



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.

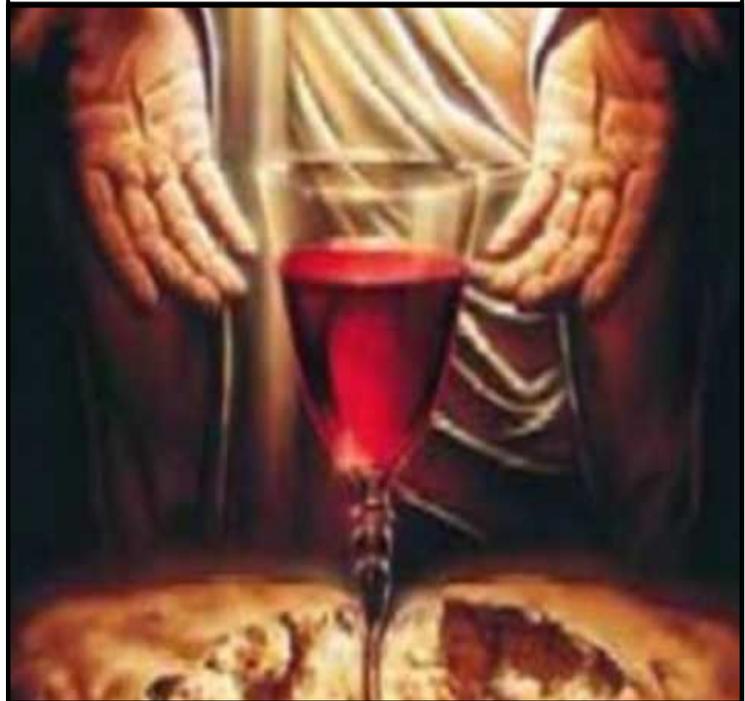
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 3, 2018 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



Story found in Mark 14:22~26 (NAB)

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn,* they went out to the Mount of Olives.



Mass Intentions

June 2	4:30 pm	Faith Laski by Sarah Laski
June 3	7:30 am	Greg & Jill Parkhurst 30th Wedding Anniversary by Joe & Carol Hepner
	9:00 am	Mike & Vera Kirts by Fred Kirts & Ann Kirts
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
June 4	7:30 am	Clarence Loy by Anne Loy
June 5	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
June 6	7:30 am	Special Intentions
June 7	7:30 am	Jane Brown by Virginia Hall
June 8	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Mike & Jona Uptmor
June 9	4:30 pm	Mary Longnecker by Chris Tylka
June 10	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Mike Kirts, Vera Kirts by Fred Kirts & Anne Kirts
	10:30 am	Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 9, 2018 ~ Sunday, June 10, 2018

Sat. June 9, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Eileen Hartrich

USHERS: Jack & Carol Watts

COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Susan Goodwine

SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins

GIFTS: John Grimm Family

Sun. June 10, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: David Holscher

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich

COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Joe Hepner Family

Sun. June 10, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Bob Coffman

USHERS: Rich & Anita Kocher

COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Rich & Anita Kocher

Sun. June 10, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: Geraldo Rios, Miguel Vega

COMMUNION MIN: Sean & April Sexton

SERVERS: Joe Quick, David Staller

GIFTS: Josh Quick Family

June Collection Counters: Lisa Baird, John Ferris, Anne Schrey



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Scott Chapman, Ron Dhom, Todd Drake, Sandy Ellis, Jennifer Pierce, Marissa Rees, Charlie Steagall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.



Sincere Congratulations to Our College Graduates

We are pleased & honored to be able to offer SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS to KYLE MYERS of Palestine, who is the son of Brian & Katrena Burton. KYLE graduated on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from Missouri S & T in Rolla, Missouri with a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering. His college success has been matched with his acceptance of an Engineering Position at the Flying S in Palestine. CONGRATULATIONS, KYLE! LOGAN A. JOHNSON graduated May 12, 2018 from Indiana State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Science majoring in Safety Management. He will be living in Evansville, Indiana working as a supervisor at Summit Environmental Services. CONGRATULATIONS LOGAN!



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saint John Paul II reminds us that, in commemorating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Church "does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world." We rejoice in this post-E a s t e r expression of our Eucharistic affection in order to deepen our attachment to the unique and unending Event that transforms our lives. As the Sequence for Corpus Christi begs: "Jesus, of your love befriend us,/ You refresh us, you defend us,/ Your

Spiritual Reading for the Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



In order that we may become of his Body, not in desire only, but also in very fact, let us become commingled with that Body: This, in truth, takes place by means of the food which he has given us as a gift, because he desired to prove the love which he has for us. It is for this reason that he has shared himself with us and has brought his Body down to our level, namely, that we might be one with him as the body is joined with the head. This, in truth, is characteristic of those who greatly love.... Moreover, Christ has done even this to spur us on to greater love. And to show the love he has for us he has made it possible for those who desire, not merely to look upon him, but even to touch him and to consume him and to fix their teeth in his Flesh and to be commingled with him; in short, to fulfill all their love. Let us, then, come back from that table like lions breathing out fire, thus becoming terrifying to the devil, and remaining mindful of our Head and of the love which he has shown for us.... The Blood which we receive by Way of food is not immediately a source of nourishment, but goes through some other stage first; this is not so with this Blood, for it at once refreshes the soul and instills a certain great power in it. This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. Where they see the Blood of the Lord, demons flee, while angels gather. This Blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world

Sunday, June 3, 2018 ~ THE SACRED FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST ~ From the Pastor

More Than Bread & Wine Is Transformed.

There is truth in the old saying "You are what you eat." Sadly, our national epidemic of obesity makes that all too clear. But when applied to the spiritual food we eat and drink at the Eucharist, the adage takes on a new and more beautiful meaning. If we truly believe that the Risen Christ becomes really present body, blood, soul and divinity — under the outward signs of bread



He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in Him. (John 6:56)

and wine, then when we eat this "heavenly food," we are being fed on the risen life of Christ. This helps to account for some of the **Eucharistic piety** of Christians in the high Middle Ages. They attached great power to seeing the consecrated host, and many believed the longer they gazed at it, the more their earthly lives would be lengthened and safeguarded — hence, the origin of devotional practices like exposition and adoration. Thus people seem to have understood that they were, in a real sense, imbibing the risen life of Christ, even if only through their eyes. If we really "are what we eat," then it is more than a metaphor when we speak of ourselves, the Church, as the living Body of Christ. When we receive Communion, we also receive a mission. As one of the dismissal formulas in the Mass puts it: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Then others should encounter Christ in and through us. I am reminded of a story I often have told in homilies. A pastor took a middle school catechism class and gave them a guided tour of the parish church. He identified and explained the altar furnishings, the stained glass and statues, the vestments and the sacred vessels. He then called on each student to say what, from all that they had seen, had made the deepest impression on each of them. One young man, Johnny, had a bit of reputation as a wise guy, so the pastor called on him last. "I was most impressed by the exit sign," the youngster volunteered. Thinking that Johnny was cracking wise, the pastor asked him to explain. "Well," the boy said, "it seems to me that it's only when we pass under that exit sign that we finally see whether what we did inside actually made any difference." From the mouths of children.

Pastoral Council



St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council Meeting will meet on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council



Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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. cjansen1029@gmail.com. We are happy to work with you on scheduling & pairing you up with people until you are comfortable taking on a Mass alone. Thank you.

The Teaching of the Catholic Church
The Holy Trinity: An Incomprehensible Mystery
Catechism Insight



It is indeed helpful to us as practicing Roman Catholics to study & review the teachings of our Roman Catholic Faith. In order for us to be strengthened & enriched spiritually we need to continue to read about the beliefs & teachings of the Catholic Church. In future bulletins with this intention in mind, I will be presenting six different articles about **THE MOST HOLY & BLESSED TRINITY.**

Since we cannot fully know the aspects of God this side of heaven, it is my prayer that you will find these articles helpful as we pray the HOLY SPIRIT will lead us to understanding a little more fully **AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE MYSTERY ~ THE HOLY TRINITY.**

While we can't adequately explain the mystery of the Trinity, there are volumes written that express our belief. Many Church and other publications discuss the Trinity using terms like nature, person, substance and essence. The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes these terms in relation to the Trinity as follows: "The Church uses (I) the term 'substance' (rendered also at times by 'essence' or 'nature') to designate the divine being in the unity, (II) the term 'person' or 'hypostasis' to designate the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the real distinction among them, and (III) the term 'relation' to designate the fact that their distinction lies in the relationship of each to the others" (No. The Catechism of the Council of Trent, published first in 1833, discusses that Christians believe the persons of the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — are of the same essence and substance: "We are piously and religiously to adore distinction in the Persons, unity in the essence and quality in the Trinity. When we say that the Father is the first person, we are not to be understood to mean that in the Trinity there is anything first or last, greater or less — let no Christian be guilty of such impiety, for Christianity proclaims the same eternity, the same majesty in the three persons." The Trent catechism seemingly is concerned that the faithful may misunderstand this "most profound and difficult of mysteries" and "urges pastors to instruct the people religiously to retain the terms used to express the mystery, and which are particular to the essence and person." Then, interestingly, the catechism indicates we should not be too detailed in our inquiries but "be satisfied with the assurance which faith gives us, that we have been taught these truths by God himself." been more exacting than the Synod of Toledo, held in 675. This synod seemed insignificant (as only 17 bishops were in attendance), but the confession of faith recited at that synod widely was acclaimed throughout the Church. This confession of faith summarizes results of earlier councils. What follows are extracts of that creed from "The Christian Faith: Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church" (Alba House, \$25.98): "The oneness of the Trinity: This is the way of speaking about the Trinity as it has been handed down: One must not call it or believe it to be threefold, but Trinity. Nor can it properly be said that in one God there is the Trinity, but one God is the Trinity. In the relative names of the persons the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father and the Holy Spirit to both. While they are called three persons in view of their relations, we believe in one nature or substance."

**Spiritual Reading Honoring the Immaculate Heart
Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**



Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O heart of Mary, mother of God, and our mother; heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the angels and of all men; heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which thou art the perfect image; heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Savior. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which thou thyself dost ever burn. In thee let Holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength, impregnable against every assault of her enemies. Be thou the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needful for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, whereon our eternity depends. Ah, then most tender virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of thy motherly heart, and the might of thine intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with thee in paradise, world without end. Amen.

We ought to honor & love the things that God loves & honors, & through which he is loved & glorified. Now, after the most adorable Heart of Jesus, there is no heart in heaven or on earth which has so loved & honored God, or has rendered him so much glory & love, as the most worthy Heart of Mary, the Mother of the Savior. Who could possibly describe the ardent flames of love in the incomparable Heart of the Mother of God toward her Beloved Son Jesus? Count, if you can, all her thoughts, all her words, all her actions, labors, anxieties, & vigilance in feeding, clothing, protecting, & rearing our divine Savior, & you will count so many reasons obliging us to love & praise her most amiable Heart. Count also all the thoughts, feelings, & affections which filled her motherly Heart with regard to our salvation, & you will count so many obligations on our part to love & honor Mary. Picture yourself the means employed by the Mother of mercy to cooperate with her Beloved Son our Savior in the great work of the Redemption of the world, that is, her prayers, fasts, mortifications, tears, sufferings, & her most poignant sacrifice of her dear Son at the foot of the cross, her Heart utterly consumed with love and charity, & you must realize that all these facts are just so many additional obligations on our part to revere & love her most worthy Heart. The admirable Heart of Mary is the perfect image of the most divine Heart of Jesus. It is the pattern & model for our own hearts; & all our happiness, perfection, & glory consists in striving to transform them into so many living images of the sacred Heart of Man.', just as her holy Heart is a consummate likeness of the adorable Heart of Jesus. Therefore, it is most useful, good, & beneficial to exhort Christians to practice devotion to the most august Heart of the Queen of Heaven. The sovereign devotion is to imitate what we honor, says Saint Augustine; so who can fail to perceive that, in encouraging the faithful in devotion to the most amiable Heart of the Mother of God, we are also exhorting them to imitate the most eminent virtues that adorn it, to engrave its likeness on their own hearts, and to render themselves worthy children of such a Mother?

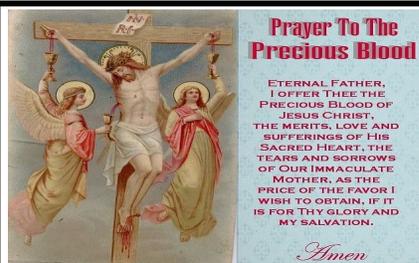


Weekly Collection

The offerings for St. Elizabeth for Sunday, May 27, 2018 & Sunday, June 3, 2018 will be published on Sunday, June 10, 2018. The offering for OLOL's for Sunday, May 20, May 27, & June 3 will be published on Sunday, June 10, 2018.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Praying in Reverence of the Sacred Body & Blood of Christ



Prayer To The Precious Blood

ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER THEE THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, THE MERITS, LOVE, AND SUFFERINGS OF HIS SACRED HEART, THE TEARS AND SORROWS OF OUR IMMACULATE MOTHER, AS THE PRICE OF THE FAVOR I WISH TO OBTAIN, IF IT IS FOR THY GLORY AND MY SALVATION.

Amen

How strange and wonderful is the Catholic Faith! The Buddha offers his wise teaching to his followers. Muhammad presents to his devotees a revelation that was given to him. Confucius passes on to his adepts an intricate moral system that he had developed. Moses comes down the mountain bearing a Law that he had received from on high. But Jesus presents, offers, bears, and passes on... his very self. On the night before he suffered, he gathered at the Passover table with his Twelve Apostles. Taking bread in his hands, he said, This is my body, and, lifting the cup, said, This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. He gave them, not a teaching, a discipline, or a spiritual insight, but his substance. And this is why the Christian Faith is not a matter, primarily, of learning or walking a religious path, but of eating and drinking Jesus' Body and Blood. But whereas, in the ordinary course of things, food and drink are assimilated by the one who consumes them, in this unique case the one who consumes is assimilated by what he or she consumes. From this Eucharistic fact, the Church Fathers derived the splendid teaching of theosis or deification. We disciples do not just follow Jesus; we become Jesus, participants through grace of what he is by nature, adopted sons and daughters in the Son. This doctrine, both poetically evocative and metaphysically exact, is the object of our bedazzled contemplation on this Solemnity of the Lord's Body and Blood.

Mission Appeal

Sr. Rosanne Rustemeyer, a School Sister of Notre Dame, will speak at the June 9/10 liturgies at St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. She has served 16 years in Sierra Leone, West Africa, where she taught at secondary schools in Yengema & Kabala. When she returned to Sierra Leone in 2008 she served as a lecturer at the University of Makeni. Sr. Rosanne now serves as the director of the development office of the Province of Africa located in St. Louis. She currently belongs to the SSND Province of Africa composed of 77 Sisters serving in 5 countries in Africa. Of the 77 members, 62 are African women who have joined the Congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Sister will be accompanied by Sr. Christine Spour. The contributions received will be used for the School Sisters of Notre Dame's missions in African countries where the Sisters serve: The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, and Kenya. A great need is support for the education & professional training of their African Sisters, as well as the formation of young women joining the Congregation. General support so they can continue the great work they are doing is an ongoing need as well.



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Jun. 4, 2018 First Reading ~ 2 Pet. 1:2-7
Gospel Mk. 12:1-12 Tues. Jun. 5, 2018 First Reading ~ 2 Pet. 3:12-15A, 17-18 Gospel Mk. 12:13-17
Wed. Jun. 6, 2018 First Reading ~ 2 Tm. 1:1-3, 6-12
Gospel Mk. 12:18-27 Thurs. Fri. Jun. 7, 2018 First Reading ~ 2 Tm. 2:8-15 Gospel Mk. 12:28-34
Fri. Jun. 8, 2018 First Reading ~ Hos. 11:1, 3-4, 8C-9 Reading 2 ~ Eph. 3:8-12, 14-19 Gospel Jn. 19:31-37