



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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

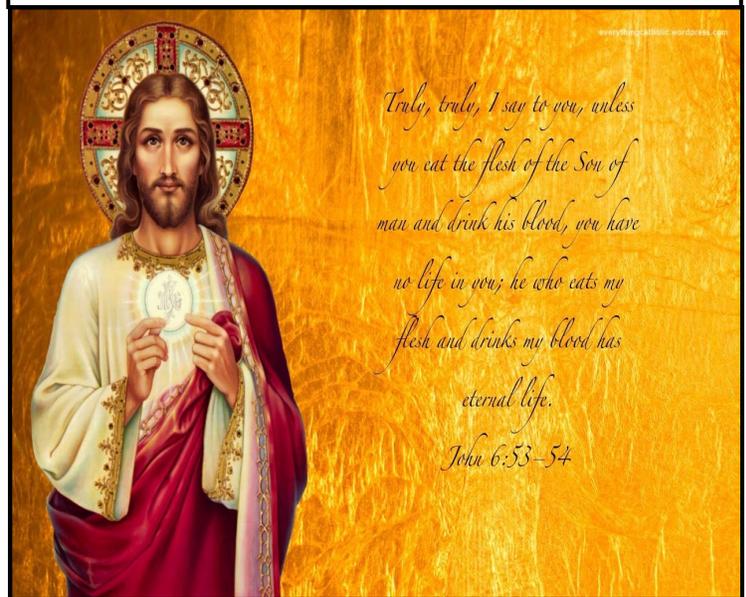
If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sunday, August 19, 2018 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in John 6:51~58



Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.

John 6:53-54

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever." John 6:52~58



Mass Intentions

Aug. 18	4:30 pm	Arlene Schutte by Clarence Schutte
Aug. 19	7:30 am 9:00 am	Special Intentions Vera Kirts by Fred Kirts & Ann Kirts
Aug. 20	10:30 am 7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Aug. 21	12:00 pm	Sue King by Karen, Chuck, Mike, Nai, & Kyle Bailey
Aug. 22	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 23	7:30 am	Erica Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Aug. 24	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 25	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann
Aug. 26	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Rose Marie Buerster by Keith & Rita Wirey Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 25, 2018 ~ Sunday, August 26, 2018

Sat. Aug. 25, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR:

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin

SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins

GIFTS: Terry Baird Family

Sun. Aug. 26, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Steve & Janet Jenkins

COMMUNION MIN: Mike & Jona Uptmor

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Eric Mosbey Family

Sun. Aug. 26, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

Sun. Aug. 26, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Sam Quick

USHERS: Ken Deters, Chris Weber

COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Matthew Hartrich

SERVERS: Ian Schmidt, Owen Schmidt

GIFTS: Josh Quick Family

August Collection Counters: Lisa Baird, Marge Boatman, Don Brown



Parish School of Religion

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

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

**Wednesday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018
from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.**

Spiritual Reading for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unless we are given a way for Jesus Christ to be inside us, we will turn Christ into an abstraction. "Unless you eat" the "true food" and the "true drink" of the Eucharist "you do not have life within you." The Sacrament is God's method for enabling us to remain in him and him in us. It is imperative for us to "try to understand what is the will of the Lord." To conjecture any other means for remaining in Christ is to induce a "foolishness" that you must "forsake that you may live." To the one who lacks understanding, Wisdom commands, "Eat my flesh, drink my blood."

You're Invited!

YOU ARE INVITED ~ CONVERSION SPEAKER

All of our parishioners from ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES are invited to attend a presentation about a RELIGIOUS CONVERSION directly after the 10:30 am Mass on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 in ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH. We are happy to welcome a special GUEST SPEAKER, DANIEL TEWS, a former Lutheran Pastor who will be sharing his spiritual journey home to the CATHOLIC CHURCH. After his presentation, you are welcome to come to ST. ELIZABETH'S Parish Center for a light lunch of sandwiches & chips for an informal "QUESTIONS & ANSWERS" SESSION. This would be a perfect opportunity to invite anyone you know who is interested in the Catholic Faith. If you have never had the honor to hear a CONVERSION STORY, you do not want to miss this opportunity. Please give serious



consideration to attending this presentation on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 after the 10:30 am Eucharist. This spiritual event is being sponsored by the PASTORAL COUNCIL of ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH. God bless you.

