



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday~Thursday 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 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.

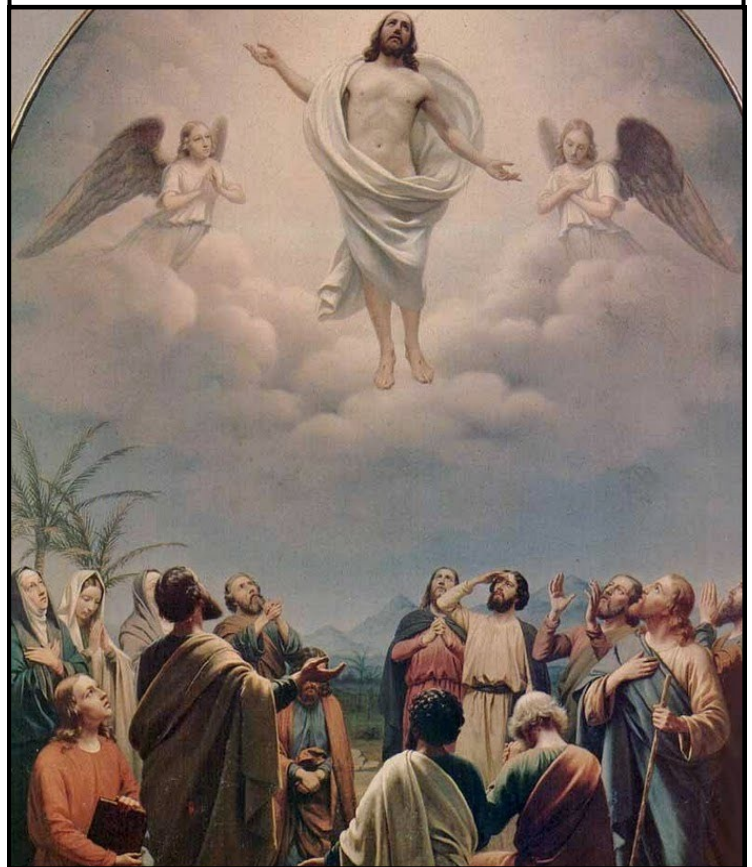
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, May 28, 2017 The Ascension of the Lord



¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



Mass Intentions

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
	10:30am	Rita B. Hames by Robert & Karla Birkofer
May 29	7:30 am	Donald Roche by Ellen Rees
May 30	12:00 pm	Family Bonnie Field
May 31	7:30 am	by Dave & Eileen Cooper Janis Wickland
June 1	7:30 am	by Dave & Eileen Cooper
June 2 First Friday of the Month OLOL	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	5:30 pm	Madonna Kirts by Larry Kirts Twila Hoover by Keith & Rita
June 3	4:30 pm	Wirey
June 4	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	Clarence Loy by Anne Loy
	10:30 am	Special Intentions Ken Strieby by Keith & Rita Wirey For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 3, 2017 ~Sunday, June 4, 2017

<u>Sat. June 3, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Terry Roche
USHERS:	Logan Baird, Lukas Baird
COMMUNION MIN:	Lisa Baird, Karen Sanders
SERVERS:	Ella Jenkins, Eva Hermann
GIFTS:	Terry Baird Family
<u>Sun. June 4, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Shari Eckert
USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Travis Rich, Jeff Rich
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher
SERVERS:	Greyson Holscher, Mallory Mosbey
GIFTS:	Eric Mosbey Family
<u>Sun. June 4, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Jim Ping
USHERS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping
COMMUNION MIN:	Keith Wirey, Mary Patchett
SERVERS:	J. Hermann
GIFTS:	Richard Kocher Family
<u>Sun. June 4, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Roselene Quick
USHERS:	Karen Free, Roselene Quick
COMMUNION MIN:	Sean & April Sexton
SERVERS:	Madalyn Myers, Lauren Staller
GIFTS:	Brad Beisner Family
Collection Counters:	May, 2017: Alan Maddox, Rhonda Stone, Kaye Holscher

Fr. Flach Scriptural Reflections for The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord ~Cycle A~Sunday, May 28,



The story of the relationship between Jesus and Peter is complicated and beautiful. It is like many of the important relationships in our lives. It requires patience, trust, respect and love. After the Resurrection and before the Ascension, Jesus and Peter met several times. Never once did Jesus take Peter aside, and question his betrayal and ask, "Are you sure I can count on you this time? Instead, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love Me?" Not once but three times. Each time, Peter simply answers, "yes, Lord, You know that I love

