



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Our Lady of Lourdes

Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

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.

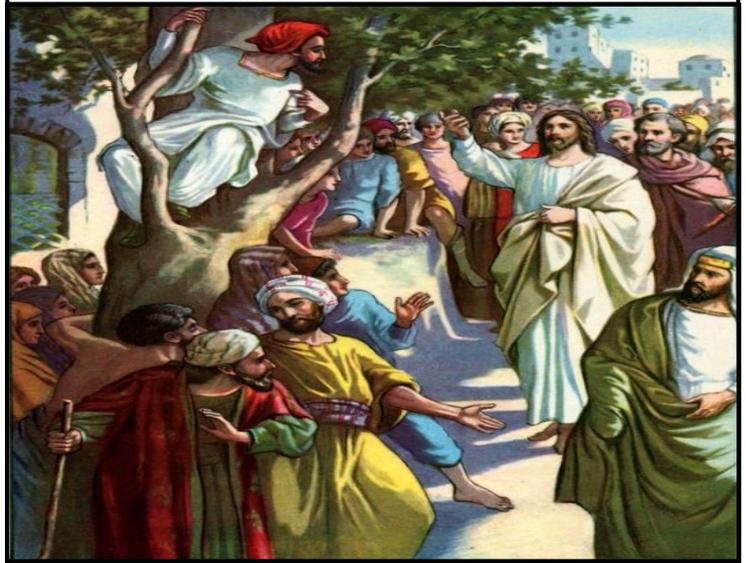
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 3, 2019 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Zaccheus Converted

19 He entered Jericho & was passing through. ² And there was a man called by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector & he was rich. ³ Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, & was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead & climbed up into a ^lsycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up & said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry & come down, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶ And he hurried & came down & received Him ^lgladly. ⁷ When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, "He has gone ^lto be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stopped & said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I ^lwill give to the poor, & if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I ^lwill give back four times as much." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man has come to seek & to save that which was lost."



Mass Intentions

Nov. 2	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 3	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
OLOL Memorial Mass	9:00 am	Memorial Mass-OLOL Val Pescatore Donnal Fitzmaurice
St. Elizabeth Memorial Mass	10:30 am	Memorial Mass-St. Elizabeth Francis Medina
Nov. 4	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 5	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 6	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Nov. 7	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 8	7:30 am	Gene & Betty Uptmor by Mike & Jona Uptmor
Nov. 9	4:30 pm	Leland Woods by Mark & Cindy Grimm
Nov. 10	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Val Pescatore by Richard & Anita Kocher
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 9 ~ Sunday, November 10, 2019

<u>Sat. November 9, 2019</u>	4:30 pm	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Patti Buercklin	
USHERS:	Mark & Cindy Grimm	
COMMUNION MIN:	Phil & Kayla Blank	
SERVERS:	Jude, Isla & Liam Wirey	
GIFTS:	Randy Mullins Family	
<u>Sun. November 10, 2019</u>	7:30 am	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Shari Eckert	
USHERS:	Dave Holscher, Tom Huss	
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner	
SERVERS:	Nathaniel Arkenberg	
GIFTS:	Eric Mosbey Family	
<u>Sun. November 10, 2019</u>	9:00 am	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Kourtney Coffman	
USHERS:	Chris & Donna Keller	
COMMUNION MIN:	Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson	
SERVERS:	Jared Hermann	
GIFTS:	Chris & Donna Keller	
<u>Sun. November 10, 2019</u>	10:30 am	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Courtney Ferris	
USHERS:	Callie Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell	
COMMUNION MIN:	Valerie Chapman, Eileen Hartrich	
SERVERS:	Anthony Tran	
GIFTS:	Bob Birkofer Family	

November Collection Counters: Don Brown, John Ferris, Alan Maddox



Parish School of Religion

NOVEMBER PSR DATES: WED. NOV. 6,13,20—2019 from 6:30 -7:30 pm. **No PSR on NOV 27th.** DECEMBER PSR DATES: WED. DEC. 4, 11, 18, 2019 6:30-7:30 pm.



Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: NOVEMBER DATES: NOVEMBER 3, 17, & 24, 2019. DECEMBER DATES: DECEMBER 8 & 15, 2019.

