidt, Owen Schmit

GIFTS:

August Collection Counters: Marge Boatman, Don Brown, Rhonda Stone

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 Reading for The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Death fills the good man who has lived in the light of the Gospel, & who has walked in the footsteps of Jesus Christ & has satisfied divine justice by true repentance, with joy & consolation. The righteous consider death as the end of their sufferings, their sorrows, their temptations, & all their wants. They consider it as the beginning of their salvation. When Saint Jerome was told by his friends that he was near death, he gathered all his strength & exclaimed: "Oh, welcome & delightful message! Come soon, O death! How longingly have I awaited you! Come & deliver me from all the troubles of this world! Come & reunite me with my Redeemer!" What inexpressible joy a person experiences who was banished from home or led away into captivity, when told that he or she may return to their own country, to their families and friends! The same happiness awaits a soul which loves God & languishes in the ardent desire of seeing him in heaven in the midst of the saints, who are our real family & friends. Death, my friends, is to the just man what sleep is to the tired laborer who is glad of the approach of night, which will bring him rest after the hardships of the day. Death delivers the just man from the prison of his body, as Saint Paul says: "Unhappy man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" "Deliver me, my God," said the holy King David, "deliver my soul from the prison of this body. Who will give me wings like a dove, & I will fly & be at rest?" "Oh, how consoling it is," says Saint Augustine, "to die with your conscience at rest." "Tranquility of soul & peace of mind are the most precious gifts we can obtain" says the Holy Spirit. "There is no pleasure which is comparable to the joy of an innocent heart." "The righteous one," says the same teacher, "does not fear death, because by it he is reunited to his Master and put in possession of innumerable delights."

## St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.

## Holyday of Obligation

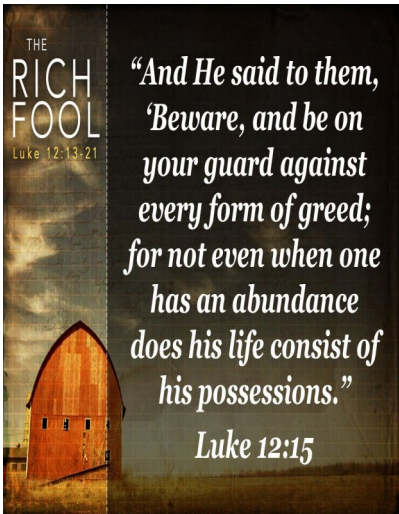


The SACRED EUCHARIST will be celebrated on the FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY into Heaven on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. at OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH and on THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019 at 7:30 A.M. and at 6:00 P.M. in St. Elizabeth Church.



Sunday, August 4, 2019 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~  
From The Pastor ~

Life on earth is busy providing sustenance for ourselves and others. Yet it is the responsible way to live the Great Commandment: love God and love our neighbor. Generously caring for family and others with kindness shows God gratitude. "What you do for these least of my creation you do for me." God bless those who care for others, especially those with less and who need extra care. In the book "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein, we find a tree that sacrifices itself for a boy's love. They begin happily playing together every day, but the boy grows and soon desires adult frills: money, a house, family and travel. The caring tree supplies all its apples to sell, branches for a house and its trunk for a boat. What's left is a stump for the tired boy to rest. Finally, the tree rests, enveloped in happiness, while the greedy boy sits alone and hollow. What works against this noble task of loving



God and neighbor is the drive to have more than enough. It is the "enough" that weighs heavily on this mission. As the little boy in the story, the need for more can push humanity far beyond necessary limits. It can push a good intention far outside actual needs until it devours all that is rational. In this pursuit, it's easy to become entangled in things that are passing away. It is this end that the farmer in Luke's Gospel chooses: "I shall tear down my barns and build bigger

