



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.

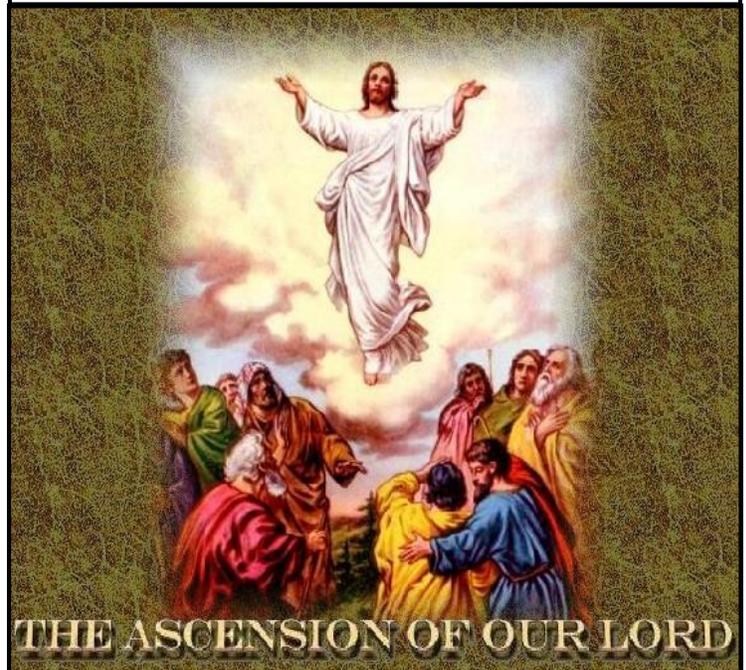
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 2, 2019 The Ascension of the Lord



And he said to them, "Thus is it written that the Messiah would suffer & rise from the dead on the third day & that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

June 1	4:30 pm	Erica Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
June 2	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina
June 3	7:30 am	Clarence Loy (Birth) by Anne Loy
June 4	12:00 pm	Repose of the soul of Mark Stone by Mardi Gras
June 5	7:30 am	Special Intentions
June 6	7:30 am	Special Intentions
June 7	7:30 am	NO MASS
June 8	4:30 pm	In Thanksgiving by Dave & Kaye Holscher
June 9	7:30 am	Earl & Ann Arkenberg by Chad Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 8 ~ Sunday, June 9, 2019

Sat. Jun. 8, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN: Janet Hill, Chris Tylka

SERVERS: Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins

GIFTS: Steve Ezell Family

Sun. Jun. 9, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Shari Eckert

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Eric Mosbey Family

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

LECTOR: Chris Keller

USHERS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

Sun. Jun. 9, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: Korbin Rawlings, Scott Rawlings

COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Roselene Quick

SERVERS: Ian Schmidt, Owen Schmidt

GIFTS: Juanita Jochim, Tom Jochim

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

Crawford County Pictorial Directory 2019

Church Photo Directory



The new PICTORIAL DIRECTORY will be available for you to receive on the 1st & 2nd of June, 2019. If you had your picture taken, please come into the Priest's Sacristy in both Churches, CROSS YOUR NAME OFF THE LIST, that you have received your copy. Thank you & God bless you.

Scriptural Reflections for the Feast of the Ascension



"The Ascension of Jesus into heaven," Pope Francis said, "acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us.... If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior." Thus, as Benedict XVI wrote, it would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as "the temporary absence of Christ from the world." Rather, "we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him." Heaven is a person: "Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven."



Spiritual Reading for the Feast of The Ascension

What We Believe

He who made the heaven and the earth, and formed humanity in the beginning, who was proclaimed through the law and the prophets, who took flesh from a Virgin, who was hung on a tree, who was buried in earth, who was raised from the dead, and ascended to the heights of heaven, who sits at the right hand of the Father, who has the power to save all things, through whom the Father acted from the beginning and forever. This is the Alpha and Omega, this is the beginning and the end, the ineffable beginning and the incomprehensible end. This is the Christ, this is the King, this is Jesus, this is the Commander, this is the Lord, this is he who rose from the dead, this is he who sits at the right hand of the Father, he bears the Father and is borne by him. To him be the glory and the might forever. Amen.