Spiritual Reading for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

What suddenly struck Zacchaeus? What made him run joyfully home? Was he making plans for his vast wealth? Did he want to generously return his ill-gotten gains, to give half of his goods to the poor? What shook him and changed him? Quite simply, he had been penetrated and captured by a gaze that recognized and loved him for what he was. The ability to take hold of the heart of a man is the greatest, most persuasive miracle of all. It is hard to find a person who is powerful, and yet truly good. In Jesus, by contrast, his witnesses were able to see that gaze, which was not only powerful and prodigious, intelligent, and captivating, but also good. It seems almost impossible for such great power to be contained within the bounds of profound goodness, difficult to find such sharp intelligence with such a positive simplicity, like a child's instinctive show of affection and openness. How beautiful it is to read the Gospel and discover hints, the subtle details that reveal Jesus' capacity for tenderness, his heartfelt solidarity with all human things.

The Story of Zacchaeus



Tax collectors were, in Jesus' time and place, particularly loathsome characters. Not only did they collaborate with the hated oppressors, but they also became rich at the expense of their own people. Zacchaeus is described in Luke's Gospel as an architelones (chief tax collector), which means that he must have been hated with close to a perfect hate.

This despised man hears that the famous rabbi, Jesus, is passing through the town; and so he climbs a tree to get a better look. Here is the first lesson from this story: never give up! Zacchaeus must have known why people hated him; and he probably despised himself for the same reasons. He knew he was a cheat and a traitor, utterly unworthy of the mercy of God. But he climbed that tree anyway. That simple outreach, that modicum of spiritual curiosity or hunger, is all the Lord needs. And this brings us to the second lesson. Jesus catches sight of Zacchaeus, and without the slightest hesitation, says, Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house. This is the invasion of grace. Without asking permission or demanding that Zacchaeus demonstrate impressive qualifications, Jesus moves in. Think of the house here as a representation of the man's soul. No matter how much you have sinned, no matter how far you have wandered from the Lord, no matter how unworthy you feel, open your heart even a tiny sliver—and grace will pour in. But then watch what happens: Zacchaeus said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." This is the third and final lesson: grace is free, but it is not cheap. Once you let Christ into your house, he will renovate it!

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Robin Rosenberg, a district court judge, recounts a touching story in the oped section of The New York Times (July 19, 2019). Robert Clarence Potts III was sentenced to life in prison in 1999, when he was 28 years old. James C. Paine, the federal judge who sentenced him, was obligated under law at the time to impose the harsh sentence because of the nature of Mr. Potts' drug and weapons charges. But when the First Step Act became law in December 2018, Potts became eligible to seek a sentence reduction after more than 20 years in prison. By a twist of fate — or grace — Rosenberg was randomly assigned to Potts' case. She had been Judge Paine's law clerk back in 1989 and was now a federal judge herself in the same courthouse where Potts had been sentenced to life in prison. She noted: "I wanted to understand who Mr. Potts was back then. But, maybe more importantly, I wanted to understand who he is today." At his sentence reduction hearing, Judge Rosenberg found Potts to be "remorseful, dignified and hopeful." He was proud of having pursued an education during his 20 years of time served, and he was especially proud of conquering his addiction and remaining sober. He indicated that he had kept himself away from trouble, avoiding prison gangs and the like. "I made some bad decisions in my life," he told her, "but I am not a bad person." After a lengthy hearing, Judge Rosenberg ordered Potts' release. She concludes: "I believe Mr. Potts's story is one of redemption through self-improvement. His story illuminates the human impact of such reforms and a person's capacity for hope and redemption." The story of Robert Potts and Judge Rosenberg provides an interesting parallel for the Zacchaeus story. Jesus, even more than Judge Rosenberg, not only wants to understand a sinner's past, but, more importantly, who she or he is today. Jesus is not blind to Zacchaeus' profession and his resulting reputation, but he is more interested in the man's willingness to climb a tree just to catch a glimpse of Jesus and in the sincerity of Zacchaeus' pledge of restitution. So, the good news for the rest of us sinners is that it is never too late to repent! Divine mercy truly can bring a b o u t h o p e & r e d e m p t i o n !

