



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



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

### PASTORAL STAFF

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Custodial Care: Lori Davis, 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 12, 2018 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in John 6:41-51

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

**JESUS' AMAZING LOVE IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST.**

**LIVE IN LOVE!**

*"This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.*

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven;*

*whoever eats this bread will live forever;*

*and the bread that I will give is my flesh*

*for the life of the world."*

-Jn 6: 50-51



-Catholics striving for Holiness-

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."**

**John 6:51**

Aug. 11	4:30 pm	Favorable Weather
Aug. 12	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Robert & Karla Birkofer
Aug. 13	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 14	12:00 pm	Erica Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
	5:00 pm	OLOL-Holy Day of Obligation Special Intentions
Aug. 15	7:30 am	St. Elizabeth-Holy Day of Obligation Arlene Schutte by Clarence Schutte
	6:00 pm	Special Intentions
Aug. 16	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 17	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 18	4:30 pm	Arlene Schutte by Clarence Schutte
Aug. 19	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Vera Kirts by Fred Kirts & Ann Kirts
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach

## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 18, 2018 ~ Sunday, August 19, 2018

Sat. Aug. 18, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR:

USHERS: Mark Grimm, Ty Mullins

COMMUNION MIN: Ginger Osborne, Celeste White

SERVERS: Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins

GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family

Sun. Aug. 19, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS:

GIFTS: Jim Eckert Family

Sun. Aug. 19, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Bob Coffman

USHERS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

COMMUNION MIN: Kourtney Coffman, Jim Ping

SERVERS: Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

Sun. Aug. 19, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Sam Quick

USHERS: Josh & Roselene Quick

COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Roselene Quick

SERVERS: Halle Gower, Madalyn Myers

GIFTS: Eric Schmidt Family

August Collection Counters:

August, 2018:

Lisa Baird, Marge Boatman, Don Brown

Please remember to attend weekly Mass.

Monday, August 13, 2018 ~

**Second Grade Parent Meeting  
at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center**

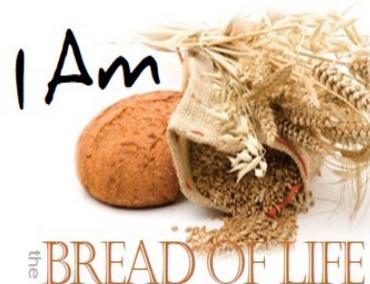
Monday, August 20, 2018 ~

**Make-Up Registration Meeting  
at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 ~

**PSR Opening Mass at 6:30 pm**

## Spiritual Reading for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



United with the

Living Bread

In his goodness  
and love for  
h u m a n k i n d,  
Jesus, the most  
divine Word,  
one, simple, and  
hidden, assumed  
our nature,  
a p p e a r i n g

though unchanged in his own nature as a being both composite and visible. Graciously he received us into unifying communion with himself, joining our lowliness to his sublime divinity, upon the sole condition that we in our turn should adhere to him as members of his body by living a pure and godly life like his, and not giving reign to ruinous, death-dealing passions, which would make us incapable of union with those completely healthy and divine members. If we aspire to communion with Jesus, we must fix our eyes upon the most holy life he lived in the flesh and follow the example of his divine innocence so as to become pure and godlike. Then, in a manner befitting us, he will give us a resemblance to himself... Christ came forth from his divine concealment to assume for love of humanity our human form, becoming completely human without loss of his own identity while remaining unchanged he descended from his natural unity to the level of our divisibility; and...through the beneficent deeds inspired by his love for us, he calls the human race to communion with himself and to a share in his blessings. He asks only that we unite ourselves to his most divine life by imitating it to the best of our ability, so as to enter into a real communion with God and his divine mysteries.

## Baptism News



**Our Parish Family of**

**St. Elizabeth is happy & pleased to  
WELCOME**

**FINLEY RENE' PARKHURST** into  
the Catholic Church & the Christian  
Community through the oils &  
waters of the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Finley Rene' Parkhurst was  
baptized on Sunday, August 5, 2018.  
She is the daughter of Justin & Keshia Parkhurst.**

August 12, 2018 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
From the Pastor: Food For The Journey

The readings highlight an important moment for Jesus and his followers in the bread of life discourse. Not only is Jesus comfortable stating boldly his divine roots — "I am the bread come down from heaven" (Jn 6:41) — but he reveals confidently his relationship with his Father: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" (Jn 6:44). However, if the Father draws them and they respond with belief, then their reward is eternal life. When faith opens their eyes, hearts and minds to all Jesus is, they will also accept God and trust him just as their ancestors "who ate the manna in the desert" did before them. However, Jesus points out a major difference. Their ancestors believed and ate the manna, but still died. If Jesus' followers believe in the living bread Jesus is offering in God's name and eat it, they will never die. Eternal life comes to Jesus' followers only if they accept Jesus and all his teachings. Jesus does not offer shortcuts. Only the eating of his living bread leads to resurrection. To be certain they understand, Jesus emphasizes again that anyone who accepts his teachings unreservedly and lives them in faith is destined for eternal life. After telling them if they eat his bread they will live forever, Jesus adds a new dimension: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). Jesus combines the bread of Jesus person with the teaching of the sacramental presence of Eucharist. Young Sammy knows pain, and he knows faith. Sammy's pain is getting harder to bear. The tumor is pressing on his brain. He will soon lose his eyesight. But he can still paint. He is painting scenes and memories to keep his faith strong. He has dozens of paintings — of victory, of courage and of people helping others. On one wall is a painting of Jesus kneeling before a boy resembling Sammy. He has his arms around Sammy's shoulders and tears in his eyes. The words below read, "I love you Sammy and always will." The painting demonstrates for Sammy what faith means. This painting is Sammy's heavenly bread. Like Elijah, it is enough to get Sammy "to the mountain of God, Horeb" (1 Kgs 19:8).

