



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, June 16, 2019 The Most Holy Trinity Happy Father's Day



But when He comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, & will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine & declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is Mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is Mine & declare it to you. A little while & you will no longer see Me, & again a little while later & you will see Me.

John 16: 13~16



Mass Intentions

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| June 15 | 4:30 pm | David Wagner by Carol Wong |
| June 16 | 7:30 am | Special Intentions |
| | 9:00 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| | 10:30 am | Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina |
| June 22 | 4:30 pm | Repose of the soul of Mark Stone by Mardi Gras |
| June 23 | 7:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| | 9:00 am | Special Intentions |
| | 10:30 am | Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina |

Act of Love Prayer

JESUS, my God, I love You with my whole heart & above all things, because you are the One Supreme Good & an infinitely perfect Being. You have given Your Life for me, a poor sinner, & in Your Mercy You have even offered Yourself as food for my soul. My God, I love You. In flame my heart to love You more.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 22~ Sunday, June 23, 2019

Sat. Jun. 22, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Jack & Carol Watts

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Kristen Mullins Family

Sun. Jun. 23, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich

COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Mike Dorn

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: George Bohman Family

Sun. Jun. 23, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Lori Davis

USHERS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Miller

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Carol Miller, Ethel Dhom

Sun. Jun. 23, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Joe Quick

USHERS: Jacob & Jessica Blankenbeker

COMMUNION MIN: Valerie Chapman, Missy York

SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings

GIFTS: Joel York Family

June Collection Counters: Carol Bergbower, Janet Hill, Chris Tylka

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Vacation Bible School



THE MARVELOUS MYSTERY ~ THE MASS COMES ALIVE

We are very pleased to announce that this year's VBS "Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive" will take place on Sunday, July 14~Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at St. Elizabeth from 6:00~8:00 pm. Children aged 4~10 are welcome to attend & there is no cost for this program. During this week, your children will come to better understand the Catholic Mass & deepen their love & appreciation for Jesus in the Eucharist. We truly want this to be a "whole family" learning experience & so we invite you to attend any of our VBS evenings. To register, please call the Parish Center or email Courtney Ferris at courtkferris@yahoo.com.

Scriptural Reflections for The Most Holy Trinity

An artist will tell you...he put the whole of himself into that poem, that picture. The image which exists in his mind, the thing which he is trying to utter, to externalize, on paper or on canvas or on the piano, is in a certain sense "the expression of his being." Which may help us to understand what Saint Paul means when he tells us that the divine Word is related to the Eternal Father as "the full expression of his being." The artist, if he is a true artist, would have liked to do better; he has not, after all, put the whole of himself into his masterpiece. But God is the perfect artist, & the masterpiece of his activity cannot be something less than himself. He utters his Word, externalizes his thought, & it becomes, necessarily, a Second Person in the Godhead & when God utters his Eternal Word it does not pass outside himself—God had the Word abiding with him. The artist loves his own work with a kind of parental affection; so much of himself has gone into it. Three separate facts—the author of the work, the work itself, the love of the author for his work. The work, a lifeless thing, cannot love in return. But the Expression of the divine artist's thought is as personal as himself, & the Love that passes between them is therefore mutual & this Love itself is **p e r s o n a l t o o ; s o C h r i s t i a n** theology assures us.

Spiritual Reading for The Most Holy Trinity

We may think the doctrine of the Trinity is too complicated or abstract to make much of a difference in our day-to-day life. Yet, "the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching" (CCC 234). The Trinity is who God really is: a real, personal, wise, and loving God. And because he has revealed to us who he really is, we can really speak to him and love him: "O my Three, my all, my beatitude, infinite solitude, immensity in which I lose myself. Bury yourself in me that I may bury myself in you until I depart to contemplate in your light the abyss of your greatness" (Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity). Life with the Trinity is truly the whole point of the Christian faith and the goal of every human life.

90th Birthday Party



Long time parishioner, ALEX SAKONYI, will be celebrating his 90th Birthday, on Sunday, June 16, 2019 at the Villas of Holly Brook

Assisted Living in Newton, Illinois from 2:00 ~ 4:00 pm. All are invited. Cards only please.

Sunday, June 16, 2019 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

The synoptic Gospels' description of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor show God, the First Person of the Trinity, speaking these powerful words to Peter, James and John and all God's creation: "This is my beloved son. Listen to him." With these words, God claims Jesus as the Second Person of the Trinity with power and authority. Later, the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, appears on Pentecost affirming this power and authority. With these actions, Yahweh has officially proclaimed to his renewed humanity who its true creator is. God wants no misunderstandings: Jesus' words are wisdom flowing from the Trinity, so listen to him. If believers listen regularly and follow faithfully what Jesus preaches and does, they can be assured they are doing what the Trinity desires from all of God's creation. The Trinity extends its profound love and boundless compassion upon humanity when humanity demonstrates that it grasps fully Jesus' life, death and resurrection, showing they comprehend the profound love the Trinity has for them. These three persons want everyone to understand that the depths of compassion flowing from the Trinity is to ensure all creation is saved. The Trinity holds all creation, especially humanity, as the masterpiece, sincerely desiring and intensely wanting them as sharing members of the Trinity. This is the Trinity's dream, which Jesus fulfilled, and now he sits at his Father's right hand waiting longingly and patiently for its conclusion. Today's readings shed clear light on this mystery. This Trinitarian dream shows Jesus as the incarnate wisdom of God, the only mediator between God and creation. Indeed, Jesus stands as the only way, truth and life that leads to the Father. Fittingly, the Holy Spirit relies on the son, Jesus, for his teaching, which flows from the Father's wisdom. Humanity seems more comfortable visualizing God's love and his generosity when God as three persons pours gifts upon his creation. In other words, three can love and bestow gifts more graciously, inspiring creation to live their lives more completely. When humanity finally opens wide its hearts and arms to receive this overabundance, it already has passed from the Father's wisdom, through the son's care and concern, and into the Holy Spirit's creativeness, reminding believers convincingly that Jesus speaks wisdom from all three persons of the Trinity to accomplish humanity's redemption.

Five Things On Being A Great Catholic Dad

Being a Catholic dad is both a great privilege and a big responsibility. Along with their mothers, we've been entrusted to raise our kids to know and love God and to prepare them for lives as Catholic men and women. In this article, you will undoubtedly see some things suggested that you're already doing. But you may also see some that serve as reminders of how to be a better and more effective Catholic dad. Pick one or two of the following practices that will make a big difference for your family, & start doing them.

1. Keep Holy the Lord's Day...and All Those Other Days (Exodus 20:8)

Fatherhood is the ultimate exercise in getting priorities straight. In too many households, mom is the "keeper of the Faith." But this cannot be good enough for us. Our kids are watching, and they will do what we do. They're watching if we're ambivalent about getting to Mass. They're watching if we're checking the time during the homily, calculating whether or not we'll make it home before kickoff. But the good news is, they're also watching when we do things right! Our kids notice when we have our priorities straight - when we sing, pray, and actively participate.

2. Teach Your Children Faith (John 20:29)

If we want our children to have faith in God, we'll teach them to

Five Things On Being A Great Catholic Dad cont.

believe in things they cannot experience with their five natural senses. We all accept that there are everyday realities we'll never see firsthand, but that are real. This is, of course, the foundation for teaching them our Faith. We need to nurture our own Faith, of course, in order to be able to teach it whether that means regular prayer and Scripture study, spiritual reading, or active involvement in our churches. Faith is learned best by example, and it requires genuine belief, it requires surrender. And the single best way to raise children who have unshakable faith in God is to teach them that there are things they can trust and believe in conditionally - like their dads.

3. Don't Forget Forgiveness Matthew 18:21-22)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a uniquely Catholic ritual. Few other traditions require that sinners confess sins aloud. In this way, Catholicism teaches accountability as well as reminding us of God's bottomless well of forgiveness - great lessons to teach our kids. But it's easy to leave those values at the confessional. As Catholic fathers, we have an added responsibility. The accountability our Faith has taught us requires us to admit to our children when we are wrong, ask their forgiveness when we mess up, and show them that we and their mothers forgive, and ask forgiveness of, each other all the time. This reminds them - as God reminds us - that mistakes are allowed. They are fully human and fully expected as part of our faith journey.

4. Give and Let Give (Proverbs 28:27)

An old expression advises, "When there's a piano to be moved, don't reach for the stool." Generosity certainly isn't a value unique to Catholicism. But making it a non-negotiable part of our families' lives - no matter what our circumstances - is a part of our Faith. Again, this is behavior we as dads can and must model if we expect our children to learn compassion. Let your kids put the envelope in the church collection basket on Sunday. When family, friends, or charitable organizations ask for your help, identify what you enjoy or what you're best at and pitch in. Let your children see you giving & talk with them about why you give and why giving is important.

5. Play and Have Fun (Luke 18:16-17)

My wife, a Catholic theologian, has a favorite quote from Rabbi David Wolpe's book *The Healer of Shattered Hearts*: "It doesn't have to be somber to be sacred." Many of us make the mistake of expecting our children to apply an adult's maturity and sophistication to our Faith, but one path to revealing the beauty of Catholicism is allowing kids to experience it on their terms. When we read Bible stories to our kids, we do character voices. When we're driving home from Mass, we re-sing the closing song. If we truly believe we are created in God's image, then certainly laughter & lightheartedness can enrich our faith as well.

Father Flach Away From Parishes

Father Flach will be away from the Parishes from Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21, 2019. There will be NO MASSES that week.



Rest In Peace



Rest in peace, Valentine (Val) Pescatore. Val was the husband of Kaye Pescatore. In God's Love we pray that He will grant Val a place of eternal love in the kingdom of heaven & that his family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

Daily Mass Readings



Mon. Jun. 17, 2019 2 Cor. 6:1-10
Gospel Mt. 5:38-42
Tues. Jun. 18, 2019 2 Cor. 8:1-9
Gospel Mt. 5:43-48
Wed. Jun. 19, 2019 2 Cor. 9:6-11
Gospel Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Jun. 20, 2019 2 Cor. 11:1-11
Gospel Mt. 6:7-15
Fri. Jun. 21, 2019 2 Cor. 11:18, 21-30
Gospel Mt. 6:19-23

Spiritual Reading for the Sacred Feast of the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer

..I ask on their behalf, I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours..
John 17:9



The night before his death, Jesus engaged in a stunningly profound conversation with his disciples. It is referred to as the High Priestly prayer, and it covers several chapters of the Gospel of John, by far the longest discourse of the Lord anywhere in the New

Testament. We read it throughout the Easter season at Mass. In the brief passage from today's liturgy, the Lord says, I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. One of the most important features of Christian doctrine—recognized by thinkers from Vincent of Lérins to John Henry Newman—is that it develops and unfolds over time. We must not think of the Church's teaching as a football simply passed on dumbly from generation to generation. Rather, it is like a body that develops and grows, remaining essentially itself, even as it undergoes remarkable changes. Or, to use a favorite image of Cardinal Newman, it is like a river that commences as a small spring, but which becomes wide and deep as it pushes through space and time. Newman specified that the great ideas of Christianity don't exist so much on the printed page but precisely in the play of lively minds, one thinker turning over a doctrine, considering its many aspects, and then tossing that notion to another thinker who does the same before passing it on to the next generation. What guides this process? The very Holy Spirit whom Jesus references in the High Priestly prayer, the divine Person who gradually leads the Church into all truth.



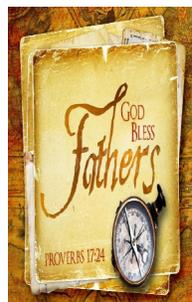
Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.

Happy Father's Day

As a sign of our love & affection for all of our FATHERS on the approaching day of FATHER'S DAY~SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH. We offer you these SINCERE & HEARTFELT PRAYERS that you will know in our hearts the depth of our appreciation & gratitude for all that you do for us. May God bless all our FATHERS & all that you do for us
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Prayer for Fathers



Most Gracious Heavenly Father: We thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families & guidance of their children. We thank You, also, for our priests & bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people. May our earthly fathers imitate the manly courage of Abraham, Jesse, & Joseph, & all the holy fathers of the past in providing wise counsel to the children you have given to their care. And may our spiritual fathers be guided by examples of Saints Peter & Paul, all the Apostles, & their saintly successors. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion & conflict, hope in time of trouble & sorrow, & steadfast love for You, for their families, & for all Your people throughout the world. Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers, & all Christian men, that through Your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness & in knowledge & understanding of Your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them. As You, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world, sending Your Only Son to be our Savior & Redeemer, we ask You to help all men to imitate His fatherly gentleness & mercy toward those who are weak; His humility, perfect obedience to Your Will, & fearless witness to Your Truth. May their lives be examples to all of heroic faithfulness to You. We ask Your blessing on those to whom You have entrusted fatherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice & mercy, wisdom & strength, fidelity & self-giving love. May they receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life; & may they look forward to eternal joy in Your Presence in the life to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son & our Lord. + Amen.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, June 9, 2019

Envelopes \$2,262.00

Loose \$265.00

Building Fund \$30.00

Retired Priests \$550.00

4 online @ \$505.00 Deposit: \$3,612.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, June 2, 2019

Envelopes \$800.25

Loose \$92.00

Building Fund \$86.00

Deposit: \$978.25



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