Ramblin' Rose Bus



Many sincere & heartfelt THANKS to all those parishioners who helped with the RAMBLIN ROSE BUS on the 10th of August. Your dedication & service is deeply appreciated. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU!

August 19, 2018 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
From the Pastor: Eucharist as Wisdom



The Book of Wisdom contains King Solomon's wise sayings. It helps readers who look for ways to live well-ordered lives with purpose. Christians assume that true wisdom is living faithfully the teaching of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Son of God. If believers experienced God and lived this experience every day, they are following in the footsteps of Jesus. The Gospel this weekend goes further, saying the living bread, the Eucharist, stands in the center of the experience of God. John has Jesus reminding his followers that to eat this bread begins an internal transformation that the Eucharist awakens. Christ is in them, and they are in Christ, just as the Father is in Christ and Christ is in the Father. Jesus exhorts his followers to spend time in self-reflection and prayer, understanding what eating this "living bread" truly means. When they do, they will see how he is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). They will believe and understand why he can guide them to true wisdom: eternity — their true finish line. Yet even more than this, they will realize that Jesus both accompanies and feeds them as he travels with them to the new promised land. The sweetness of the Eucharist is that it-takes away any fear of the unknown, steadying, strengthening and assuring each believer with each step of the way. Jesus never leaves them, whether the roadways are rough or smooth. Every spring, Phil loves to see crocuses. Why? He says: "Because even with snow on the ground, they break through and show their beautiful colors. Their presence brings smiles, hope and the vision that more beauty is soon to come." He adds, "They remind me of the Eucharist. On my bad days, the Eucharist tells me that more beauty is soon to come, so just hang on!" Christ's followers journey in-a community called Church. In traveling with others, they have companions to lean on in times that need solace and compassion. Their physical presence gives peace, making the Messiah present. They are to each other the living bread, which Christ gives to them. It is the experience of God bringing a wisdom greater than Solomon among us.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting



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.

First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL



There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

September Parish Meetings



St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. St. Elizabeth FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.



Scriptural Reflections for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



For the fruitful unity of God ever abides above the unity of our powers and ever demands of us likeness in love and in virtues. And that is why we are touched again and again, that we may each time be renewed and become more like him in the virtues. And, through these renewed touches, the spirit falls into hunger and thirst, and would taste through and through, and pass through and through the whole abyss in a storm of love, that thereby it may be satisfied. Hence there comes an eternal, hungry craving, and an eternal unsatisfied desire. For all loving spirits desire and strive after God, each according to its nobleness and the measure in which it has been touched by God; yet God remains eternally incomprehensible by way of our active desires, and therefore there abides in us, together with all saints, an eternal hunger, and an eternal desirous introversion. And in the meeting with God, the radiance and the heat are so great and so limitless that all spirits must fail in their activity, and must melt and vanish away in sensible love in the unity of their spirit. And here they must passively endure as sheer creatures the working of God. And here our spirit and divine grace and all our virtues are one sensible love without activity; for our spirit has spent itself and has itself become love. And here the spirit is simple and susceptible of all gifts and is capable of every virtue. And, in this ground of sensible love, there dwells the gushing spring, that is, the inpouring or inward working of God, which at every hour moves us and urges us and draws us inward and causes us to flow forth into new works of virtue.

Kiosk Corner Message of Guadalupe (Booklet) Catholic Truth Society

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of Mexico, Mother of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn Child. Why, in 1531, did Our Lady appear to an illiterate Mexican worker, Juan Diego? How can interest and devotion to her today be so widespread? Our Lady appeared as an Indian girl, speaking Juan Diego's own native language, and offered her help to the oppressed and largely pagan people from which he came. The miraculous image, which appeared as a result on Diego's clothing, can still be seen in Mexico today. This booklet tells the story, and the message Guadalupe has for the modern world. Gillian Rae eloquently shows how Mary's 'missionary image' spans the centuries to combat today's 'culture of death.'

