



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



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### PASTORAL STAFF

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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

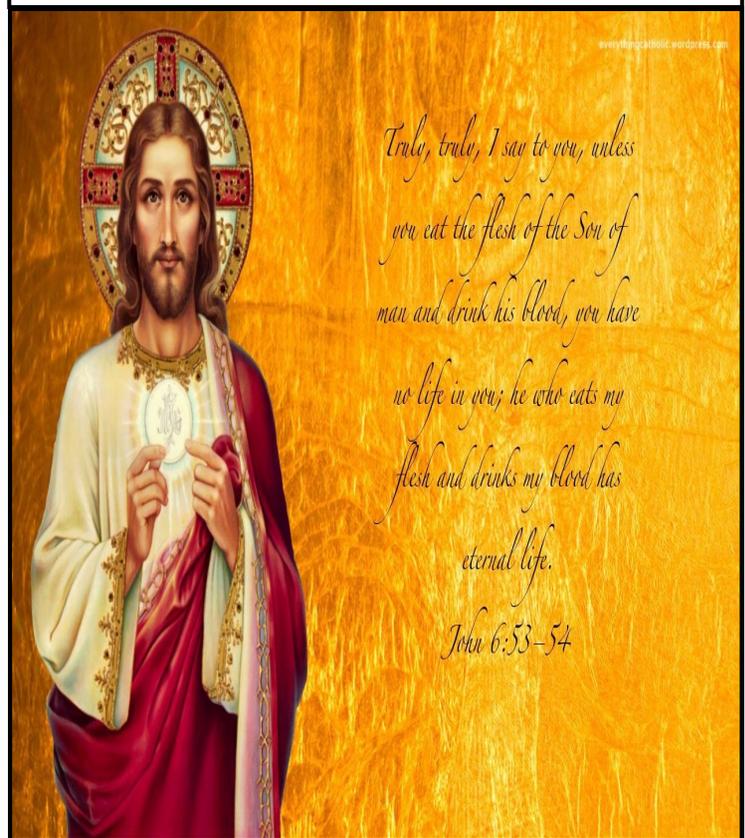
If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

## Sunday, August 26, 2018 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in John 6:60-69



**We have come to  
believe and are  
convinced that you  
are the Holy One of  
God.”**



## Mass 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
Aug. 27	7:30 am	Karlene Freese by Pete Frese
Aug. 28	12:00 pm	Favorable Weather
Aug. 29	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 30	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Aug. 31	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Sept. 1	4:30 pm	Karlene Freese by Pete Frese
Sept. 2	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Special Intentions Aunt Irma & Uncle Dave Bailey, From Karen, Chuck, Mike, Nai, & Kyle Bailey For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 1 ~ Sunday, September 2, 2018

Sat. Sept. 1, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Patti Buercklin

**USHERS:** Ken & Carol Bergbower

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Lily Ann Mullins

**GIFTS:** Randy Mullins Family

Sun. Sept. 2, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** David Holscher

**USHERS:** Clarence Schutte, Randy Schutte

**COMMUNION MIN:** Jim & Shari Eckert

**SERVERS:** Mallory Mosbey

**GIFTS:** James Eckert Family

Sun. Sept. 2, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**LECTOR:** Keith Wirey

**USHERS:** Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

**COMMUNION MIN:** Bob Coffman, Wilmer Wilson

**SERVERS:** Eva Hermann

**GIFTS:** Adam & Lori Davis

Sun. Sept. 2, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Courtney Ferris

**USHERS:** Ken Deters, Chris Weber

**COMMUNION MIN:** Mark Ghering, Teresa Gower

**SERVERS:** Emily Ferris, Halle Gower

**GIFTS:** Gene Gower Family

September Collection Counters: Janet Hill, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka



## Parish School of Religion

PSR: Wed. Aug. 29, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. As many of you may already know, we had several veteran PSR teachers "retire" at the end of the last school year therefore we have several classroom changes & additions for this PSR year. Our kindergarten teachers will be Britini Huddleston & Patti Bunten, both of whom have helped in the program previously. In first grade, Roselene Quick returns to her former assignment & is assisted by Holly Dix & Jennifer Mueller. Josh Quick & Geri Ezell are once again co-teachers in the second grade classroom, while Mary Clark is being assisted in third grade by Clare Wirey. Fourth grade staples Valerie Hermann & Kathy Staller are back for their seventh year as a team. In fifth grade, Lori Davis is returning and Laurie Jenkins has graciously offered to assist her. In sixth grade, we have first year teacher Jessica Quick & assistant Katrena Burton. Lastly, this year the seventh & eighth grade have been combined & will be taught by Chad Arkenberg & Ted Staller. All those involved in the PSR program are looking forward to another year of the students learning & growing in our faith. Youth: Junior High Youth will meet on September 9th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Boys bring a salty snack, girls bring something sweet.

### 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. Mr. Daniel Tews will be our CONVERSION SPEAKER on SUN. SEPT. 16, 2018 immediately following the 10:30 am Eucharist. Below is pertinent information about Daniel so that you may know something about him before you hear him speak. In 2010, Daniel Tews was ordained as a Missouri Synod Lutheran Pastor. Daniel served as a Pastor in South Dakota from 2010 to 2015. As part of his pastoral studies, Daniel decided to study the writings of the early Church Fathers. To his surprise, he found that the early Church Fathers did not believe what he was taught in the Lutheran tradition. Daniel also found that certain passages in the Bible were contradicting many of his protestant positions. Through prayer & study, Daniel was drawn to the Catholic Church for its unwavering biblical teachings & truth. In 2015, Daniel left his job as Lutheran Pastor & became Catholic. Daniel's talk focuses on how prayer, study, & faith led him into the Catholic Church.

Jesus looks for unity from his followers, but not uniformity. Jesus loves diversity. One quick look at his selection for leadership roles in the early Church illustrates this. However, Jesus did demand one common thread holding all his choices together: loyalty. It was loyalty lived out in faithfulness to his teachings. Faithfulness is central in the three readings this weekend. In the first reading, Joshua decides it's time for the Israelites & all new members who recently blended with God's Chosen People to profess publicly their Loyalty to the one true God. Yahweh called them, led them, protected and delivered them to the promised land. It is time to reaffirm their covenant. Joshua wants them to make this rededication freely, publicly and responsibly. Jesus is proposing a similar reaffirmation with his followers. He offers them a living bread from heaven & claims it is his flesh for the salvation of the world. This living bread is sent through the generosity of God, his Father. It calls for a great leap of faith to believe it all. As a result, they have much to digest. Jesus gives them time either to accept this truth or return to their "former life." Peter gives the faith answer Jesus wants to hear: "Master, you have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68). Paul also is declaring a life-changing message. He reminds the Ephesians that the union of husbands & wives mirrors the exact union Christ has with the Church. In all things & in all ways, husbands & wives should respond with mutual love & respect for one another. What each reading is asking is simply that whatever we do as disciples, we must be who we profess to be, & in whatever lifestyle we live, be who we say we are. In this way, followers of Jesus will act like Jesus, and he will be seen again walking the earth through them. A great example of loyalty is found in William Shakespeare's "King Lear." King Lear, old & feeble, abandoned by two of his daughters, is helped by his third daughter, Cordelia, the one he himself banished. Cordelia demonstrates her loyalty by clothing & sheltering her father. She holds no grudge, only honors him as her father. She helps in his time of need, rather than deserting him. Through her love & faithfulness, Cordelia shows what true loyalty is, & Christ would

reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them: "Today I ate & I will eat again tomorrow." This moving story tells us how deeply people yearn for security. We all need to know that our basic necessities will be cared for—that we will have food, shelter, & safety when we wake up. Having gone so long without that assurance, these children clung to their bread as a concrete, physical reminder that they were finally safe & secure. Isn't this a wonderful way for us to think about Jesus & the Bread of Life that he is to us? We know that the Eucharist is one of our most basic spiritual necessities. We know that we need to receive it every Sunday so that we can have the nourishment we need to love God & one another. So, let's take a look at how we can take this precious gift of living bread with us throughout our weeks—even if we can't hold it close to us every moment. The Bread of the Passover. Let's begin by looking back at the story of the first Passover. On the night before the Hebrews fled Egypt, God told them to prepare a special meal that included roasted lamb, bitter herbs, & the unusual addition of unleavened bread. The bread had to be unleavened because the people had to be ready to leave at a moment's notice; there was no time for the dough to rise. Later, as the Passover tradition grew, the Israelites came to understand that the leaven, or yeast was also a symbol for sin & the "puffiness" of pride that could infect the whole nation. Another Passover tradition centers on the wine. At four different points during the meal, the-people were to drink a cup of wine. These four cups were linked to the four most important promises God had made to the people: "I will bring you out (from unjust labor); I will deliver you (from servitude); I will redeem you (with my outstretched arm) ; I will take you (as my own people & make you a nation)," So the bread and wine, teach in its own way, served as symbols of the-freedom that God had given the children of Israel. They were signs of the peace & security he had given them when he rescued them from slavery & brought them into the Promised Land.

Scriptural Reflections ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many murmur, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" If we approach Christianity from our own presuppositions then we completely miss the fact, as Pope Benedict XVI writes, that "being Christian; is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." We are to look beyond the "saying" to the Sayer. This is what it means to "be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ." "Decide today whom you will serve" —your own ideas and preconceptions, or "the Lord."



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, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson, Ralph Worman & the men & women in the armed forces.