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 or clarify the relationship of Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition, & the Catholic Church so we are able to more fully embrace & live our faith. In past articles in our Sunday Bulletin, pertaining to the Nicene creed, we have explored our Catholic beliefs by examining our PROFESSION OF FAITH contained in the NICENE CREED as well as how we celebrate those beliefs by looking closely at the SEVEN SACRAMENTS. Today & in the coming bulletins, we will examine SACRED SCRIPTURE & the LAW to provide guides for a daily life in Christ Jesus once again through the lens of the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Made in the image of God, we are given dominion over the earth, called to order the use of natural goods to our supernatural end. In the Bible we read that after the Father guided his Chosen People to the Promised Land and offered them the Ten Commandments to clarify the justice due God and neighbor, Jesus laid out the Beatitudes for believers, a series of paradoxes that provide a compass through life's obstacles to the eternal promise of heaven (Matthew 5:3-12, Luke 6:20-26, CCC 1716-1729). Jesus, the visible image of the invisible God, consistently calls us to find our fulfillment in God alone (Colossians 1:15, CCC 1723). "It is in Christ, [our] Redeemer and Savior, that the divine image, disfigured in man by the first sin, has been restored to its original beauty and ennobled by the grace of God" (CCC 1701). Vital to answering this call to holiness is a correct understanding of human freedom. Rather than the opportunity to think, say, and do whatever we want, God gives us the freedom to choose and do the good, granting us responsibility for our actions (CCC 1730-1734). The interior voice that reminds us of our responsibility is our conscience, which John Henry Cardinal Newman called the "law of the mind." Conscience forming is an essential, lifelong task. Living in a dark world, we need a constant source of light: God's Word, the "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path" (CCC 1170—1185, Psalm 119:105, ccc 1785). A foundational biblical theme is that each person, created for good, has an inherent sense of right and wrong. Saint Paul said this natural law is written on all of our hearts (Romans 2:15). While expressions of God's Law vary across time and culture, the search for justice is universal and can never be fully eradicated from human hearts. On the contrary, it's the foundation and preparation for God's revealed Law (CCC 1954-1960). As St. Augustine stated beautifully, "God wrote on tables of the Law what men did not read in their hearts" (CCC 1962).

Scriptural Reflections for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus intended to pass through Jericho, but stopped instead for someone who "was seeking to see who Jesus was." Wisdom says that God rebukes offenders little by little, and reminds them of their sins so that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in him. Thus, Jesus stops, looks up, and speaks. And as Zacchaeus peers into the face of Jesus, he recognizes his "Lord and lover of souls." In his soul he prays, "You have mercy on all, and you overlook people's sins that they may repent." Christ's mercy is shown in that he enters Zacchaeus' own house. May God "powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith," especially when we stray. Even in those moments, may we always seek the Son who "has come to seek and to save what was lost."

NOVEMBER November Meetings

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Phil Burger (Ellen Rees) Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris, Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, Kathy Wright (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.

 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ~ St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council will meet on TUES. NOV. 5th 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. ST. ELIZABETH FINANCE COUNCIL  MEETING ~ will meet 6:00 pm TUES. NOV. 12th St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

I Am Sending You Like Lambs Among Wolves

Jesus' instructions open with a description of the situation; abundant harvests and few workers stand side by side in significant contrast. Hence the categorical recommendation: so ask the master of the harvest. "Prayer is the soul of mission," Pope Francis wrote. God, who is the master of the harvest, takes the initiative; he calls and sends. It is an invitation to join the prayer of Jesus and his exodus to the Father, which is expressed in his delivering himself into the hands of people: I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Missionaries can never rely on force, power, or violence. They are rich only in the faith and prayer that keeps them rooted in the personal relationship of love with Jesus, the master who sends them. Poverty of beginnings becomes the foundation and sign of their freedom and of full dedication to the one task that frees them from any impediment or delay. All this is precisely defined in a series of norms: free from any obstacle, those who are sent aim directly at the goal, without stopping. Those who are sent, like the Lord, establish with those who receive them relationships in which living the peace of the kingdom has begun. Their behavior leads them to depend on those who welcome them, to whom they entrust themselves and their very lives.... "House" and "city" symbolize private life and public life. Those who are sent depend on the hospitality of those who accept the message, but nothing can stop or hinder them from carrying out their mission; they are missionaries who bring the last and urgent appeal of the possibility of salvation, which must reach the ears of all, the hearts of all, whatever the cost.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, October 27, 2019

Envelopes \$1,907.00 Loose \$327.51

3 online thru Give Central @ \$175.00 All Saints Day \$25.00

World Missions \$30.00 All Soul's Day \$20.00

Votive Candles \$80.00 Deposit: \$2,564.51

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, October 13, 2019

Envelopes \$705.00 Loose \$82.50 World Missions \$77.00

Deposit: \$864.50

Anointing of the Sick Mass

As Catholic Christians, one of the most beautiful SACRAMENTS OF HEALING that we have is the Sacrament of the ANOINTING OF THE SICK. In this particular gesture of compassion & prayer is revealed God's Presence & Love. In the Anointing's & prayers of Sacrament, the person who is ill or suffering is given strength, perseverance, & courage to allow God's Will to come to fruition in their spiritual journey. Not only is the sick person given to God's grace & blessing, but in the Sacrament the person knows the entire Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, is praying for their healing & recovery. Through this Sacrament, we unite our suffering together to ask for God's Grace & Presence. As a sincere sign & expression of our love & concern for those who are either sick, infirmed, or suffering, you are invited to receive this SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th at 10:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Church.

Our Lady of Lourdes News

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be collecting non-perishable food items on behalf of the Oblong Food Pantry from October 20th through November 17, 2019. Your donations are highly appreciated.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL supports our parishes & diocese in carrying out the GOSPEL MISSION of the Catholic Church in forming disciples of JESUS CHRIST. The theme of the 2019 appeal is "TOGETHER IN MISSION". Each of us by our common Baptism into Christ Jesus is called to be active participants in working to form ourselves into DISCIPLES who are willing with the grace of God to labor TOGETHER IN MISSION". As we strive to be able to serve with one another in the spirit of MISSION, may we continue to receive the gift of God's Grace by generously supporting this year's appeal. As always, your deep & sincere generosity is greatly appreciated as we strive together to fulfill the goal for: ST. ELIZABETH PARISH \$33,773.00 & OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH - \$7,153.00. May God bless you abundantly with good health & peace for your kind & generous response.

The Mission of the Catholic Church

The Gospel of Jesus, Divine Wisdom, is spirit and life. It makes the dead rise again, restores dignity to the excluded, gives joy to the afflicted, renews every creature, transforms, sanctifies, and offers eternal life. When the Word illuminates, however, at the same time it judges, because it strips the soul of its masks, revealing the truth that is exposed in the conscience. The parable of Jesus in the Gospels set in a certain town, a city without a name since what is told seems to take place everywhere. The widow is determined not to remain invisible or unheard, even before a dishonest judge, until the case is definitively resolved in her favor. Jesus uses the parable to teach about the necessity of urgent and continual prayer. If prayer is the heart of the Church's mission, it is because within this personal and ecclesial relationship with God, persons and communities are renewed through the salvation offered to us by Jesus. His question about faith when he will return seems to indicate a preoccupation by Jesus about the efficacy of the mission that will be carried out and the authenticity of the witness of the missionary disciples. These disciples are sent into the world as the Church of Christ, the community of the redeemed, to be the seed and beginning of the kingdom. The efficacy of continuous prayer, of constant supplication, of the insistent search for love, for truth and justice, forges the disciple's capacity for mission. Only those who insistently pray put Christ at the center of their lives and of the mission entrusted to them, growing in faith.



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Oct. 28, 2019 First Reading—Eph. 2:19-22
Gospel Lk. 6:12-16

Tues. Oct. 29, 2019 First Reading—Rom. 8:18-25
Gospel Lk. 13:18-21

Wed. Oct. 30, 2019 First Reading—Rom. 8:26-30
Gospel Lk. 13:22-30

Thurs. Oct. 31, 2019 First Reading—Rom 8:31B-39
Gospel Lk. 13:31-35

Fri. Nov. 1, 2019 First Reading—Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14
Second Reading—1 Jn. 3:1-3
Gospel Mt. 5:1-12A

Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.