Prayer Requests

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

The CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH has four main parts commonly called pillars & are titled:

- PILLAR ONE ~ THE PROFESSION OF FAITH
- PILLAR TWO ~ THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY
- PILLAR THREE ~ LIFE IN CHRIST
- PILLAR FOUR ~ CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Future articles in the bulletins under this title will seek of clarity the relationship of Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition, & the Catholic Church so we are able to more fully embrace & live our faith.

PART TWO~I BELIEVE~ THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

The Church is also known as "the communion of saints" in two ways. First, she holds the means of holiness in common: shared faith, sacraments, charisms, communal good, and fraternal charity. Second, the Church shares communion in three states: the pilgrim Church on earth, the Church being purified after death, and the Church in heavenly glory. Our faith is strengthened as we participate in this communion of goods and members, most perfectly realized in Mary: Jesus' mother and ours, whose tested *v i r t u e , a s s u m p -* tion into heaven, and continued intercession provide an example and an anticipation of the glory that awaits the faithful (John 19:26—27). When the risen Lord tells his disciples to baptize (Matthew 28:19) and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them with the power to forgive and retain sins (John 20:22—23), he gives the Church the means for "the forgiveness of sins." Baptism washes the stain of original sin, and the sacrament of reconciliation (penance) reunites believers to God and Church when weakened nature succumbs to evil. The risen Lord further encourages us, for his glorified body affirms "the resurrection of the body and life everlasting" to be realized in the Last Judgment: when the souls of the faithful are reunited with transformed earthly bodies and God becomes all in all (John 5:21-30, Philippians 3:20—21, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28). In concluding this exposition of the faith, the believer resounds, "Amen"—affirming "I believe" —in coming full circle. In proclaiming these truths, we remember who we are and find power to live what we proclaim in a confused and hurting world until Christ, our faithful Bridegroom, summons his Bride to the eternal consummation in divine love.

2018~2019 Mardi Gras Profits

Once again, many SINCERE & HEARTFELT THANKS to all who helped in any way to ensure the success of the 2018~2019 Mardi Gras Profits. The profits from both Mardi Gras events have ben published in past bulletins & the profits will be used to REDECORATE ST. ELIZABETH PARISH CENTER. The large meeting room, kitchen, & hallway into the classrooms will all be painted with new flooring. THANKS to all of your dedicated help & assistance these projects are being made possible. Father Flach & the Mardi Gras Committee would like to express our SINCERE APPRECIATION to everyone who helped in any way. May God bless you for your devoted efforts.

Thank You

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Many of us who enjoy movies stay around for the closing credits, because we know that directors often do clever and amusing things during or after the credits roll. One of the first movies to do this was the 1986 comedy "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Following the credits, we see Ferris and two friends emerge from his bedroom, and as they shake their heads in disbelief, Ferris says, "It's over!" One of the friends adds, "Why don't you just go home?" I must confess that this scene comes to mind whenever I hear today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles. The two angels look at the apostles in much the same way Ferris and his friends look at the movie audience. Shaking their heads in disbelief, the angels say, in effect: "Why are you still here? What are you looking at the sky for? He told you what to do. Get on with it!" Their message is directed at us as well as at the apostles. The Ascension marks the beginning of a new phase in Christ's relationship to humanity. For 40 days since Easter we have heard about the appearances of the risen Jesus. He has shown himself to be the same Jesus who walked about for three years with the apostles, but also the glorified one who can walk through doors and disappear at will, radically transformed by the resurrection. Now, with his ascension, Jesus is "lifted up" and "taken from their sight." As he goes to "mount his throne amid shouts of joy" (Ps 47:6), he promises his apostles that they will receive power when the Spirit comes upon them, and that they will be "his witnesses ... to the ends of the earth." The Ascension thus marks a changing of the guard, a passing of the torch. I suspect Jesus knew that if he stayed around in visible, physical form, as he had for the 40 days after the Resurrection, we would never get on with the business of living and spreading the Gospel ourselves. What we must not do is stand around gawking up at the sky; nor must we stand around waiting around for someone else to preach the Gospel for us. It's time to get our witness on!

Congrats To Our Graduates



The parishioners of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes would like to congratulate the following graduates from the Class of 2019: Evan Holscher and Chase Knoblett graduated from Palestine High School. Lauren Weber, Logan Sexton, Laura Rios, Meredith Berty, Maria Angel and Layne Lathrop graduated from Robinson High School. Cydnee Weber graduated from Robinson High School and will be attending Lincoln Trail College to pursue a career in nursing. Sam Quick graduated from Robinson High School and will be attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Gracie Gower graduated from Robinson High School and will be attending The University of Southern Indiana to pursue a degree in Elementary education. Kayla Matson graduated from Newton Community High School with honors and will be attending Eastern Illinois University on the Merit Scholarship. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree and a Doctor in Chiropractic. Ethan Matson finished Lakeland College with an Agricultural Production and Management degree, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He has a job with Sloan Implement doing precision ag applications. Connor Griffin graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.0) from Missouri S&T in Chemical Engineering. He will begin his new career working at Marathon Refinery in Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

Meditation on the Eucharist



WHILE they were eating, He took bread, and after He had pronounced the blessing, He broke it and gave it to them, saying "Take it; this is My Body." Then He took a cup, and after offering thanks He gave it to them. After they all drank from it, He said to them, "This is My Blood of the Covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many. Amen, I say to you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I shall drink it anew in the Kingdom of God" (Mark 14:22-25). Meaning of the Eucharist SINCE it was the will of God's Only-begotten Son that human beings should share in His Divinity, He assumed our nature in order that by becoming Human He might make humans gods. Moreover, when He took our flesh He dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered His Body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed His Blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us forever, He left His Body as food and His Blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine. O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ Himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other Sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may benefit all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this Sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in His Passion. It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this Sacrament at the Last Supper. As He was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with His disciples, He left it as a perpetual Memorial of His Passion. It was the fulfillment of ancient figures and the greatest of all His miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of His departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

WE give you thanks, O Christ, our God; in Your goodness You have given us Your Body in this Sacrament to enable us to live holy lives. Through Your grace keep us pure and without stain. Remain in us to protect us. Direct our steps in the way of Your holy and benevolent will.

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Prayer for Grace for our Country



Dear Father united to Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrifice of Calvary sacramentally made present, celebrated around the world, in the Holy Spirit. We offer up all we do united to the Mass. We unite in one mind & one heart as members of the mystical body of Christ, with Christ our head in the pure & holy Hearts of Jesus & Mary, through the

powerful intercession of Mary with all the angels & saints & souls in purgatory, & we believe for the saving grace, for our country, the United States. Please help us. We further pray for unity to always do the will of God in love. We spread the Blood of Jesus on the leaders & people of the United States & cast the devil into hell. We consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart & Immaculate Heart & all our dioceses, & for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God help us. We pray for our families, the priests, the Church & the world. In the Name of Jesus please hear us, we pray. We pray for our president & leaders. We pray that we are united as one nation under God to work together in love as God wants.

**One
Nation
Under God**

Daily Mass Readings



Mon. June 3, 2019 First Reading Acts 19:1-8
Second Reading Col. 3:1 Gospel Jn. 16:29-33
Tues. June 4, 2019 First Reading Acts 20:17-27
Gospel Jn. 17:1-11A
Wed. Jun. 5, 2019 Acts 20:28-38
Gospel Jn. 17:11B-19
Thurs. Jun. 6, 2019 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Gospel Jn. 17:20-26
Fri. Jun. 7, 2019 Acts 25:13B-21 Gospel Jn. 21:15-19

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

The offerings for week ending May 26, 2019 will be published in June 9, 2019 bulletin

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

The offerings for week ending May 19 & May 26, 2019 will be published in June 9, 2019 bulletin



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