ones" (Lk 12:18). It is almost as if he believes that he and his wealth will live forever. However, at this point, death makes an appearance, and all his efforts dissolve in a single instant. If he had even thought of sharing his riches with his neighbors, relatives or the poor, he would be praised as a disciple wise in the teachings of Jesus. Today's parable is not about frightening believers about the likelihood of early death, or even the option of quitting work altogether. It is simply an injection of reality. Jesus wants his disciples to live on earth with one foot already in heaven. How? He wants followers to remember not to lose themselves in the fleeting time we pass on this earth forgetting that which is above. At the same time, Jesus decries "all those who store up treasure for themselves," and Paul urges his converts "to put to death the parts of you that are earthly" in order to avoid greed and immorality. With our Christian values embedded in the heart, followers have the necessary treasures in the right place. Today's readings share practical advice on how to live with our loved ones on this earth. Jesus asks that, like the loving giving tree, believers be good providers and take care of the concerns that his Father asks — working diligently, but keeping the heavenly horizon in sight.

### Catholic Charities Ramblin' Rose Bus

The Ramblin' Rose Bus will be at St. Elizabeth's on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Ramblin' Rose Bus offers FREE basic school supplies as well as clothing for children ages K-12.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

## 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 land & 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. "

### Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Aug. 5, 2019 First Reading Nm. 11:4B-15  
Gospel Mt. 14:13-21

Tues. Aug. 6, 2019 First Reading Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14  
Gospel Lk. 9:28B-36

Wed. Aug. 7, 2019 First Reading Nm. 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26A  
-29A 34-35 Gospel Mt. 15:21-28



Thurs. Aug. 8, 2019 First Reading Nm. 20:1-13  
Gospel Mt. 16:13-23

Fri. Aug. 9, 2019 First Reading Dt. 4:32-40  
Gospel Mt. 16:24-28

## Spiritual Reading for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

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Mary became Mother of all people at the moment she became the Mother of Christ By her intimate participation -in his 'life, Passion, & Death, she became co-redemptrix. Yet, not until her Assumption could she exercise fully her function of Queen Mother, & Mediatrix. Freed from the shackles of mortality she sees, knows, loves, protects, cares for each and all her children in a way we cannot comprehend. We must never dissociate the two epochs:

the earthly & the heavenly. Jesus is what he is because of his life on earth, because he fulfilled to the last iota the Father's will. So also Mary is what she is because of her life on earth. The glory, the holiness, which now shines resplendent in heaven was forged here below. Her body, now set at the right hand of her Son, immersed in the divine, was formed as is ours, from the dust, was nourished & grew to maturity by feeding on the bread & fruits of the earth, & by breathing the air we breathe. Her soul, as is ours, was perfected by the Holy Spirit—perfected by all she received through her senses, every event of her life, every joy that came her way, every' sorrow. Mary is true woman, blessed among women, fairest of womankind. Apart from the graces of her divine Maternity and Immaculate Conception, she was as we are; her supernatural life was like ours. She lived by faith. She grew in grace & in the knowledge of God, grew in experience & in love, was ever learning. The simplicity, the ordinariness, the "earthiness" of her life would seem to be incongruous with the glory she now enjoys: drawing water from a well, spinning, eating, sleeping and heavenly bliss, communion with the Trinity! Something material has been taken up to the Holy of Holies, the sanctuary of the divinity inaccessible to creatures!' Is it not rather more pertinent to say that Divinity has come down to earth, made his sanctuary in earth & has become haven—the very dwelling place of God. If we could see things as they really are, I think we would see everything suffused with the divine. Perhaps that is one of the profoundest lessons of the Assumption, & one which we all need to learn.

### 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 Eighteenth 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, and acquiring. Sorrow, grief, and restlessness persist nonetheless in plunging such a person. What matters to God is that, through baptism, we have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God. Life's richness consists in seeking the One who is above, and 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 \$1,392.00 Loose \$293.50

Building Fund \$20.00

Votive Candles \$118.00

2 online @ \$155.00

Deposit: \$1,978.50

#### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, July 28, 2019

Envelopes \$897.00 Loose \$50.00

Building Fund \$35.00

Deposit: \$982.00

### Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.



### Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Stomburg Family, Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.