



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 17, 2018
Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Vacation
Bible
School
Program

We are so excited to have your children participate in this year's VBS program "Marvelous Mystery~The Mass Comes Alive." This year's program has been especially designed to help the Mass come alive for your children. VBS will be held July 8-10 from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Center. This program is for children in K-5th grade during the 2018-19 school year. VBS payments need to be paid on or before June 21, 2018. Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth. The cost is \$15/child. Registration forms have been emailed to PSR parents and are available on Facebook and in the Parish Center.

HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!



Mass Intentions

June 16	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann
June 17	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Favorable Weather Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach

Fr. Flach Away From Parishes



Father Flach will be away from the Parishes from MONDAY, JUNE 18 to FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018. THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS THAT WEEK. Thank you & God bless you.

June 23	4:30 pm	Ron Laski by Sarah Laski
June 24	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Favorable Weather Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 23, 2018 ~ Sunday, June 24, 2018

<u>Sat. June 23, 2018 4:30 pm</u>		St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Patti Buercklin	
USHERS:	Mark Grimm, Ty Mullins	
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS:	Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins	
GIFTS:	Mark Grimm Family	
<u>Sun. June 24, 2018 7:30 am</u>		St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Linda Sikorski	
USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Travis Rich	
COMMUNION MIN:	Mike & Jona Uptmor	
SERVERS:	Jacob Eckert	
GIFTS:	Eric Mosbey Family	
<u>Sun. June 24, 2018 9:00 am</u>		Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Keith Wirey	
USHERS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping	
COMMUNION MIN:	None	
SERVERS:	Jeff Hermann	
GIFTS:	Adam & Lori Davis Family	
<u>Sun. June 24, 2018 10:30 am</u>		St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Ian Quick	
USHERS:	Josh & Roselene Quick	
COMMUNION MIN:	Teresa Gower, Phyllis Inboden	
SERVERS:	Emily Ferris, Evan Ferris	
GIFTS:	Joel York Family	
June Collection Counters: Lisa Baird, John Ferris, Anne Schrey		



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (niece of Patti Buercklin), Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Todd Drake, Sandy Ellis, Ginny Hall, Jennifer Pierce, Marissa Rees, Barb Skaggs (Cousin's wife to Sharon Skaggs) David Veach, (Son-in-Law to Phyllis Inboden), Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

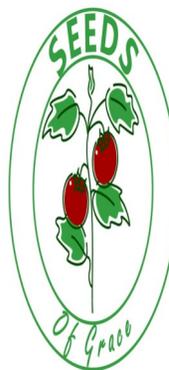
Scriptural Reflections for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



The heart of God aches to "tear off a tender shoot" from a mighty cedar and "plant it on a high and lofty mountain" so that "birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it." That is, the Lord wants to reveal his glory by taking up our nothingness and our insignificance and turning it into something "majestic" by the pureness of his love. For this to happen in us, Jesus asks that we pay the same attention to the little

things of life—like mustard seeds—that he does. Christ speaks in parables because reality itself is a parable. The parable does not approach our experience of the world from without; on the contrary, it is the parable that gives this experience its proper depth and reveals what is hidden in things themselves" (Pope Benedict XVI). When we "walk by faith, not hidden-depths of things-become apparent.

Spiritual Reading for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



God's grace is a seed which we must not smother, but which we must neither have open to too much exposure. It must be nourished in the heart and not made to appear too much in the eyes of people. There are two kinds of graces, small in appearance, but from which nevertheless our perfection and our salvation may depend. First, there is the light which unveils a truth to us. We must tend it carefully and be on our guard lest it go out through our own fault. We must use it as a rule in all our actions, to see to what it leads us, and so on. Secondly, it is a movement which carries us on to some act of virtue on certain occasions. We

must be faithful to these movements, because this fidelity is sometimes the key to our happiness. A mortification which God inspires us to practice in certain circumstances, if we listen to his voice, will perhaps produce great fruits of holiness in us. Whereas, the contempt we may have for this little grace can have very fatal consequences, as has happened when favorites fell into disgrace for having failed in compliance in very small things. Having suffered with annoyance a small mortification which I was not expecting, I was greatly confused because of it, recognizing thereby the little love I had for the cross. The result was that I had reason to believe that all the desires I had felt on different occasions to suffer pain and humiliation were only apparent, or at least I had imagined in these setbacks something else than God and the cross of Jesus Christ. As our Lord continued in his infinite mercy to take occasion of my own ingratitude to give me fresh graces, he saw to it that a light came in the wake of this confusion - which made me understand that the love of the cross is the first step we must take to be pleasing to him.

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Center for St. Elizabeth.

Sunday, June 17, 2018 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
From the Pastor: Trust in God & Watch The World Flourish

In God We Trust



Many people have had hip & knee replacements & I am told that the rehab after these surgeries can be arduous and painful but what gets people through the challenging rehab — and, indeed, what gets them to undergo the surgery in the first place — is the promise of eventual freedom from pain and increased mobility. Ezekiel wrote at a time of confusion and suffering for the people of Israel

— their exile in Babylon. In the coded poetic language of allegory, the prophet explains the exile as a consequence of God's judgment on Israel's infidelities. The promise by which Ezekiel gives hope to his people in their present suffering is that, in time, the God of Israel will himself tear off a "tender shoot" from the cedar and will plant it on "a high and lofty mountain" (Mount Zion — that is, Jerusalem). God's "tender shoot" represents a future king from David's line — perhaps the Messiah King, Jesus? whom God will — raise up from nothing and restore to power, so that the mighty cedar (Israel) might once again flourish. The first reading was chosen to parallel the Marcan parables in today's Gospel of the mustard seed. Jesus, however, sets his sights higher than Ezekiel. Jesus is not foretelling the restoration of earthly kings — and kingdoms, but rather the building and flourishing of the reign of God. These two parables are part of a series directed at the disciples who, like us, eventually will have to join Jesus in preaching hope for the coming of God's reign. Like Ezekiel's "tender shoot" which will become a mighty cedar, the kingdom of God like seed scattered — will sprout and grow of its own accord, and it eventually will bear abundant fruit. The second parable makes the same point: the Kingdom — like the tiny mustard seed — once sown "springs up and becomes the largest of plants." The message is one of trust and hope:

Good things can come in small, mysterious packages, especially when God is at work. We disciples need only to trust Jesus and to preach the Good News faithfully while we await the full coming of the Kingdom.



Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website. Click on Donate button and you can donate to whatever collection you would like to. Thank you for using this service.

To Our Fathers



Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, June 10, 2018

Envelopes \$2,827.00 Loose \$212.00

Catholic Communication Campaign \$5.00

Building Fund \$5.00 Sisters Mission \$1,713.00

6 online @ \$585.00

Total Deposit: \$5,347.00

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending June 3, 2018

Envelopes \$635.00 Loose \$120.00 Building Fund \$50.00

Total Deposit: \$1,293.50



Happy Father's Day



As a sign of our love and affection for all of our FATHERS on the approaching day of FATHER'S DAY~SUNDAY, JUNE 17th, 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 in a special way.

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.

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Jun. 18, 2018 ~ 1 Kgs. 21:1~16 Gospel Mt. 5:38~42
Tues. June 19, 2018 ~ 1 Kgs. 21:17~29 Gospel Mt. 5:43~48
Wed. June 20, 2018 ~ 2 Kgs. 2:1, 6~14 Gospel Mt. 6:1~6, 16~18
Thurs. June 21, 2018 Sir. 48:1~14 Gospel Mt. 6:7~15
Fri. June 22, 2018 2 Kgs. 11:1~4, 9~18, 20 Gospel Mt. 6:19~23

10 THINGS THAT MAKE FOR 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 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 unconditionally - 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

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.

6. Get Caught Praying (Luke 11: 1) The Association of American Publishers has an ongoing campaign called "Get Caught Reading," in which celebrities and other well-known figures are photographed with their favorite books. Much the same kind of modeling can apply to prayer. Get "caught" praying and pray with your children - over meals, at bedtime, anytime. Praying with someone is a pretty intimate act. Doing so teaches our kids that we're all in an ongoing relationship and conversation with God. And that the conversation requires them to talk as well as to listen.
7. Be "Mr. Doesn't-Know-It-All" (Psalm 139:5-7) "Why do we die?" "What's a soul?" "How does that Trinity thing work?" Unfortunately, satisfying answers aren't always at the ready. "Go ask your mother" is only acceptable once...twice if it's Father's Day. "I don't know" is a legitimate answer, but the real grace comes in what we say next: "Let's look it up together." There is something special about finding answers with our children. Those are the lessons that stick.
8. Might for Right (2 Corinthians 13:7-8) "Integrity" is a term that gets thrown around pretty casually. It can be challenging to point out to our kids that the poor choices publicized in popular culture go against our values as Catholics. That being said, however, the major gaffes that make tabloid headlines can be blessings that allow us to pass on our values. They can be teachable moments that demonstrate to our kids that actions have consequences. And, they can make Catholic parents seem really uncool. These are the times that we not only teach what the word "integrity" means, but show our children that we have it.
9. Let It Shine, Let It Shine, Let It Shine (Matthew 5:14-16) We're all familiar with the professional athletes who, after winning the Super Bowl or an Olympic gold medal, praise Jesus for their success. We need to resist the temptation to compare our talents and abilities to the stratospheric examples on national television. It's important to remind our kids that - whatever their gifts - they're created in God's image, and their gifts are to be celebrated, used, and cherished. A gift for spelling, singing, or math is no less worthy of praise than the gift of a 90-mph fastball. Put test papers up on the fridge. Encourage the kids to pull out their guitars at family parties. Invite their grandparents to the school play. Find ways for your kids to shine in the ways they're most comfortable.
10. "Tradition! Tradition!" (1 Corinthians 11:2) My mother collected more than 100 statues of the Madonna, and her devotion had a huge impact on me and scores of others she met throughout her life. When I tell that story to non-Catholics, it never has the impact I look for. Let's face it, like Teyve in *Fiddler on the Roof*, we as Catholics hold on to much "tradition" that other religions just don't "get." These "sacramentals" are what make us uniquely Catholic. They give comfort, grow faith, and are very much worth preserving. Passing on these rituals to our children - not just by rote, but by practice - teaches them that being Catholic means that they are part of deep and long-held traditions. It teaches them that, as Catholics, they will never be alone.

Request from St. Elizabeth Music Ministry



St. Elizabeth is low on musicians for Masses. If you or someone in your family would be interested in starting to cantor or playing the organ or piano, please contact Chris Jansen at cjansen1029@gmail.com. We are happy to work with you on scheduling and pairing you up with people until you are comfortable taking on a Mass alone.