Receive the Living Bread~Encountering Jesus At Mass

In their book, *Sleeping with Bread*, authors Matthew Linn & Dennis & Sheila Fabricant Linn tell the story of a group of orphans from World War II who had been rescued & taken to a refugee camp. "Many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night," they wrote. They feared waking up to find themselves once again homeless & without food. 'Nothing seemed to

For the Seven Gifts of the Spirit



O Lord Jesus, through You, I humbly beg our merciful Father to send the Holy Spirit of grace, that He may bestow upon us His sevenfold gifts. May He send us the gift of wisdom which will make us relish the Tree of Life that is none other than Yourself; the gift of understanding which will enlighten us; the gift of counsel which will guide us in the way of righteousness; and the gift of fortitude which will give us the strength to vanquish the enemies of our sanctification and salvation. May He impart to us the gift of knowledge which will enable us to discern Your teaching and distinguish good from evil; the gift of piety which will make us enjoy true peace; and the gift of fear which will make us shun all iniquity and avoid all danger of offending Your Majesty. *St. Bonaventure*

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

**15. I am that if children are now confirmed in the third grade, they will drop out of religious education later.**

Confirmation has been misunderstood and treated as Education from learning about the Faith. This is neither the true meaning of the sacrament nor the intention of the Church. Growth in the understanding and living out of our faith is the result of a life-long effort. and siblings have the first responsibility of being an example of Jesus Christ to each other and living the Gospel each day. Children will stay in religious education if they see their striving to grow in holiness family prayer, Scripture reading, Sunday Mass, regular confession, and living a life of charity. Parents are to keep their children in religious education problems just as they keep their child in school until graduation- While there will be an emphasis on parent it is the parent's responsibility to see that their children grow in the faith. Our parishes are there to assist in this process.

**16. How can a young child know everything about the faith?**

Religious education or catechesis is a life-long process. Adults should regularly study our faith, read Scriptures, participate in the sacraments, and practice charity. Children and youth from through high school are expected to participate in processes of faith formation. With this in mind, Confirmation preparation is simply an explanation of the sacrament itself in the context of an active family faith life and parish catechesis. This is similar to what took place for First Penance/ Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

**Spiritual Reading for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

At the close of Jesus' great discourse on the Eucharist, in the course of which he had clarified that his flesh is true food and his blood true drink, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. This drastic reaction would be absurd, of course, if the Lord had been speaking only metaphorically. The departure of so many of his devoted followers was, in fact, a consequence of the radicality and realism of his teaching. And so it has gone up and down the Christian centuries: the doctrine of the Real Presence is a standing or falling point. Once we understand what the Lord is saying, we are either with him or we are against him. Abandoned by almost everyone, Jesus turns to his Apostles, his intimate band of brothers, and he asks them, almost plaintively, Do you also want to leave? If they had said yes, the Church would have ended at that moment. Instead, Peter speaks up: Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Can you see how this is parallel to the confession of Peter found in the Synoptic Gospels? In affirming the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, Peter makes a statement as definitive and momentous as You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. If we don't affirm Jesus' divinity and his substantial presence in the Eucharist, we don't get him. Led by the successor of Peter, the Church continues to make these great confessions up and down the ages.

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

**Scriptural Reflections for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Christianity is not that complex system of oppressive rules which the unbeliever describes; it is peace, joy, love, & a life which is continually renewed, like the mysterious pulse of nature at the beginning of spring. We must assert this truth as confidently as the Apostles did, and you...must be convinced of it, for it is your greatest treasure, which alone can give meaning & serenity to your daily life. The source of this joy is in the Risen Christ, who has set man free from the slavery of sin & invites him to become a new creature with him, & to look forward to an eternity of joy. The joyful mystery has a meaning which affects every single Christian in the innermost sanctuary of his spiritual life, with power to make him become like the Risen Christ.... According to the clearly expressed commandment of the Church, every Catholic is at this time urged to purify his conscience with the Sacrament of Penitence, steeping it in the Blood of Jesus. He is asked to draw near to the Eucharistic feast with greater faith, to nourish himself with the life-giving flesh of the immaculate Lamb. The doubting, the distrustful, the diffident, the timorous, the lukewarm have risen again, together with those who have been sorely tried & those who suffer, the poor & the oppressed.



**Daily Mass Readings**

Mon. Aug. 27, 2018 2 Thes. 1:1-5,11-12 Gospel Mt. 23:13-22  
 Tues. Aug. 28, 2018 2 Thes. 2:1-3A,14-17 Gospel Mt. 23:23-26  
 Wed. Aug. 22, 2018 2 Thes. 3:6-10, 16,18 Gospel Mk. 6:17-29  
 Thurs. Aug. 23, 2018 1 Cor. 1:1-9 Gospel Mt. 24:42-51  
 Fri. Aug. 24, 2018 1 Cor. 1:17-25 Gospel Mt.25:1-13

**Weekly Offerings**

**St. Elizabeth Church**  
 Week Ending Sunday, August 19, 2018  
 Envelopes \$2,692.00 Loose \$334.00  
 Building Fund \$10.00  
 4 online @ \$285.00 Assumption of Mary \$357.00  
 Total Deposit: \$3,678.00

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**  
 Week Ending August 12, 2018  
 Envelopes \$645.00 Loose Collection \$83.00  
 Building Fund \$10.00  
 Total Deposit: \$738.00



**Parish Office Closed**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 for the Labor Day Holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Have a safe & Happy Labor Day Holiday.

**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 TUES. SEPT. 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm in OLOL's.  
 St. Elizabeth **FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet on TUES. SEPT. 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.