



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.

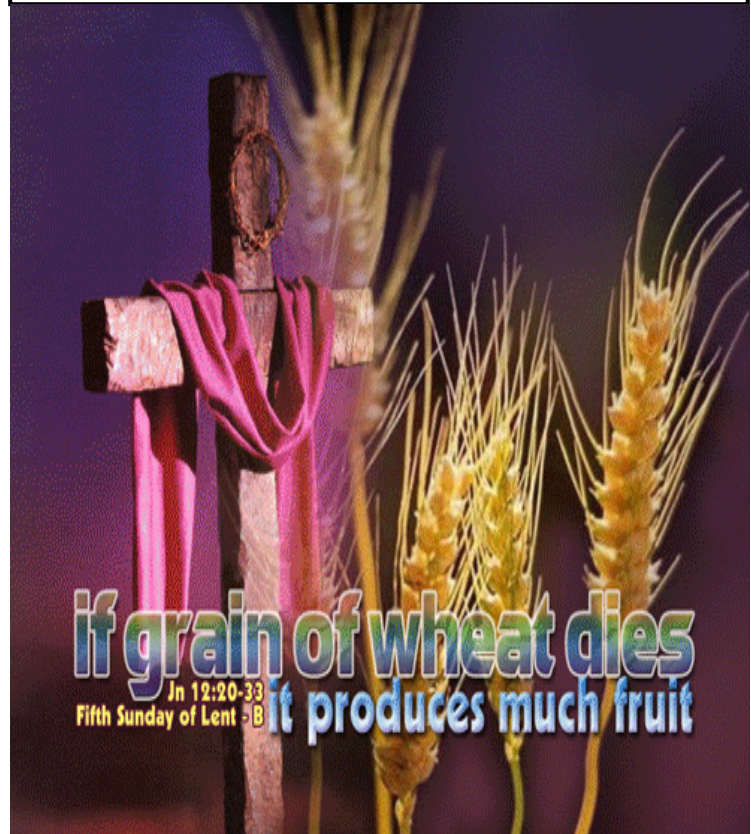
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Lent



Story found in John 12:20-33

“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground & dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. John 12:24



Mass Intentions

Mar. 17	4:30 pm	Patrick Goda Birthday Deceased by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 18	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Jane Brown by Rosemary Halter Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Mar. 19	7:30 am	Gene & Zita Reis by Ed & Linda Reis
Mar. 20	12:00 pm	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Mar. 21	7:30 am 6:30 pm	Special Intentions Marilu Fehrenbacher by Robert & Karla Birkofer
Mar. 22	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Mar. 23	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Mar. 24	4:30 pm	Martha Tebbe by Ken & Carol Bergbower
Mar. 25	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Fred Bertram by Halter Family Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 24, 2018 ~ Sunday, March 25, 2018

Sat. March 24, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Karen Sanders

USHERS: Jack & Carol Watts

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ty Mullins, Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Dennis Jenkins Family

Sun. March 25, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor

USHERS: Jeff Rich, Craig Weber

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Kurt Holscher Family

Sun. March 25, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS: Rich & Anita Kocher

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: Adam & Lori Davis

Sun. March 25, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Roselene Quick

USHERS: Geraldo Rios, Miguel Vega

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Owen Schmidt, Ian Schmidt

GIFTS: Chris Weber Family

Collection Counters: *March, 2018: Marge Boatman, Janet Hill, Chris Tylka*

Prayer Requests

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

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion Classes will be on Wednesday, March 21 & 28 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



Scriptural Reflections for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Some Greeks" voice their desire: "We would like to see Jesus." What they hope to encounter through such an audience is "the joy of salvation." Jesus becomes "the source of eternal salvation" by his obedient suffering that makes him "perfect." For only if the grain of wheat dies does 'it produce fruit; only if one "hates his life in this world" does he "preserve it for eternal life." The Father will honor anyone who follows Jesus in this self-sacrificing way. He "will make a new covenant." God's law will be written upon our hearts. We will be his people.



Lenten Activities

Mon. Mar. 19, 2018 ~ Lenten Bible Study ~ 6:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm

Wed Mar. 21, 2018 ~ 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

8:00 am ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am ~ Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist 7:00 pm ~ PSR Confessions Grade 3

Fri. Mar. 23, 2018 ~ 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

4:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm ~ Fish Fry

5:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Sun. Mar. 25, 2018 ~ St. Elizabeth Parish

1:15 pm ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1:15 ~ 3:00 pm ~ Holy Hours 1:15 ~ 2:25 pm ~ Confessions

3:00 pm ~ Benediction

Spiritual Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent "Whoever hates his life...."

After this, it will be very useful to fix the eyes of your mind on the study of your own nothingness. Of yourself, you hold nothing at all except sin; all the rest comes from God. It is clear that the gifts of nature & those of grace (which are the greater) are wholly his; to him belongs the grace of predestination (which is the source of all the other graces), to him the grace of vocation, to him concomitant grace (that assists us all the while we are performing a good action), to him the grace of perseverance. To him the grace of eternal life. What have you then in which to glory but your nothingness-for this is all you have, the remained is all God's- that thus you may see plainly & distinctly what you are & what he is, your poverty & his riches, & how little, in consequence, you should trust I yourself & esteem yourself, & how much yo should trust in him & love him & glorify yourself in him.



Congrats on Setting a New Record

Many SINCERE & SPECIAL THANKS to all those individuals who helped in any way on the FIRST FISH FRY for this year on Fri. Mar. 9, 2018. It was a successful evening as we set a new RECORD serving 943 dinners. In 2017, 909 dinners were served. THANK YOU for your devoted help & assistance & we could not have done it without everyone working together in a spirit of unity & cooperation. Your faithful & devoted service is deeply appreciated. God bless you.

Albert Fehrenbacher Family Thank You

The Albert Fehrenbacher Family would like to express our gratitude to Fr. Flach. The beautiful funeral mass for Marilu touched us deeply. We would also like to thank all those who prepared & served our delicious meal. May God bless each one of you.

The paradox asked of Jesus' followers is to grasp his glory shining through the ugliness of the scourging, the nailing to the cross and his agonizing death. How? Jesus knows he is the long-awaited savior bringing salvation to the whole world. While knowing these consequences for God's creation, Jesus also knows the consequences for himself. Yet he chooses this pathway, the pain and the glory, because he loves his Father, and he loves God's creation. Lent is set aside for Christians to fathom this choice. The God-man, Jesus Christ, understanding every detail, chooses to do it anyway. Lent replays Christ's heroic crucifixion as an action freely and generously done for the world's salvation and invites believers to embrace it. The Crucifixion means believers are reconciled with the Father, the vanquishing of death, the resurrection of the dead and an eternity spent in the loving embrace of the creator. All these benefits Christ gave at no cost to those who believe, except one: believe and express it with unending gratitude. This is the Lenten journey's purpose: that disciples believe in Jesus' hour enough to transform their lives. Their discipleship then follows the way of Jesus' suffering, offering "prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears," but always with hope in the glory to come. Vince felt alone when his wife died. He was depressed and despondent. His pastor asked him to help with the parish phone ministry. Twice a week, volunteers call the homebound to ask if they are well or needed anything. Vince accepted. In fact, he became so involved that he had favorites. Everyone looked forward to Vince's call. Vince's own suffering turned to joy as he ministered to the homebound. In giving hope, Vince received hope. Through his ministry, Vince brought the reality of Jesus' glory to life. Many disciples do what Vince does. Why? Because Jesus never counted the cost. In charity and kindness, Jesus' glory shines. There are many paths to that same glory. Jesus shows that new life begins only when this dying to self begins. This is a disciple's path to glory.



Our First Reconciliation

Our First Reconciliation is on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Our parish family is happy to CONGRATULATE those children who will celebrate the first time the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. The front page of our FIRST RECONCILIATION program states: WE COME TO ASK FORGIVENESS. May the grace & blessings that you will receive for the first time remain deep in your hearts so that you may always trust in God's merciful & everlasting forgiveness. We promise you our continued prayers as you prepare for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION on SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 at the 10:30 am Eucharist. We congratulate:

Nathaniel Arkenberg	Miles Holscher	Anthony Escobedo
Ellieana Escobedo	Isabella Escobedo	Owen Ferris
Brylee Krick	Aleigha Mullins	Clara Mullins
Noah Myers	Miles Holscher	Addison Stewart

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Mar. 19, 2018 ~ 2 Sm. 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16

Reading 2 ~ Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22

Gospel Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Tues. Mar. 20, 2018 ~ Nm. 21:4-9

Gospel Jn. 8:21-30

Wed. Mar. 21, 2018 ~ Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Gospel Jn. 8:31-42

Thurs. Mar. 22, 2018 ~ Gn. 17:3-9

Gospel Jn. 8:51-59

Fri. Mar. 23, 2018 ~ Jer. 20:10-13

Gospel Jn. 10:31-42



From time immemorial, God has promised, 'O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.' But this will not happen before Jesus weeps. He weeps in front of doubt. "You want to go back there? He weeps in front of nihilism. "Could he not have done something?" He weeps in front of fatalism: Lord, by now there will be a stench. "This is the optimum moment for God to have Lazarus rise from his grave, for then the event will teach us just how far we must go in trusting the power of Jesus' love for us. Although dead because of sin, the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your immortal bodies also, thru his Spirit dwelling in you". Let us go to him (Jn. 11:15). Here it is the mercifulness of God that we are shown. People, living in sin & as it were dead, unable by any power of their own to come to him, he mercifully draws, anticipating their desire & need. Jeremiah speaks of this when he says, thus says the Lord, I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore have I drawn you, taking pity on you (Jer. 31:3). Jesus heretofore came & found that he had been four days already in the grave (Jn.11:17). Saint Augustine sees in the four days-dead Lazarus assure of the fourfold spiritual death of the sinner. He dies in fact through original sin, through actual sin, against the natural law, through actual sin against the Mitten law, through actual sin against the law of the Gospel & of grace. Another interpretation is that the first day represents the sin of heart: Take away the evil of thoughts, says Isaiah (1:16); the second day represents sins of the tongue: Let no evil speech proceed from your mouth, says Saint Paul (Eph. 4:29); the third day represents the sins of evil action: Cease to do perversely (Is.1:16); the fourth day stands for the sins of wicked habit. Whatever explanation we give, our Lord at times does heal those who are four days' dead, that is, those who have broken the law of the Gospel & are bound fast by habits of sin. The Bible often correlates sin & death, seeing the latter as a symbol of the former. The dead whom Jesus confronts in the Gospels, therefore, are evocative of those who have entered into spiritual death. The young daughter of Jairus—to whom the Lord said, little girl, get up represents those who have just entered into the state of alienation from God. The son of the widow of Nain, who is being carried to his grave, stands for those whose sin is deeper & more abiding. Lazarus, four days in his tomb, signals those who are sunk in the most profound dysfunction, those who have placed themselves at the furthest remove from the love of God. This is why, Saint Augustine tells us, Jesus wonders where Lazarus is: Where have you laid him? This punishment is meant to remind us of God's search for the sinful Adam in the Garden of Eden. Precisely because Lazarus is so far from God, Jesus has to shout. He cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out! Sin makes us wander into the far country &, at the end of the day, it kills us spiritually & buries us. But nothing is impossible for God. Even those who are dead & in the ground, even those for whom, it seems, no hope remains, can be summoned back to life. Perhaps this Lent you feel like the daughter of Jairus, the son of the widow of Nain, or even like Lazarus. Don't give up! Respond to the voice of the one who calls himself the Resurrection & the Life.

Mass Stipends

One of the most enriching moments of our faith is when we offer a MASS for a loved one either living or deceased. This loving gesture assures us that God will hear our prayer for a loved one who is in distress or will grant eternal light & peace to our loved one who has died. This kindness to our loved one will be rewarded by God in His own way. Please consider donating a Mass for a loved one by calling the Parish Office. Thank you.



A Lenten Exam of Conscience Based Upon The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me. -Do I seek to love God with my whole heart & soul? Does He truly hold the first place in my life? -Have I been involved with the occult or superstitious practices? -Have I ever received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin? -Have I told a lie in confession or deliberately withheld confessing a mortal sin? **2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.** -Have I insulted God's Holy Name or used it lightly or carelessly? -Have I wished evil on anyone? **3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.** -Have I missed Mass deliberately on Sunday, the Lord's Day, or on Holy Days of obligation? -Do I try to keep Sunday as a day of rest? **4. Honor your father and your mother.** -Do I honor & obey my parents? Do I care for them in their old age? -Have I neglected my family responsibilities to my spouse & children? -Is my family life centered around Christ & his teaching? **5. You shall not kill.** -Have I murdered or physically harmed anyone? -Have I had an abortion? Have I encouraged an abortion? -Have I abused drugs or alcohol? -Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? -Have I encouraged others to have themselves sterilized? -Have I harbored hatred, anger or resentment in my heart towards anyone? -Have I given scandal to anyone by my sins, thereby leading them to sin?

6. You shall not commit adultery. -Have I been unfaithful to my marriage vows in action or thought? -Have I practiced any form of contraception in my marriage? -Have I used fertility treatments condemned by the Church? -Have I been engaged in sexual activity with a member of the opposite sex or the same sex. -Have I masturbated? -Have I indulged in pornographic material? -Am I pure in my thoughts, words, actions? Am I modest in dress? -Am I engaged in any inappropriate relationships? **7. You shall not steal.** -Have I taken what is not mine? -Am I honest with my employer/employee? -Do I gamble excessively, thereby robbing my family of their needs? -Do I seek to share what I have with the poor and needy? **8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** -Have I lied, gossiped or spoken behind anyone's back? -Have I ruined anyone's good name? -Do I reveal information that should be confidential? -Am I sincere in my dealings with others or am I "two-faced"? **9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.** -Am I envious of another's spouse or family? -Have I consented to impure thoughts? Do I try to control my imagination? -Am I reckless & irresponsible in the books I read & the movies I watch? **10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.** -Am I envious of the possessions of others? -Am I resentful & bitter over my position in life? When you enter the place set aside for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest may greet you, & together you will make the sign of the cross. He may then choose a brief reading from the Bible to help you feel the merciful presence of Christ. Next, you tell your sins simply & honestly to the priest. The simpler & the more honest the better! Don't make excuses! Don't try to disguise or minimize what you have done! Most importantly, think of Christ crucified dying out of love for you. Step on your pride & admit your guilt! Remember, God wills that you confess all mortal sins by name and number. For instance, "I committed adultery three times & helped a friend procure an abortion." "I missed Mass on Sunday." "I gambled away a whole week's pay check." This sacrament is not only for the forgiveness of mortal sins. You may also confess your venial sins. The Church encourages devotional confession, that is, the frequent confession of venial sins as means of growing permit in the love of God and neighbor. After you confess your sins, listen to the advice the priest offers you. You may also seek his help & guidance. He will then give you

Ten Commandments Exam Continued

Penance. He will ask you to either pray, fast or perform an act of charity. Through the penance, you begin to make reparation for the harm your sins have caused you, others & the Church. The penance of the priest reminds us that we need to be one with Christ in his sufferings so as to share in his resurrection. Finally, the priest will ask you to express, in an act of contrition, your sorrow for the sins confessed, & then, exercising the power of Christ, he will give you absolution. As he prays over you, know with the certainty of faith that God is forgiving all your sins, healing you & preparing you for the Banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven! The priest will dismiss you saying: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." You respond: "His mercy endures forever. Or he may say, "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace," to which you answer, "Thanks be to God. " Try to spend some time in prayer, thanking God for his forgiveness. Perform the penance the priest has given you as soon as possible after receiving absolution. If you make good use & frequent use of this sacrament, you will have peace of heart, purity of conscience & a deep union with Christ & his love for his Father & for all men & women. The grace of the sacrament will cause you to become like Jesus, our Lord, in all you say & do! It will make you a stronger & more committed member of his Church! **Act of Contrition.** My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong & failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help to, do penance, to sin no more, & to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered & died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Or Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church
Week Ending Sunday, March 11, 2018

Envelopes \$2,032.00 Loose \$304.00

Building Fund \$20.00

Easter Flowers \$10.00 Online

2 @ \$80.00 Catholic Relief Services \$495.00

Harry Wong Food Memorial \$125.00

Deposit \$3,066.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, March 4, 2018

Envelopes \$750.00 Loose \$64.00

Operation Rice Bowl \$67.00

Easter Flowers \$20.00

Edith Smith Food Pantry \$67.00

Votive Candles \$26.00 Building Fund \$100.00

Deposit \$1,094.00

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