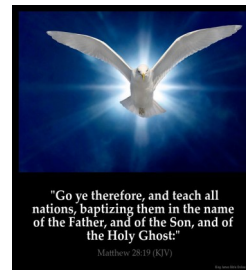
You." And that was it. Jesus doesn't lecture him or make him promise never to do it again. He just takes Peter at his word and trusts. The Ascension is a time when the apostles' worldview changed. They began to see the created world through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and to understand more deeply how it all belonged to God the Father. No wonder the apostles, Mary and the other disciples returned to the Upper Room and prayed. The kingdom Jesus came to build will continue. Now the apostles will do the building. How will they carry this out? How can Jesus leave and still be with them? These questions overwhelm them, while at the same time they raise their minds and hearts to God.

They have to return to Galilee. The answers may come in a secure, safe, familiar Galilee. It is on a mountain in Galilee that they find the answer. Jesus tells them they have to travel to all

nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus speaks His Great

Commission: "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.... I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Jesus not only left this great mission to His disciples. He left it to them to work out its final details. Jesus prepared them in a



caring and gentle way. For the disciples, the time to stand up and be counted had arrived. Jesus endured much for this to happen. Peter, His friend, follower and denier, stands with Jesus, and more importantly Jesus trusts him to continue to build the kingdom He started. Peter becomes the leader of the early Church, and Jesus places His trust in him not to squander this inheritance and to build the kingdom.

Jesus was right.

First Friday of the Month Mass OLOL



There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Fri. Jun. 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm. Mass will be for Twila Hoover by Keith & Rita Wirey.

A Favor Please...

When switching with another person to fulfill a LITURGICAL MINISTRY, please inform Fr. Flach of the change so that he is aware of it. Also, when you are unable to fulfill a LITURGICAL MINISTRY, please inform Fr. Flach as well. Thank you.



Scriptural Reflections on the Gospel of John

Jesus said to His disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in Me" (14:1). Troubled: see Jn. 11:33; 12:27; 13:21. Saint Thomas Aquinas: "One who always possesses God cannot be disturbed." To have faith means to live "a filial adherence to God beyond what we feel or understand" (CCC 2609). Pope Benedict XI: "Faith is the finding of a You" *that upholds me and gives me the promise of an indestructible love. I can entrust myself to meaning that knows me and loves me like the child who knows that everything he may be wondering -about is safe in the You' of His master." "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (14:2). Aquinas: "The different rooms are the various participations in the knowledge and enjoyment of God." "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be" (14:3). Aquinas: "The meaning is: I will-come again to the Church, spiritually and continuously, and will take you to Myself, that is, I will strengthen you in faith and love for Me." "Where I am going you know the way" (14:4). "Jesus does three things about those with troubled hearts: first, he expels their anxieties; secondly, He refers to His power; thirdly He adds a promise." Thomas said to Him, "Master, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (14:5-6). Aquinas: "When He, Who is the way, goes to the Father, He is the way for Himself. He-is the way, and the One Who goes by the way, and the destination of the way. Thus He goes to Himself through Himself. And so Christ, Who is our way- became the way even for Himself" -Saint Augustine: "Walk like-this man and you will come to God. (It is better to limp along on the way than to walk briskly off the ways." Aquinas: "As human, Jesus says, I am-the way; as God, He adds, and the truth, and the life." Saint John Paul II "Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life who reaches the person in his day-to-day existence. The discovery of this road-normally comes about through the mediation of other human beings. Marked through the gift-of faith by the encounter with the Redeemer, believers are called to become an echo of the event of Christ, to become themselves an 'event' Christianity, even before being sum of doctrines or a rule for salvation, is thus the 'event' of an encounter." Jesus does not say, "I am the map, the opinion, and the career choice." "If you know Me, then you will

also know My Father. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (14:7-8). Show us: this began in Jn 1 : 18. Will be enough—Saint John Chrysostom: "We desire nothing else but that the Father be shown to us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. *How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? " (14:9). Chrysostom: "In effect Jesus says: 'Have you enjoyed the benefit of such excellent instruction; have you seen miracles performed with authority, and all the marks proper to the Godhead, and things which the Father alone could do: sins forgiven, secret thoughts revealed, death taking flight, a creature actually being made from earth—and have not known Me?" "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in Me is doing His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else, believe because of the works themselves" (14:10-11). Chrysostom: "Jesus' words are themselves works." Verbum Domini 53: "In salvation history there is no separation between what God says and what He does." "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these because I am going to the Father" (14:12). Aquinas: "It is a greater thing to justify the impious than to create the heavens and the earth." Father Hans Urs von Balthasar: "Greater works refer not to outstanding miracles but to the fact that there is reserved for the Church an effect on the world that Jesus Himself did not wish to have. His task was action, failure, death. In failure and under persecution the Church will smash through all barriers erected against her." Saint Ambrose: "For Christ, to will is to do! Let us set out on this way, let us hold fast to truth, let us follow life. It is the way that leads us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that is restored to us through Him. Yes, Lord Jesus, we do follow You, but we can only come at Your bidding. No one can make the ascent without You, for You are our way, our truth, our life, our strength, our confidence, our reward. Be the way that receives us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that invigorates us;" God of all truth, you sent your Son to lead us out of the darkness of error and sin into the light of Your reign in which all is pure, all is holy, all is true. **Form us in the truth of Christ, that we may live for ever in Your presence, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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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!

