



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Our Lady of Lourdes**

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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, November 26, 2017 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe



⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

Matthew 25:40~43

Mass Intentions

Nov. 25	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 26	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Nov. 27	7:30 am	Martha Tebbe by Ken & Carol Bergbower
Nov. 28	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 29	7:30 am	Millie Buescher by Mike & Jona Uptmor
Nov. 30	7:30 am	Mette Family by Jane Howard
Dec. 1	7:30 am	Harry Bohman by George & Jane Bohman
First Friday of the Month OLOL	5:00 pm	Don Davis by Adam Davis Family
Dec. 2	4:30 pm	Anthony O'Dell by George & Jane Bohman
Dec. 3	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 2, 2017 ~ Sunday, December 3, 2017

<u>Sat. Dec. 2, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Celeste White
USHERS:	Logan Baird, Lukas Baird
COMMUNION MIN:	Mike Dorn, Susan Goodwine
SERVERS:	Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins
GIFTS:	Don Biernbaum Family
<u>Sun. Dec. 3, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Janet Jenkins
USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Travis Rich, Jeff Rich
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher
SERVERS:	Matthew Jenkins
GIFTS:	Chad Arkenberg Family
<u>Sun. Dec. 3, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Lori Davis
USHERS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping
COMMUNION MIN:	Wilmer Wilson, Mary Patchett
SERVERS:	Jared Hermann
GIFTS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping
<u>Sun. Dec. 3, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Josh Quick
USHERS:	Gene & Teresa Gower
COMMUNION MIN:	Mark Ghering, Teresa Gower
SERVERS:	Breanna Briggs, Halle Gower
GIFTS:	Gene Gower Family

Collection Counters: November, 2017: John Ferris, Anne Schrey, Alan Maddox



Christmas Choir Practice

The choir will practice from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Church on Sundays during Advent to prepare for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. New choir members are welcome.

PSR Upcoming Classes

6:30 pm~ 7:30 pm Wed. Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 13, 2017

Scriptural Reflections for the Sacred Feast-Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Jesus of Nazareth...is so intrinsically king that the title king' has actually become his name. By calling ourselves Christians, we label ourselves as followers of the king.... God did not intend Israel to have a kingdom. The kingdom was a result of Israel's rebellion against God.... The law was to be Israel's king, & through the law, God himself ... God yielded to Israel's obstinacy and so devised a new kind of kingship for them. The King is Jesus; in him God entered humanity & espoused it to himself. This is the usual form of the divine activity in relation to mankind. God does not have a fixed plan that he must carry out; on the contrary, he has many different ways of finding man & even of turning his wrong ways into right ways. ... The feast of Christ the King is therefore not a feast of those who are subjugated, but a feast of those who know that they are in the hands of the one who writes straight on crooked lines."-Pope Benedict XVI



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Pastoral Council of ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES is coordinating the Christmas Dinner and they are happy to invite you to be present. The menu for our Christmas Dinner will be: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, carrots. Please bring a salad or dessert. It is the hope and prayer for all of the members of the Pastoral Council that all of the members both of our Parishes will feel warmly welcomed.

The date of the CHRISTMAS DINNER is SUN. DEC. 10, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

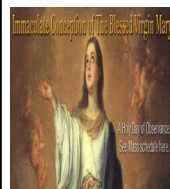
Catholic Charities Mobile Food Bank

Many sincere and heartfelt THANKS to all of those parishioners who helped in any way with the distribution of food at St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Saturday, November 18, 2017 provided by Catholic Charities for the needs of the citizens in Robinson. We are so grateful for your dedicated and faithful help. SPECIAL and SINCERE THANKS to COURTNEY FERRIS who coordinated this project on behalf of St. Elizabeth Parish. May God bless all of you with good health and peace.

SINCERE THANKS

Special & Sincere THANKS to all those parishioners who helped in any way to provide for the festive and delicious THANKSGIVING DINNER that was served on Sun. Nov. 19, 2017 at Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish. May each of you know that your efforts are deeply appreciated and we are grateful for your dedicated help and assistance. God bless you for your hospitable ways and a SINCERE THANK YOU from our hearts.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 5:00 pm at OLOL'S & on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017 at 7:30 am & 6:00 pm in ST. ELIZABETH

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Sun. Nov. 26, 2017 ~ SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
From the Pastor ~ He Comes In Glory

When the last day arrives, what will it be like? Every follower of Christ has ideas about its details. Today, Christ the King shares this scene of the last day. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will come in his favorite role, as the Good Shepherd. This shepherd king will claim his kingdom flock. What will be his measurement for judging on this final day?

Jesus will be mighty and Kingly, yes, but his tone will be a pastoral one, the tone of a good shepherd. He will claim the faithful and reward them. He will recognize them because they lived as he lived. They followed him as their way, their truth and their life. His faithful followers loved as Jesus loved. Proclaiming his message in their deeds, they saw the poor and the marginalized and cared for them. They served the least of their neighbors showing through their service that everyone belonged equally in this Kingdom just as Christ did when he walked the roads and hills of Galilee. They know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, so in troubled times their presence gives the same comfort Jesus offered. They help calm anxieties and restore peace, sharing their trust that even though the shepherd is not seen, he is nearby still caring and tending to his flock from a distance.

This story illustrates how easy it is to be claimed by the Lord on Judgment Day. Susan, a 6-year-old, sat wrapping her old toys in tissue paper. Her mother asked what she was doing, and she replied, "I'm giving them to Maria and Pilar." The Hidalgo children belong to the family adopted by Susan's parish church. Her mother responded, "But it's not Christmas." Susan said, "I know, but Father Jim said if we're nice to other children all the time, it's easier to go to heaven and see Jesus." Christ will see Susan, and, with all the chosen, Christ will hand over all to his Father just as he promised he WOULD do when he came to earth. The saved will live forever with the Father in his kingdom in a new and better way. The details of how this will be done are left unspoken, mysterious and alluring. It keeps God surprising and astonishing us until this big day arrives.

What we do know is that God has made good on all his promises throughout salvation history. God sent Jesus to bring his beloved and chosen home. Jesus did this, and now the chosen will be with their creator forever.



Daily Mass Readings

Reading 1-Mon. Nov. 27—Dn. 1:1-6, 8-20
Gospel Lk. 21:1-4

Reading 1-Tues. Nov. 28-Dn.2:31-45
Gospel Lk. 21:5-11

Reading 1-Wed. Nov. 29-Dn. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Gospel Lk. 21:12-19

Reading 1-Thurs. Nov. 30-Rom. 10:9-18
Gospel Mt. 4:18-22

Reading 1-Fri. Dec. 1-Dn. 7:2-14
Gospel Lk. 21:29-33



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Sandy Ellis, Karen Heap, Leona Kocher, Trent Matthews, Teresa Mullins, Robb Sparks, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.

Holy Day of Obligation~The Sacred Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Why do we celebrate this holy day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary? What does this special feast teach us? What are we to learn spiritually from this solemnity honoring the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God? Through this Solemnity, the Church reminds us of God's tremendous love for us in making it possible for Jesus to enter our humanity through the chosen vessel of the Blessed Virgin. Christians reasoned that the Son of God could not enter the world through something or someone touched by Original Sin.. A perfect nature cannot be born from someone touched by a sinful nature. Today, we do not so much celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary as we celebrate that God did something that made salvation possible. All of this, however, is about an act of God. What about today? When we received the Sacrament of Baptism, through the anointing with the oil of chrism & Baptism & the pouring of the Holy Water over our foreheads, we received the gift of Sanctifying Grace which brings to us the saving action of Christ thus freeing us from the effects of Original sin. Given to the Blessed Virgin Mary even prior to her conception, it allowed Mary to be born untouched by sin & left her open to constantly choose God's Will. On this Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate that receiving this grace ourselves through Baptism, we have a power within us to defeat evil & to usher in grace & blessings. This feast teaches us what Mary could do by grace. Today's celebration reminds us of our own potential to foster God's Love in our everyday lives. We can be channels of goodness & light.

Spiritual Reading On The Virtue Of Christian Hope

The goal of Christian hope is the Kingdom of God, that is, the union of world & man with God through an act of divine power & love. The immediate aim that shows us the way and confirms the rightness of the ultimate goal is the perpetual presence of this love & this power that accompanies us in what we do and takes us up at the point where the potential of our own ability to act comes to an end. The aim of Christian hope.. is a gift, the gift of love, which is given us beyond all our activity: to vouch for the fact that this thing that we cannot control or compel & that is yet the most important thing of all for human beings does exist, & that we are not clutching at thin air in waiting insatiably for it, we have the interventions of God's love in history, most powerfully in the figure of Jesus Christ in whom God's love encounters us in person.

But this means that the product of the promise of optimism is something that we must ultimately produce ourselves, trusting that the blind process of development in connection with our own activity will finally lead to the right goal. The gift of the promise of hope, on the other hand, is precisely that, a gift that is something already bestowed, something we await from him who alone can really give: the God who in the midst of history has already begun his age through Jesus. This in turn means that in the first case there is in reality nothing to hope for, because what we are awaiting we must bring about ourselves, and nothing will be given us beyond what we can achieve ourselves. But in the second case real hope does exist beyond all our potential and possibilities, hope in the unbounded love that at the same time is unbounded power.

Human beings are by their nature directed toward the future. We cannot live if this fundamental element of our being becomes void. The hope of faith, on the other hand, reveals to us the true future beyond death, & it is only in this way that the real instances of progress that do exist become a future for us, for me, for every individual.

Spiritual Reading for the Feast of Jesus Christ, Our King

Christ came to gather the scattered and to lead them back to the proper state of man or to the practice of the one religion (cf. Jn. 4:20-23 Eph. 1:10). For the people were subjected to different kings, adopted different laws, and were corrupted by different errors. We read in Judges 17: In those days there was no king in Israel (Jgs 17:6) and in Hosea 3:4: Many days the children of Israel sat down, without a king or a ruler (as well as without sacrifice or altar, as without priestly garb or house gods). And therefore Christ came, in order to be the one reigning king of the whole world himself, whose dominion would be universal, whose empire universal, and whose reign eternal. And this is shown clearly in his birth, because then he manifested himself as the king of the people when kings adored him (Mt 2:11); as the king of the angels playing on their stringed instruments as they rejoiced (Lk 2:13-14); as king of the [Jews] awaiting him because the shepherds listened (Lk 2:15-16); as king of the heavenly bodies because the stars knew him (Ps 148:3)....

Furthermore, he came-so that there would be one law moving the people of the whole world forward.... Therefore, because there was an imperfect law, another legislator had to come whose task would be to give a general law for all, as we read in the last chapter of Mark (16:15): Go into the whole world, preach the Gospel to every' creature, et cetera.

Moreover, a spiritual law is written in the hearts of the people, as it says in Jeremiah 31: I will put my law within them and I will write it in their hearts (Jer 31:33). Even more, the law of love (amor) which speaks of heavenly things: Do penance; the Kingdom of heaven has drawn near, as Matthew 3:2 reads, and Isaiah 33:22: The Lord, our king, the Lord, our lawgiver. And the Psalmist says: Establish, O Lord, a legislator over them, so that they may know that they are mere human beings (Ps 9:21).

Advent

The sacred & holy season of ADVENT is a season of preparation in a spirit of JOYFUL HOPE which begins on SUN.

DEC. 3 2017. We joyfully anticipate the BIRTH of CHRIST JESUS by not only preparing our souls & hearts to be a more worthy place for God's Presence, but we also decorate our Churches. During this special & holy season of grace, you notice that the color of purple is used to help us in the spirit of renewal, repentance & conversion. We will once again decorate our sanctuary with the Advent Wreath which reaffirms our belief that Jesus is the Light of the World. Wreaths normally consist of a circle of evergreens. The circular shape symbolizes the everlasting nature of God & His Love. Fir evergreens represent the continuing & everlasting life that comes from God through Jesus Christ. The four large candles (three purple & one pink) mark the four weeks of Advent & help us to turn away from sin & toward God. The pink candle reminds us that we can rejoice because we are drawing near to the feast of Christmas. May we use these special days of the Advent to help us prepare for the BIRTH OF LOVE in our lives & our hearts & souls on Christmas Day. —PRAYER FOR ADVENT— God of Love, we rejoice in the promise of Your coming. You have sent Your Son, born in Bethlehem. He is the Prince of Peace, & The One in whose name all oppression shall cease. May we welcome His Presence each day and prepare for his coming at the end of time. May we build a culture that welcome Him by welcoming child, born & unborn. We pray through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen. "For they see directly, before their eyes, the Lord's return to Zion." Isaiah 52:8. Lord, help us to wait with patience & anticipation, not caught up in the rush of the season, but resting in your ever-present love.

St. Elizabeth & OLOL Parishes December Schedule

Our Lady Of Lourdes

Advent Confessions

Thurs. Dec. 7, 2017 at 4:00–5:00 pm -

Thurs. Dec. 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm—Sacred Eucharist-Holy Day-Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sun. Dec. 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm-Christmas Eve-Sacred Eucharist-Feast of the Nativity Of Our Lord & Savior

St. Elizabeth

Fri. Dec. 8, 2017 at 7:30 am & 6:00 pm-Sacred Eucharist -Holy Day-Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Advent Confessions~Sun. Dec. 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm-Sun. Dec. 10, 2017-4:00 pm-Christmas Dinner at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Sun. Dec. 24, 2017—Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm-Sacred Eucharist- Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior
Mon. Dec. 25, 2017—Christmas Day at 9:00 am St. Elizabeth Parish-Sacred Eucharist-Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior-Saturday,

Sat. Dec. 30, 2017 & Sun. Dec. 31, 2017—Regular Schedule of Weekend Masses for St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Advent Confessions

The holy & sacred season of ADVENT is a time of spiritual reflections & preparation as we ready our hearts through sacrifice, prayer, generosity, & contrition. This sacred season before the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, is a perfect opportunity to consider those choices & decisions that we have made in which we have turned away from God seeking our own desires & wills. Through the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION, we are able to renew our relationship of love with God, our Father. ADVENT CONFESSIONS will be heard on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4:00 pm in Our Lady Of Lourdes Church & on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Church. May we receive God's faithful & merciful forgiveness within our hearts for the rebirth of the miracle of His Love on the morning of Christmas. God bless

Advent Nursing Home Project

It is not too late to participate in the Advent Nursing Home Project. All unwrapped gifts along with tags must be returned by Wed. Dec.13, 2017.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, November 19, 2017

Envelopes \$ 1,907.00 Loose \$ 243.50

3 @ Online @ \$180.00 Building Fund \$5.00

Christmas Flowers \$20.00

Hope & Justice \$130.00 Deposit \$2,485.50

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, November 19, 2017

Envelopes \$665.00 Loose \$68.00 Christmas Flowers \$25.00

Landscaping \$20.00 Votive Candles \$26.50

Deposit \$804.50