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, August 12, 2018
Envelopes \$3,062.00 Loose \$370.00

4 online @ \$335.00 Assumption of Mary \$50.00
Total Deposit: \$3,817.00



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending August 5, 2018

Envelopes \$605.00 Loose Collection \$208.88

Building Fund \$100.00 Edith Smith Food Pantry \$50.00
Total Deposit: \$963.88

**Original Order of the Sacraments of Initiation
Baptism ~ Reconciliation ~ Confirmation ~ First Eucharist
Reconciliation ~ Second Grade
Confirmation ~ First Eucharist ~ Third Grade
Questions & Answers**

9. Why do they call it Original Order?

During the first five hundred years or so of the history of the Roman Catholic Church (and still today in the Christian churches of the East), it was always the case that the sacraments of Christian initiation were celebrated in an invariable sequence: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. And it was almost always the case that all three were celebrated together at the same time, even with infants. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) requires that children and in catechumenate receive all three sacraments together, even if the children are younger than the age at which the Catholic children of the parish are routinely confirmed. Putting the celebration of Confirmation between Baptism and Eucharist better expresses its role as the completion of Baptism—that is the culmination of a person's Christian initiation is the Eucharist, not Confirmation. Theologically, it is the gift of the Holy Spirit given in all its fullness at Confirmation that best prepares one to receive Eucharist, and thus to be most fully joined to the Body of Christ. As a result, this change reflect an emphasis on the belief that everything leads to the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our faith. Following the lead of official documents that were issued by the Church after the Second Vatican Council, more and more places are restoring this original order to the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation.

10. The Last Supper preceded Pentecost. Shouldn't Eucharist precede Confirmation? Matthew 3:16 - 17: "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. "Jesus is baptized, and then confirmed.

11. Why is our parish celebrating Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the same Mass? In the early Church, Christian initiation as celebrated together as a single event. The person was immersed into the waters of Baptism, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharistic meal. Over time, and for many reasons, the celebration of these sacramental rituals became separated from one another. In the renewal of the mandated by the Second Vatican Council, the Church was invited to restore the celebrations of the sacraments of Christian initiation to their original order - Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist. This restored order helps us recognize that sharing in the Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church.

12. What about age? Doesn't the Church require a certain age for Confirmation? Both the Rite of Confirmation and Canon Law (Canon #891) set the age of discretion (age 7) as the age for Confirmation. Effective July 2002, the United States of Catholic Bishops designated the age for Confirmation to be between the age of discretion and age 16. Within that range, local bishops may determine their own diocesan policy, which is third for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



Give Central

Give Central is an online donations system that can be accessed on the Church website. You can click on the DONATE button to donate to what collection you would like to. Thank you to all those that do use this service. God bless.

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13. Isn't Confirmation a sacrament of maturity that should come after First Holy Communion?

Confirmation is actually the completion of Baptism (by the full gift of the Holy Spirit). The perfection of baptismal grace found in the Sacrament of Confirmation is not dependent upon age or knowledge of the confirmed. The grace that is conferred is a free gift and does not need ratification to become effective' (Cf. CCC 1308). The common practice of high school reception of Confirmation has given the impression that somehow the sacrament is merited by virtue of age or training. In truth, the Sacrament of Confirmation is an effective vehicle of grace at any age as long as it is validly conferred. Thus, those who receive the sacrament are able to reap benefits from the moment of reception. The grace of this sacrament conferred at a young age could be of great assistance to young people as they grow toward adolescence and young adulthood. Regardless of age, Confirmation is always a Sacrament of Initiation. The important thing to remember is that sacraments are not about age alone, they are about growing in faith, about sharing in God's grace.

14. Is it wrong, then, to be confirmed after receiving Eucharist?

No. The Church has many ways of celebrating the mysteries of God's love in the sacraments. But because Rome so strongly encourages restoring of celebrating the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, do not be surprised if more and more communities restore the original sequence — Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Karen Bailey) Scott Chapman, Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), 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. 20, 2018 Ez. 24:15~23
Gospel Mt. 19:16~22**
**Tues. Aug. 21, 2018 Ez. 28:1~10
Gospel Mt. 19:23~30**
**Wed. Aug. 22, 2018 Ez. 34:1~11
Gospel Mt. 20:1~16**
**Thurs. Aug. 23, 2018 Ez. 36:23~28
Gospel Mt. 22:1~14**
**Fri. Aug. 24, 2018 Rv. 21:9B~14
Gospel Jn. 1:45~51**

Rest In Peace



Our sympathies to “Dick” & “Angie” Seamon at the loss of their son, William “Terry” Seamon. Please keep this family in your prayers during their sorrow and loss.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass