



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 25, 2018 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Story found in Mark 11:1~10 or John 12:12~16

**Then those who went
before & those who
followed cried out,
saying” “Hosanna~
“Blessed is He who
comes in the name of
the Lord.”**



Mass 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
Mar. 26	7:30 am	Jean Loy by Anne Loy
Mar. 27	12:00 pm	Joe Stein Birthday Deceased by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 28	7:30 am 6:30 pm	Special Intentions Karen Heap by Suzanne Dartt
Mar. 29	7:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Jane Brown by George Brown Special Intentions-LOL Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Monica Mann-St. Elizabeth
Mar. 31	6:00 pm	Mette Family by Jane Howard
Apr. 1	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Special Intentions Grover Michl by Michl Family For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 31, 2018 ~ Sunday, April 1, 2018

Sat. March 31, 2018 6:00 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Celeste White

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN: Lisa Baird, Karen Sanders

SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins

GIFTS: Don Biernbaum Family

Sun. April 1, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Steve Jenkins Family

COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Ross Holscher Family

Sun. April 1, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Bob Coffman

USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

Sun. April 1, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Courtney Ferris

USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Halle Gower

GIFTS: Gene Gower 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 Wed. March 28 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. April dates: April 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Holy Week ~ March 25, 2018 ~ to Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018



Monday, March 26, 2018 6:00~7:00 pm ~

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 ~ 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

8:00 am ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am ~ Stations of the Cross ~10:30 am ~ Benediction

6:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross ~ 6:30 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist

7:00 pm ~ P.S.R. Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday ~ March 29, 2018 ~

7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ St. Elizabeth

4:00 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

6:00 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ St. Elizabeth

Good Friday ~ March 30, 2018

6:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross ~ St. Elizabeth

Solemn Liturgy of God Friday Reading of the Sacred Passion

6:30 pm ~ Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Saturday ~ March 31, 2018

6:00 pm ~ Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil ~ St. Elizabeth

Easter Sunday ~ April 1, 2018 Solemn Celebration of the Feast of

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

7:30 am & 10:30 am~ St. Elizabeth & 9:00 am ~ OLOL's

HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER

Spiritual Reading for Palm Sunday

The hour overflows with supernatural power. In these last days it is as if Jesus were gathering strength on strength preparing for the ultimate. He has just summoned Lazarus from the dead. His power has accompanied the disciples into the world, so that at their word strangers entrust their flocks to them. Now triumphantly he enters Jerusalem, fulfilling to the letter the prophecy of the coming Messiah. Until then he has refused to be called the Messiah and crowned king; now he proclaims himself the long-awaited one... This then is God's hour; were the masses to reject it, the stones beneath their feet would proclaim the Messiah. It is the last God-given chance. Will those seized by its power also find the strength to act according to the Spirit? Will they after all force the gate of the kingdom which had seemed so hopelessly barred?... This then is how it is when God descends to men! The apparent folly and danger of it are so great that the just and orthodox prepare for legal condemnation. The event is not even clothed in the dignity of genuine poverty. That would have also been impressive, for side by side with the power of greatness there exists the moving or august power of poverty, which stirs by its own mysterious power. But it is not genuine poverty that accompanies Jesus—neither among his disciples nor in the cheering masses. It is simply the average crowd as it is to be found everywhere in workshop, store, and street. Crowd in which we all could find our place—human reality, mediocrity bare of the pathos both of splendor and of misery. How difficult it is to recognize the self-revealing God! How difficult to steer clear of the scandal to the worldly sense of propriety and righteousness!

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the soul of Karen Rickermann, (daughter of Bob & Shirley Callier) & Harold Hardiek (brother of Eileen Hartrich & Marian Hatfield). Please pray that God will grant them a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of God & that their family will receive comfort & peace in their time of sorrow & loss.

Sun. Mar. 25, 2018 ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord Jesus' Passion
From the Pastor:

Donald is terminally ill. He lives with this every day while trying to be a father to his three children & a loving husband to Olga. Donald does this courageously, because loving others is what gives him life. Jesus, like Donald, knows that his death is imminent, but he lives each day because he is the Messiah and son of God. Jesus' procession into Jerusalem is more about his final attempt to get more people to believe than it is about affirmation or acclamation. In these last moments, Jesus is making his final effort to announce that the reign of God has come & he is completing what he came to do. Now the Father waits for the people's acceptance. The woman's anointing Jesus confirms this. It links these final days to the start of his public ministry when John baptized him. Last, the woman anointing Jesus previews his burial anointing. Jesus affirms her prophetic action when he states that her kindness will be retold wherever the Good News is preached. At his last meal on the feast of Passover, Jesus emphasizes the salvation he freely brings, just as when they were delivered from the clutches of the Egyptians. Jesus' own willingness is affirmed in his appearances before the high priest & Pontius Pilate. Peter's denial is a warning to all Jesus' followers, then and now, of what is demanded of anyone who claims Christ as Messiah. It is faithfulness above all else. It also foretells the need for Jesus, because no one can be saved without Jesus. Pilate, the unknowing accomplice, carries out this act of salvation & actually leads Jesus to establish the reign of God over Roman authority. The people's choice of the criminal Barabbas over Jesus will sting believers long after this event. The Father stands with Jesus even as the crowds jeer & sneer. It is only the centurion, a Gentile, who acknowledges Jesus as the son of God. His affirmation of Jesus points to the future shape of the Church. For as sad as the Crucifixion is, the centurion's words throw the light of hope on the horrific scene of Calvary & continue to dispel the darkness found in the world today.

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.

Daily Mass Readings



Mon. Mar. 26, 2018 ~ Is. 42:1~7
Gospel Jn. 12:1~11

Tues. Mar. 27, 2018 ~ Is. 49:1~6
Gospel Jn. 13:21~33, 36, 38

Wed. Mar. 28, 2018 ~ Is. 50:4~9A
Gospel Mt. 26:14~25

Thurs. Mar. 29, 2018~Chrism Mass:
Is. 61:1~3A, 6A, 8B~9
Reading 2~Rv. 1:5~8
Gospel Lk. 4:16~21

Eve of Lord's Supper Ex. 12:1~8, 11~14
Reading 2~1 Cor. 11:23~26 Gospel Jn. 13:1~15

Fri. Mar. 30, 2018 ~ Is. 52:13-53:12
Reading 2 ~ Heb. 4:14~16; 5:7~9
Gospel Jn. 18:1~19:42

Holy Week Services



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The most Holy & SACRED SEASON OF LENT is about to conclude with the arrival of HOLY WEEK, the blessed time when we prayerfully reflect upon the suffering and death of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Seeking the conversion of our hearts during this past penitential seasons of LENT, we have been able to participate in spiritual acts as fasting, prayer, almsgiving, sacrifices. We will begin the solemn celebration of HOLY WEEK with the BLESSING and DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS on PALM SUNDAY or PASSION SUNDAY on Sunday, March 25, 2018 as we read and reflect upon the SACRED PASSION, the SUFFERING & the DEATH of God's son, our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Within the completion of HOLY WEEK, we will gather to remember & reflect upon the LAST SUPPER for on HOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 2018. we will be privileged to partake & participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Following our commemoration of the LAST SUPPER, we find ourselves at the FOOT OF THE CROSS OF JESUS on the HOLY DAY OF GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 2018. Preparing our hearts with fasting, discipline, penance & prayer, we desire to recall the SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST by praying together the STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:00 P.M. followed by the SOLEMN LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY with the distribution of HOLY COMMUNION. As we conclude the HOLIEST WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR, we begin the SACRED SEASON OF EASTER on HOLY SATURDAY, March 31, 2018 with the celebration of the EASTER VIGIL at 6:00 P.M. EASTER SUNDAY MASSES will be celebrated on Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 7:30 & 10:30 AM at St. Elizabeth & 9:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The Consecrated Body of Christ



On Sun. March 18, 2018 after the 10:30 am Mass, Fr. Flach located a CONSECRATED HOST, the BODY OF CHRIST under a pew on the floor. As Roman Catholics, we firmly believe that during the Eucharist the host becomes the REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST, & thus we treat the BODY OF CHRIST with utmost reverence & respect, the CONSECRATED BODY OF CHRIST is blessed & sacred. If you see a consecrated host on the floor in the Church, please alert Fr. Flach immediately. Thank you.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church Week Ending Sunday, March 18, 2018
Envelopes \$3,359.00 Loose \$303.13 Building Fund \$5.00
Easter Flowers \$40.00 Online 4 @ \$285.00 CRS \$5.00
Deposit \$3,997.13.

Our Lady of Lourdes
Week ending Sunday, March 11, 2018
Envelopes \$790.00 Loose \$127.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$67.00
Catholic Relief Services \$145.00
Deposit \$1,129.00

