



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, December 30, 2018 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Story found in: Luke 2:22~40 or 2:22, 39~40



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew & became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:39~40

Dec. 29	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Dec. 30	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Ron Dhom by Family Member
		Of Our Lady of Lourdes
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Dec. 31	7:30 am	Lillie Rose Myers
	4:00 pm	Special Intentions
	6:00 pm	Jack & Marylin Stanley
		by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Jan. 1	9:00 am	Earl Mullins by June Mullins
Jan. 2	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 3	7:30 am	Betty Moore by
		Mark & Cindy Grimm
Jan. 4	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
	5:00 pm	Terry Baird
		by Keith & Rita Wirey
Jan. 5	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 6	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Linda Schaefer by Karen Sanders

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 5 ~ Sunday, January 6, 2019

Sat. Jan. 5, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family

Sun. Jan. 6, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Shari Eckert

USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFTS: James Eckert Family

Sun. Jan. 6, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS: Chris & Donna Keller

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Chris & Donna Keller

Sun. Jan. 6, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Roselene Quick

USHERS: Ken Deters, Chris Weber

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Evan Ferris, Joe Quick

GIFTS: Stewart Schutte Family

December Collection Counters:

Scott & Valerie Chapman, Karen Reinoehl

PSR News: JAN. PSR CLASSES: Wednesday, January 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Holy Day Of Obligation for St. Elizabeth & Our Lady Of Lourdes

[Our Lady of Lourdes](#) ~ Mon. Dec. 31, 2018 ~ Holy Day Mass ~ Feast of Mary, the Mother of God ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 4:00 pm.

[St. Elizabeth](#) ~ Mon. Dec. 31, 2018 ~ Holy Day ~ Feast of Mary, the MOTHER OF GOD ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 6:00 pm

Tues. Jan. 1, 2019 ~ Holy Day ~ Feast of Mary, the MOTHER OF GOD ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 9:00 am

The Motherhood of Mary



That which stands out in the divine infancy is how completely dependent the infant Jesus was on his Mother for his life & for everything. Born as he was far from home, in a strange town, in a rough stable, he had not even those comforts most babies have, even the poorest, & which in fact his Mother had prepared for him: his cradle, for example, waiting for him in the little home in Nazareth & destined to wait there, empty, until he had outgrown it. In Bethlehem, in the desert, what had Christ to sustain his life but his Mother? She was so much more to him than one who wrapped him in swaddling bands, one who rocked his cradle & prepared his food. She was herself his warmth, his cradle, his food. The Mother is the trustee of God's love to her baby. Yes, but she is even more than that—she is God's love to him.

Giving her to him, God gives himself. What a mystery it is, as unimaginable as the Blessed Sacrament, that Christ as man was first given God in this world by a woman! Motherhood is an intimate contemplation of God. How could anyone learn more of him than she does who teams, not from books & sermons & meditations, not from the secret manifestations or from the blindness & uncertainty of human thought, but from the secret manifestations of God's Love in her own being? Many people think that in order to be contemplative we must be unnatural... Those who think in this way have not yet pondered the showing forth of God in all that is closest at hand in everything that is around us, above all in human nature. Human nature is made in God's image. That image burns in its dark heart as the distant star burns in a deep well far below it. In so far as human beings retain or recover the punitive purity of their human nature they learn the secrets of God from their own hearts.

First Friday Mass

The First Friday Mass for OLOL's Parish will be celebrated on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 5:00 pm in Our Lady Of Lourdes Church.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

The early days of television gave us what appeared to be the perfect family on which to model family life. "Leave it to Beaver" provided Americans a perfectly dressed dad & mom who handled the everyday problems of their two trouble-prone children, Beaver & Wally, in one 30-minute episode. However, Ward & June were not like the parents of the real-world families watching in their living rooms. Sirach sets the tone of what an ideal family needs to resemble. Sirach's inspired words are from Yahweh, who truly desired the honor & respect, kindness & comfort of his Chosen People, but they rarely responded. The Chosen People were never a perfect group like the Cleavers. Yet in their own way, the Chosen People more accurately model family life today. Those early followers of the Lord wandered the desert trying to do what the Lord asked, & often they succeeded. However, they often made bad choices, grew weary, floundered in their obligations, complained & fell on bad times, & Yahweh had to intervene. He corrected, reprimanded & eventually, helped them to begin again. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph were not without problems either. Jesus' birth was in a stable. Instead of a midwife to assist Jesus' birth, he was surrounded by cows & sheep. Later, King Herod made the Holy Family refugees because he feared Jesus' power. To escape, they emigrated to Egypt before settling in Nazareth. They even experienced the anxiety of losing a child when Jesus was missing in the Temple. What was a constant for the Holy Family was the presence of God, who was always near to give solace, show concern & guide. As God's presence hovered ever so close to the Holy Family, this same loving God stands with his family, the Church, today. God grieves, but God's presence remains near as it always has. God continues to lead those he loves the Chosen People, his beloved Holy Family & his Church through their journeys whether in light, dark, joy or pain. With this commitment, God reminds all his families that he is our God, & we are his people

A Sincere & Heartfelt Welcome



Our parish family of St. Elizabeth is pleased and honored to WELCOME LESLIE ANN RICH into the Catholic Church and the Christian Community through the oils and waters of the Sacrament of Baptism. Through her dedicated and faithful study of the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic faith, LESLIE is well prepared as she begins her journey of faith in the Roman Catholic Church. On

DECEMBER 21, 2018 Leslie was received into the Catholic Church through the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM with the anointing of the Oils of Baptism and Sacred Chrism and the pouring of the blessed Holy Water. Once Baptized, Leslie was able to receive her FIRST EUCHARIST with the reception of the Body and Blood prior to her Baptism of Christ and First Holy Communion. Leslie participated in the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. Leslie's husband, TRAVIS was her Baptismal Sponsor. All of the members of ST. ELIZABETH PARISH are happy to welcome LESLIE with warmth and sincerity. We promise to be by your side with our constant prayers, good example, and God's Love. A SINCERE and HEARTFELT WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS to LESLIE ANN RICH.

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting

St. Elizabeth Finance Council will meet on TUES. JAN. 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

The family is the privileged setting where every person learns to give and receive love... The family is an intermediate institution between individuals and society, and nothing can completely take its place.... The family is a necessary good for peoples, an indispensable foundation for society and a great and lifelong treasure for couples. It is a unique good for children, who are meant to be the fruit of the love, of the total and generous self-giving of their parents... The family is also a school that enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity.... "O God, who in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will, help us to be examples of faith & love for your commandments"

Could you lend a HELPING HAND?

Fr. Flach has been asked to inquire if a parishioner would be able to accompany someone to her chemotherapy treatments. Transportation will be provided. This would be for 5 days a week until the process is completed. Perhaps a couple of parishioners would be able to volunteer & be able to split up the week. Hopefully, someone will be able to accompany this person so that she does not have to be alone during her treatments. If you are able to be of any assistance, please contact Fr. Flach. Thank you & God bless you.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God & the Need For Peace

Close to eighteen million people died as a result of World War 1. Whether they were military or civilian, whether they died directly in battle or afterwards due to disease their lives were lost as a result of warfare. When our Lady appeared in Fatima first on May 3, 1717, the end of the war was still a year and a half away. Her messages, though, during the subsequent monthly visitations were about peace & the need for reparation for sin, specially by praying the rosary. Every January 1, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, & at the time, celebrate the World Day of Peace. The Blessed Mother remains at the heart of our peace, for she alone was the instrument chosen to bring the Son of God into this world. She alone is the one who teaches us how to draw closer to Christ, the Prince of Peace. A famous quote from Saint Augustine reminds us: Peace is not the absence of war, but the tranquility of order. This 'tranquility of order' is not simply nation to nation but the "tranquility of order" within myself, my heart, my mind, my body & my soul. Mary helps each one of us to be ordered to Christ, who alone is our lasting peace, even in times of great warfare, whether it be international or internal. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, December 23, 2018

Envelopes \$1,815.00 Loose \$430.00

Christmas Offering \$25.00 Solemnity of Mary \$10.00

Dependent Children \$5.00 4 @ \$285.00

Total Deposit: \$2,570.00

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 Christmas Offering \$2,050.00

Church Offeratory \$475.00 Loose \$453.00 Dependent Children \$260.00 Deposit \$3,238.00

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending December 16, 2018 Envelopes \$705.00 Loose \$32.00 Deposit: \$737.00

The Big Divvy

It's once again that time of year...time for the Big Divvy Mega Raffle. The Big Divvy has the potential to generate between \$13,000~\$14,000 for our parishes. Funds generated from the Mega Raffle have helped our Parishes in many ways: religious education, audio/video system in the Hall, our carillon, church insulation & many others. The prizes will be the same as last year. First prize is \$7,000.00 2nd Prize-\$1,500.00, 3rd Prize-\$500.00, 4th Prize-\$400.00, 5th Prize-300.00, 6th Prize-\$200.00 & 7th Prize-\$100.00. Grand prize winners will be drawn at 9:00 pm at the Stoney Ridge on March 2, 2019. The Seller of the winning ticket will win \$100.00 & the individual selling the most tickets will win \$100.00. Tickets are \$25.00 each & we will sell only 1000 tickets so your odds of winning are 1 out of 1000...much better than the lottery! You may pick up tickets to sell from either Terry Roche or from the Parish Office. Our Committee needs to be our entire Parish, so we hope that you will all help in the endeavor. **WE NEED NEW SELLERS!** Let's make this a great project, have fun & help our Parishes in the process. In advance. **THANK YOU!** Terry Roche, Big Divvy Chair

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Dec. 31, 2018—First Reading 1 Jn. 2:18-21
Gospel Jn. 1:1-18 Tues. Jan. 1, 2019—First Reading Nm. 6:22-27
Gospel Lk. 2:16-21 Wed. Jan. 2, 2019—First Reading 1 Jn. 2:22-28
Gospel Jn. 1:19-28 Thurs. Jan. 3, 2019—First Reading 1 Jn. 2:29-3:6
Gospel Jn. 1:29-34 Fri. Jan. 4, 2019—First Reading 1 Jn. 3:7-10
Gospel Jn. 1:35-42



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Oblong, OLOL) Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris, (Kathleen Pescatore), Greg Hill, Nancy Ping, Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



The Blessed Virgin Mary is born to be Mother. The supreme consolation that our Lady receives at the cross of her Son is the assurance that her vocation as Mother does not end with Christ's Death. The Lord commands the world, "Behold, your Mother." The Resurrection begins for Mary- & for us-with these words. The Blessed Virgin's womb remains forever fruitful. Mary leads us to

Christ, but Christ leads us back to his Mother, for without Mary's maternity, Jesus would become a mere abstraction to us. The Lord wills to "let his face shine upon" us through the face of the Mother of God. We "serve a Mother who seems to grow more beautiful as new generations rise up & called her blessed". (G.K. Chesteron).

With Sincere & Special Thanks

St. Elizabeth & OLOL's Parish want to express our deep & sincere GRATITUDE to all those who helped in any way to decorate the Churches for the feast of CHRISTMAS. Both of our Churches looked beautiful & we are so grateful to all of you for beautifying our sacred places of worship for this solemn feast. We are happy to offer SPECIAL THANKS to VALERIE CHAPMAN for St. Elizabeth & SARA PING for OLOL's Church. May God bless you abundantly with good health & peace in the New Year 2019.

Catholic Times

In your JANUARY Offeratory Envelope Packet, there is an envelope marked CATHOLIC TIMES. If you are able to provide payment for this collection, it would be deeply appreciated from our parishes. The balance for the bill sent to the parishes from the Diocese has to be paid from the General Account. Any assistance you are able to provide again is appreciated. Thank you & God bless you.

Spiritual Reading for the Sacred Feast Honoring the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Our Lord spent three hours in redeeming three years in teaching, & thirty years in obeying, in order that a rebellious, proud, & diabolically independent world might learn the value of obedience. Home life is the God-appointed training ground of human character, for from the home life of the child springs the maturity of manhood, either for good or for evil. The only recorded acts of our Blessed Lord's childhood are acts of obedience—to God, his heavenly Father, & also to Mary & Joseph. He thus shows the special duty of childhood & of youth: to obey parents as the vice-regents of God. He, the great God whom the heavens & earth could not contain, submitted himself to his parents. If he was sent on a message to a neighbor, it was the great Sender of the Apostles who delivered the message. If Joseph ever bade him search for a tool that was lost, it was the Wisdom of God & the Shepherd in search of lost souls who was actually doing the seeking. If Joseph taught him carpentry, he who was taught was one who had carpentered the universe & who would one day be put to death by the members of his own profession. If he made a yoke for the oxen of a neighbor, it was he who would call himself a yoke for men—and yet a burden that would be light. If they bade him work in a little plot of garden ground, to train the creepers or the flowers, it was he who was the great Dresser of the vineyard of his Church, who took in hand the water pot & the gardening tools. All men may ponder well the hint of a Child subject to his parents, that no heavenly call is ever to be trusted that bids one neglect the obvious duties that lie near to hand.

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Lawrence Mitchell. Lawrence was the brother-in-law to Carol Wong. In God's Love, we pray that He will grant LAWRENCE MITCHELL a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that his family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.