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

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 'to 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

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

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-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.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
From the Pastor: "The Almighty Has Done Great Things For Me"

The beauty of the feast of the Assumption of Mary is that it surfaced slowly & steadily over centuries, flowing from the hearts of the faithful. They believed that Mary, the Mother of God, the vessel that carried the Savior within her womb, never touched sin. Finally, Pope Piuszw, in 1950, proclaimed it true. Mary fell asleep in the Lord & was assumed into heaven & reunited to her son, Jesus, for all eternity. The readings for this weekend see the woman mentioned in Revelation as Mary bringing forth the Child Jesus, who is destined to rule all nations. The dragon is the child's long-standing enemy, going back to the serpent in Eden, who caused Adam & Eve's betrayal of their creator. Mary brings forth her child to fulfill God the Father's plan of redemption. Mary becomes the gateway that opens the way to that restoration. The Gospel today casts Mary as a simple peasant woman, lowly & humble, who is called from her ordinariness to offer her body to do God's will. For this she is forever engraved in greatness. Her words today initiate that process: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." Mary also declares that with the birth of her child, the structures of privilege & discrimination are upended. The dejected & needy will bask in God's goodness. Mary understands that she is not the one who will accomplish this; it is the task of her child. Mary also is forceful in maintaining that she had nothing to do with her new greatness, but that it simply is a reflection of the Son of God, whom she carries in her womb. Mary showed her son how to love & she did this very well. Nine-year-old Kenny found this out when he asked his mother this -question: "How do we know Jesus loved his mother?" Kenny's mother answered, "Because he lived with her for 30 years-learning how." Then she added, "And he only spent three years teaching his Church how!" That says it all! Besides love, Mary taught Jesus wisdom, truth & faithfulness. Today, Mary is delighted to be-honored on this feast, because it points to the glory of her son, the long-awaited Savior of the world.

## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, August 5, 2018

Envelopes \$2,917.00 Loose \$312.05

Building Fund \$290.00 Spiritual Kiosk \$56.00

4 online @ \$280.00

Total Deposit: \$3,855.05

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending July 29, 2018

Envelopes \$640.00 Loose Collection \$87.00

Total Deposit: \$727.00



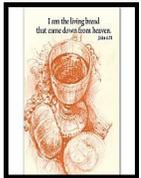
## Scriptural Reflections for the Holy Day Of The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven



Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "precisely because Mary is with God and 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 and,

being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and 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 and took her in" (A. Autpert).

Spiritual Reading for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus silences the murmurers, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him." What does it mean to "listen to the Father"? It means being attentive to the needs & desires of our own humanity. If Elijah had not been brought to the point of starvation, he would not pray as he does today. What the doubters in the Gospel find so far-fetched— I am the living bread that came down from heaven"—is in fact exactly what they need in order to be drawn to the Father's love. That is why "Christ loved us" by handing himself over for us "as a sacrificial offering."



### Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:  
Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett,  
(Karen Bailey) Scott Chapman, Donald Davis (Lori Davis), Todd Drake, Sonny Rosenski (Linda Allen), Jack Stanley, Dylan Wesley (Celeste White), Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.



### Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Aug. 13, 2018 Ez. 1:2-5,24-28C Gospel Mt. 17:22-27  
Tues. Aug. 14, 2018 Ez. 2:8-3:4 Gospel Mt. 18:1-5,10,12-14  
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wed. Aug. 15, 2018 Vigil Mass  
First Reading ~ 1 Chr. 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 or  
Second Reading ~ 1 Cor. 15:54B-57 Gospel Lk. 11:27-28  
Mass During the Day  
Reading 1 ~ Rev. 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB or  
Second Reading 1 Cor. 15:20-27  
Gospel Lk. 1:39-56  
Thurs. Aug. 16, 2018 Ez. 12:1-12 Gospel Mt. 18:21-19:1  
Fri. Aug. 17, 2018 Ez. 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez. 16:59-63  
Gospel Mt. 19:3-12

## Holy Day of Obligation



Holy Day of Obligation

The SACRED EUCHARIST  
will be celebrated on the Feast  
of the Assumption of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary into Heaven on  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018**

**AT 5:00 PM at OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
CHURCH & on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST  
15, 2018 at 7:30 AM & 6:00 PM in ST.  
ELIZABETH CHURCH. This EUCHARIST  
fulfills your HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**



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."

### Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting



Finance Council

The Finance Council Meeting for Our Lady of Lourdes will meet on Tues. Aug. 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes.