



# 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

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Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis, Our Lady of Lourdes

Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Parish Office closed from 8:00 am~12:00 noon

Monday open from 1:00 pm~4:00 pm

Tuesday~Friday from 8:00 am~4:00 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 the Parish Center for registration and reservation.

### 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.

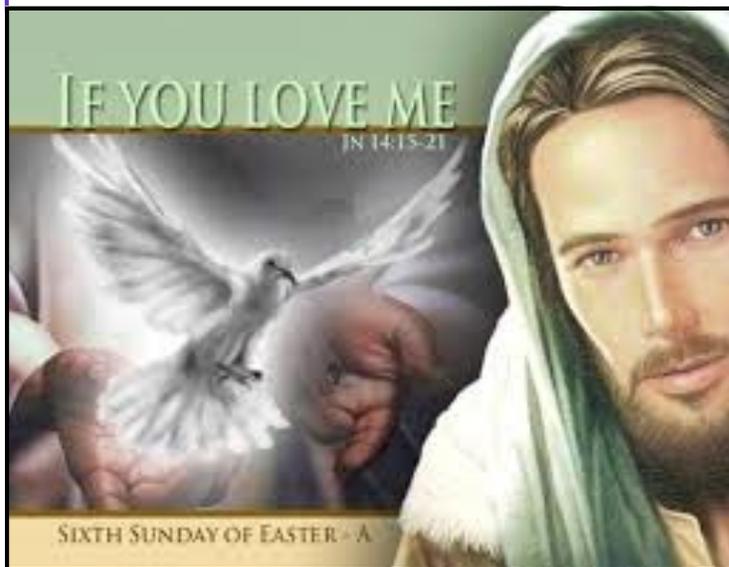
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, May 21, 2017 6th Sunday of Easter



“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth,\* which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.<sup>1</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.\* In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

**John 14: 15-21**



## Mass Intentions

May 20	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann
May 21	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30am	Special Intentions
May 22	7:30 am	Lorna Jane Brown by George Brown
May 23	12:00 pm	Donald Roche by Carol Wong
May 24	7:30 am	Clarence & Jean Loy by Anne Loy
May 25	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 26	7:30 am	Margaret Schalasky by Dan Schalasky
May 27	4:30 pm	Allen Osborne By Ginger Osborne & Family
May 28	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Rita B. Hames by Robert & Karla Birkofer



## Min

### Saturday, May 27, 2017 ~ Sunday, May 28, 2017

**Sat. May 27, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth**  
**LECTOR:** Geri Ezell  
**USHERS:** Ken & Carol Bergbower  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Ginger Osborne, Celeste White  
**SERVERS:** Xavier Brown, Jeff Hermann  
**GIFTS:** Steve Ezell Family

**Sun. May 28, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth**  
**LECTOR:** Mike Uptmor  
**USHERS:** David Holscher, Tom Huss  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Mike Dorn, Chad Arkenberg  
**SERVERS:** Jacob Eckert  
**GIFTS:** Christopher Bonnell Family

**Sun. May 28, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**LECTOR:** Anita Kocher  
**USHERS:** Wilmer Wilson  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Eva Hermann  
**SERVERS:** Davis Family  
**GIFTS:** Davis Family

**Sun. May 28, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth**  
**LECTOR:** Courtney Ferris  
**USHERS:** Ed & Linda Reis  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Roselene Quick, Carol Wong  
**SERVERS:** Emily Ferris, Evan Ferris  
**GIFTS:** Andrew Ferris Family

Collection Counters: *May, 2017: Alan Maddox, Rhonda Stone, Kaye Holscher*

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

## First Holy Communion Our Lady Of Lourdes



Back Row: Josh Quick, Geri Ezell, Patti Bunten, Fr. Flach  
 Front Row: Emma Davis, Ben Patchett & Isla Wirey

## First Holy Communion St. Elizabeth



Front Row left to right: Jaime Escobedo, Hayden Bonell, Case Beisner, Evan Fiscus, Jack Grimm, Braylon Murray, Ian Schmidt. Middle Row left to right: Courtney Ferris, Keeley Burton, Sicily Rawlings, Raylynn Rodgers, Ethan Bowden, Fr. Flach. Back Row left to right: Geri Ezell, Josh Quick & Patti

## Congratulations to our High School



We would like to congratulate David Jenkins, Sarah Rynke, Bradley Sexton, Dalton Albright, Ethan Matson & Ben McCullough on their high school graduation! The members of your church family are proud of all that you have accomplished during your high school career & we will keep you in our thoughts & prayers as you walk the path God has chosen for you.

## Graduates from College



We would like to publish the names of those parishioners who have graduated from COLLEGE. Please call the Parish Office & we will be happy to CONGRATULATE

## Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for The Sixth Sunday of Easter ~Cycle A~Sunday, May 21, 2017

Joseph is leaving home for college this summer. His school is not far from his hometown, yet any trip away from loved ones and friends is far, no matter the distance. Joseph keeps telling himself this trip is only for a little while. Yet, he asks himself, is he ready for this change? Is he prepared to make the kinds of adjustments this move demands of him? Knowing he will be out of their sight, quietly Joseph consoles himself, knowing that he brings bits and pieces of his mom, dad, sister and brother in his heart. Joseph has securely packed them in his heart knowing his family has done the same. That's why thinking deeply of those he loves as he drives away assures him that all will be well. Joseph knows they will love him no matter where he travels. He grins, thinking he'll be fine as he heads into the horizon. In a similar way, Jesus is leaving His disciples. They have been together for three years, sharing memories and experiencing unforgettable events and stories along the "way. The separation Jesus is about to make is difficult for all. Jesus is the Messiah and Savior, but He is also a friend to His followers. He does not want- them to see this departure as abandoning them but as part of the larger plan of the Father. - Jesus chooses words that are clear and sincere. He has to return to His Father to continue what they began years

ago. Jesus reminds them that even though they do not see Him, He will never abandon them because the Holy Spirit will be with them. He takes them in His heart wherever He goes. He wants them to do the same: loving Him by living the message He taught them. This will be sign enough. He will send the Holy Spirit to help them remember all that Jesus and they accomplished while together. Jesus assures them that they know how to get where He is going. They have heard His message these past three years. In fact, He tells them, they will all be together with His Father one day. It is the same message Peter preaches to his followers, namely, to stay firm until the coming of the Lord. It is the loving thing to do. Jesus loves His disciples now and always. He invites them to remember this above all else just as Joseph did as he drove away from his family's home. Love is the bond between Jesus and His followers and between Joseph and his family, no matter where each travels, they are always in each other's hearts.

*Love*



### Perfect Attendance



These children had perfect attendance this PSR year. Pictured with Fr. Flach (middle) from Left to Right: Ian Schmidt, Taytum Beisner, Case Beisner and Logan Mueller.

### Receiving Easter Graces

Development needs Christians with their arms raised towards God in prayer, Christians moved by the knowledge that truth-filled love, caritas in veritate, from which authentic development proceeds, is not produced by us, but given to us. For this reason, even in the most difficult and complex times, besides recognizing what is happening, we must above all else turn to God's love. Development requires attention to the spiritual life, a serious consideration of the experiences of trust in God, spiritual fellowship in Christ, reliance upon God's providence and mercy, love and forgiveness, self-denial, acceptance of others, justice and peace. All this is essential if hearts of stone are to be transformed into hearts of flesh (Ez. 36:26), rendering life on earth divine and thus more worthy of humanity. All this is of man, because man is the subject of his own existence; and at the same time it is of God, because God is at the beginning and end of all that -is good, all that leads to salvation: the world or life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's (1 Cor 3:22-23).

Christians long for the entire human family to call upon God as "Our Father!" In union with the Only Begotten Son, may all people learn to pray to the Father and to ask Him, in the words that Jesus Himself taught us, for the grace to glorify Him by living according to His will, to receive the daily bread that we need, to be understanding and generous towards our debtors, not to be tempted beyond our limits, and to be delivered from evil (cf. Mt 6:9-13).



### 50th Wedding Anniversary



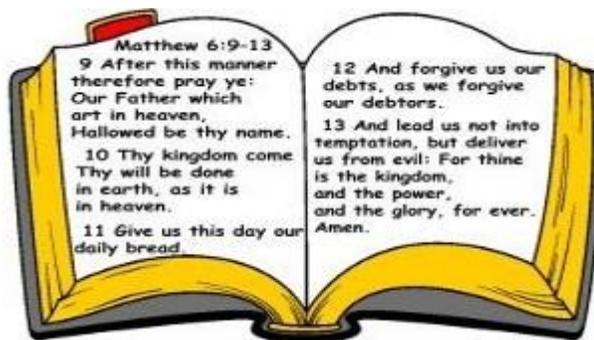
Sincere & heartfelt  
**CONGRATULATIONS to MIKE  
& FRAN DORN** as they celebrate  
50 years of married love. Your

example of fidelity & devotion shines ever clear for us & we  
promise you our continued prayers & love in the years to come  
blessed with God's grace & peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS MIKE & FRAN DORN.**

### 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

All are welcome to attend their Anniversary  
Celebration held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from  
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.  
God bless you, MIKE & FRAN!



## Spiritual Reading for the 6th Sunday of

What is the image we have of God? Perhaps He appears to us as a severe judge, as someone who curtails our freedom and the way we live our lives. But the Scriptures everywhere tell us that God is the Living One, the one who bestows life and points the way to fullness of life. I think of the beginning of the Book of Genesis: God fashions man out of the dust of the earth; He breathes in His nostrils the breath of life, and man becomes a living being (cf. 2:7). God is the source of life; thanks to His breath, man has life. God's breath sustains the entire journey of our life on earth. I also think of the calling of Moses, where the Lord says that He is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of the living. When He sends Moses to Pharaoh to set His people free, He reveals His name: I am Who I am, the God who enters into our history, sets us free from slavery and death, and brings life to His people because He is the Living One. I also think of the gift of the Ten Commandments: a path God points out to us towards a-life which is truly free and fulfilling. The commandments are not a litany of prohibitions—you must not do this, you must not do that, you must not do the other; on the contrary, they are a great "Yes!": a yes to God, to Love, to life. Dear friends, our lives are fulfilled in God alone, because only He is the Living One!

## Scriptural Reflections

When Philip "proclaimed the Christ" to the crowds, "with one accord" they "paid attention to what was said." Their full acceptance of the Word of God provoked Peter and John to go to them and lay hands on them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. This fulfills what Jesus promised us the night before He died: "The Father will give you the Spirit of truth. He will be in you." The "reason for our hope" is a Person we have met: Christ the Lord, whom we sanctify in our hearts and whose commandments we keep. Just as the crowds today are transfixed by the attraction of Philip, so we are captivated by the One Who has loved us and revealed Himself to us. It is the source of "great joy."



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Abby Ferris, Susan Hills, Leona Kocher, Logan Inboden, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Vickie Wilson, & and all the men & women in the armed forces.

## Mass Stipends



If you would like to offer a MASS intention for a loved one who has departed or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office & this can easily be taken care of for you. Thank you & God bless you.

## Daily Mass Readings May 22 ~ 26



Mon. May 22, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 16:11~15 Gospel John 15:26~16:4A

Tues. May 23, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 16:22-34 Gospel John 16:5~11

Wed. May 24, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Gospel~John 16:12~15

Thurs. May 25, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 1:1~11 Reading 2~Ephesians 1:17~23 Gospel~Matthew 28:16~20

Fri. May 26, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 18:9~18 Gospel John 16:20~23



## Weekly Collection

### St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, May 7, 2017

Envelopes \$3,215.37 Loose \$366.00 Caritas \$25.00  
Building Fund \$90.00 Mother's Day \$40.00  
Harry Wong Food Memorial \$45.00  
Online \$80.00

Deposit \$ 3,861.37

Week ending Sunday, May 14, 2017

Envelopes \$3,977.00 Loose \$310.00  
Mother's Day \$610.00 Online \$80.00  
Deposit \$4,977.00

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, May 7, 2017

Envelopes \$910.00 Loose \$65.25  
Building Fund \$80.00 Edith Smith Food Pantry \$30.10  
Catholic Missions Appeal \$5.00  
Deposit: \$1,090.35

## Catholic Communication Campaign

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remains in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



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