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. CONGRATS MIKE & FRAN DORN.

Prayer Requests



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

Pastoral Council Meeting



There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**SPIRITUAL READING for the SACRED
FEAST OF THE
ASCENSION OF JESUS INTO HEAVEN**



The accounts of the Ascension, in three of the Gospels (not John's) and the Acts of the Apostles, differ slightly, but the gist is very clear: Jesus gave them a final blessing and a commission, and then rose into the air, until a cloud hid Him from their sight." It is not an easy scene to make visible. The medieval

painters managed by showing the Apostles looking upward and two feet at the very top edge of the picture representing Jesus passing from earth to heaven. Unfortunately, the feet are not very impressive, aesthetically, and one can see that this image did not appeal to the painter Duccio. What he gives us in his painting of the Ascension is rather indeterminate. It shows Jesus before he makes any movement upward. He is speaking with that un-earthly authority that so riveted all who heard him. It is their word that will convert the waiting nations. It is they, up to now only followers, listeners to Jesus, who are now to take the pulpit and teach others, baptize others-, do for them what Jesus has done in their own lives. Duccio has Peter and another

Apostle (Matthew the Evangelist?) holding a book. This small and reluctant group, bunched together for support, is already accepting the need to write down what they have witnessed and to accept this terrifying vocation with the utmost devotion to duty. They are standing very straight, their eyes fixed on Jesus for the last time in this life, and He seems half on tiptoe, ready for that dissolving of material ties in the glory of His Father. Jesus had longed for this day. When He spoke to the Apostles at the Last Supper, He spoke of them being in the world, and how He would -send them His Spirit, the Paraclete, to do within them what they could not do alone. To believe in the coming of the Spirit is One of His most emphatic messages. Yet, an undercurrent to the recognition that they are "in the world" is the quiet statement, made in prayer to the Father, "I am coming to you." Coming to the Father has been the great driving force of Jesus' life. That is where He is at home, that is where He belongs. He left the Father and all that heaven means so as to draw us out of our darkness and into His light, but how hard it must have been. They were a feeble little band, but there was no more Jesus could do. He leaves them because they have all they need, and the Spirit will bring it to mind. But they themselves must do it. How God must long to do it for us, and make sure it is done! But that is never His way. We are independent moral beings, and if we use the abundance of grace that flows down upon us, we can become what Jesus is—a true child of God, someone who can echo these words:

I am coming to you.



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.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Daily Mass Readings May 29 ~ June 2



Mon. May 29, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 19:1-8
Gospel John 16:29-33

Tues. May 30, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 20:17-27
Gospel John 17:1-11A

Wed. May 31, 2017 Reading 1~
Zep. 3:14-18A or Rom.12:9-16
Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Thurs. June 1, 2017 Reading 1~Acts 22:30, 23:6-11
Gospel John 17:20-26

Fri. June 2, 2017 Reading 1~ Acts 25:13B-21
Gospel John 21:15-19



Baby Bottle Collection

Many heartfelt & sincere THANKS to those parishioners who are participating in the BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION. Your kindness & generosity is deeply appreciated. If you are participating, please return your bottle by Father's Day, June 18, 2017.

P.A. System ~ Cry Room

The P.A. System for the Cry Room is now repaired. Thank you for your patience.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, May 21, 2017

Envelopes \$2,797.00 Loose \$254.00

Mother's Day \$10.00

Catholic Communications Campaign Collection \$30.00

2 Online @ \$80.00

Deposit \$ 3,171.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, May 14, 2017

Envelopes \$750.00 Loose \$10.00

Building Fund \$20.00

Deposit: \$780.00

Happy Memorial Day

Have a Happy & Safe Memorial Day on Monday, May 29, 2017. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and re-open on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