Spiritual Reading for Palm Sunday

"Only when someone values love more highly than life, only where someone is ready to put life second to love, for the sake of love, & love be stronger and more than death. If it is to be more than death. It must first be more than mere life. Jesus' total love for men, which leads Him to the cross, is perfected in total stepping—over to the Father & therein become stronger than death, because in this it is at the same time total 'being held' by him. (Pope Benedict XI). Now our Lord, who was humble & came to destroy pride, chose not to use the proud horse to him. He chose the most simple & the most humble of all animals, the ass, because he so loved lowliness & humility that only a humble mount could serve him. God dwells & abides only in the simple & humble of heart (1s. 57:15). Wishing to show his esteem for this virtue, he chose lowliness & abjection for the day of his triumph. He emptied & humbled himself. He would not have been humiliated & despised by others except he willed it. He himself emptied himself, choosing abjection. He emptied & abased himself, he humbled himself; he came mounted upon an ass & a colt. He bent his bow & darted his arrows of love into the hearts of the people of Israel. All were moved at his coming and sang: Hosanna, blessed be the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; glory be to the Most High. His gentleness & humility captivated all their hearts. Had he come on any other conveyance he would have frightened them. This is the first quality that made the ass appropriate for our Lord's use on this occasion: its humility. Second quality—patience. Not only is the ass humbler it is exceedingly patient, allowing itself to be beaten & maltreated without ever forgetting its origin. It neither complains, nor bites, nor kicks. It endures all with great patience. Our Lord so loved patience that he wished to become its mirror & pattern. He endured scouring & ill treatment with invincible patience; he supported so many blasphemies, so many calumines, without saying a word. Now humility & patience have such an affinity with one another that one can hardly exist without the other. He who desired to be humble must be patient enough to endure the contempt, the censorer the reprehensions that the humble suffer. Likewise, he who desires to be patient must be humble because one cannot long support the labors & adversities of this life without the humility which makes us gentle & patient. Finding these two qualities in this animal, our Lord chose it rather than any other for his entry into Jerusalem. The third reason is that this animal is obedient, permitting us to burden it as much as we want without offering any resistance. It carries the load with remarkable submission & suppleness. So much did our divine Master love obedience & suppleness that he himself chose to give us an example of it. So he bore the heavy burden of our iniquities & suffered for them all that we had merited. Oh, how blessed are they who are supple & submissive, who allow themselves to be commanded as others wish, subjecting

themselves to all kinds of obedience without reply or excuse, supporting with good health the burden imposed on them! Only when clothed with these qualities of humility, patience, & submission can we be worthy to carry our Lord. Then the Savior will mount upon our hearts &, as a divine riding, master, conduct us under his obedience.



The Seven Last Words of Christ

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. - Luke 23:34. Lord Jesus, as the offspring of the divine Father of all, you could hardly leave this world at enmity with others, even your executioners. Yet, perhaps there is another call implicit in your words, the commission to teach persecutors what they are doing when they malign, torment, or destroy a child of God. As we raise the consciousness of others to see your face in every person, we practice the anticipatory forgiveness that forestalls evil. Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother. - John 19:26-27. Lord Jesus, we are strangely enamored of the loner-hero who faces the world single-handedly before retreating to isolation. We glimpse such valiant loneliness as trusted disciples deny, betray, and flee you. Yet, in the meager company of the cross, you reject the loner mythology in favor of community. As you bid us care for each other, we know at once and forever that the Church is not a band of heroic loners, but an empathetic communion of saints. I am thirsty. - John 19:28. Lord Jesus, how strange it seems to acknowledge your thirst, for divine love so often blooms in the desert sands of the Exodus, the Baptizer, and the cross. You are like the precious desert flower that flourishes in the arid wastelands of the world. Still, even a cactus flower requires refreshment, so let us offer living water generously to all those who follow you in replicating the divine miracle of desert blooming. Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43. Lord Jesus, the inclusiveness of your words feels incomprehensible, for we relentlessly divide the world into saints and sinners, winners and losers. We are enthralled by competitions that rank and eliminate, so we cannot conceive of a good thief or a victorious failure. We send our champions off to magic kingdoms and halls of fame but losers have little place in our halls or our hearts. Teach us to scandalize by welcoming defeated sinner: into your kingdom. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? - Mark 15:34. Lord Jesus, there is profound and holy communion to be found in your haunted prayer of abandonment. So after your words and actions create unintended distance, for we feel incapable of matching the grace of your divine forgiveness, kindness, or healing. In this moment, however, your mortal confession resonates with our wounded lives to create a solidarity of fragility. May this moment of stark humanity raise us to the level of Christlike witness. It is finished. - John 19:30. Lord Jesus, these final words were no doubt accompanied by an expulsion of breath. As your work comes to an end, however, our work is just beginning. So, we inhale your dying breath from the tree of the cross like humans and oak trees exchange breath in a blessed symbiotic bond of resuscitation. May we too form such a life-giving connection with you as we take on the mission of becoming your body in the world. Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit. - Luke 23:46. Lord Jesus, you let go of life like a radiant autumn leaf finally surrendering its grip and drifting gracefully to the earth. We who desperately cling to life's branches should watch and emulate this ritual, for you know the secret that we have yet to learn. Mother earth embraces and swallows us only to prepare our seeds for regeneration. As your autumnal falling bears much fruit, so may we be reborn in your glorious Easter spring.

April Parish Meetings

St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.