



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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## Reverend Father James A. Flach, Pastor

### PASTORAL STAFF

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Custodial Care: Lori Davis, 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 25, 2018 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Story found in: John 18:33b-37



**“Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about Me?”**

**John 18:33**

Nov. 24	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 25	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Tom Huss
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 26	7:30 am	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Nov. 27	12:00 pm	William Linman by Ken Deters
Nov. 28	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 29	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 30	7:30 am	James & Rita Hughes from the Family
Dec. 1	4:30 pm	Daniel McElroy
Dec. 2	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	In Memory of Alex Marley by Sharon Skaggs
	10:30 am	Anthony O'Dell ~ 16th Birthday



## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, December 1 ~ Sunday, December 2, 2018

<b>Sat. Dec. 1, 2018 4:30 pm</b>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Geri Ezell
USHERS:	Ken & Carol Bergbower
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins
GIFTS:	Ken Bergbower Family
<b>Sun. Dec. 2, 2018 7:30 am</b>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Dave Holscher
USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Travis Rich
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Mallory Mosbey
GIFTS:	Travis Rich Family
<b>Sun. Dec. 2, 2018 9:00 am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Bob Coffman
USHERS:	Rich & Anita Kocher
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Cameron Davis
GIFTS:	Rich & Anita Kocher
<b>Sun. Dec. 2, 2018 10:30 am</b>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Josh Quick
USHERS:	Ken Deters, Chris Weber
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	David Staller, Cody York
GIFTS:	Joel York Family
November Collection Counters:	
John Ferris, Alan Maddox, Ann Schrey	

PSR: Wednesday, December 5, 12,19, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



## December Schedule for St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

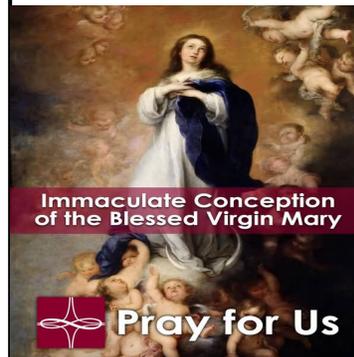
### Our Lady of Lourdes

Fri. Dec. 7, 2018 Advent Confessions ~ 3:00 ~ 4:00 pm  
Holy Day Mass ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Sacred Eucharist ~ 4:00 pm  
 Mon. Dec. 24, 2018 ~ Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 6:00 pm  
 Mon. Dec. 31, 2018 ~ Holy Day Mass ~ Feast of Mary, the Mother of God ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 4:00 pm.

### St. Elizabeth

Fri. Dec. 7, 2018 ~ Holy Day Mass ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 6:00 pm  
 Sat. Dec. 8, 2018 ~ Holy Day Mass ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 9:00 am  
 Sun. Dec. 9, 2018 ~ Advent Confessions ~ 2:00 pm  
 Sun. Dec. 9, 2018 ~ Christmas Dinner ~ 4:00 pm  
 Mon. Dec. 24, 2018 ~ Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 4:00 pm  
 Mon. Dec. 25, 2018 ~ Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 9:00 am  
 Mon. Dec. 31, 2018 ~ Holy Day ~ Feast of Mary, the MOTHER OF GOD ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 6:00 pm  
 Tues. Jan. 1, 2019 ~ Holy Day ~ Feast of Mary, the MOTHER OF GOD ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ 9:00 am

## Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Fri. Dec. 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm OLOL & at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Church as well as on Sat. Dec. 8, 2018 at 9:00 am in St. Elizabeth Church.



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Oblong, OLOL) Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Reading & sharing about men's spirituality over many years, I have found the masculine archetypes of the king, the warrior, the lover & the magician very helpful in understanding maleness in all its complexity. The theory is that these archetypes, derived from the psychology of Carl Jung, exist in every man & describe primal & universal aspects of the male psyche. So, what does the ideal king look like in a mature, well-integrated man? The king is the central archetype, meant to both ground & govern all the others; it could be called the core masculine identity. It is the source of order in the individual & in society, generating both vision & boundaries. The king also is associated with creativity & blessing. He is magnanimous toward others, empowering & mentoring them; he is selfless in service of the common good. I have been blessed to encounter a few "kings" in my life, but they are in short supply. Tyrants abound, as do weaklings & abdicators, but they are mere destructive shadows of true kingship. Yet the good news, as today's feast bears witness, is that we Christians have already met the greatest & best king of all. Christ's kingship has nothing to do with fur-trimmed velvet & jeweled crowns & elaborate ceremonials. He is "robed with majesty" & "girded with might" (Ps 93:1); his "decrees are worthy of trust" and his household is holy (Ps 93:5). Even In today's Gospel from John, where we see the human Jesus exhausted, wrongfully arrested, roughly handled & mocked, abandoned by his friends & accused of blasphemy by his own people, his kingship clearly shines through. Ironically it is Pilate who seems defensive & even fearful in his exchange with Jesus. In the verse that follows immediately after today's Gospel, Pilate will cynically ask, "What is truth?" He fails to understand that Truth is standing in front of him, conversing with him. Sad that Pilate needs to ask whether Jesus is the king of the Jews. He is, in fact, the king of all human hearts everywhere and for all of time!

### Scriptural Reflections 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, and, 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 and 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 and 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."

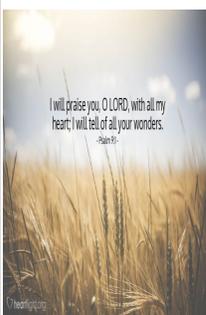
### Pastoral Council Meeting

Parish Council

St. Elizabeth & OLOL's Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

### Spiritual Reading for the Feast of Jesus Christ, Our King

Christ came to gather the scattered & 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, & were corrupted by different errors. We read in Judges 17: In those days there was no king in Israel (Jgs 17:6) & in Hosea 3:4: Many days the children of Israel sat down, without a king or a ruler ( a s w e l l a s without sacrifice or altar, as without priestly garb or house gods) &, 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 & 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, etc. 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 & 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 & the Psalmist says: Establish, O Lord, a legislator over them, so that they may know that they are mere human beings (Ps 9:21).

### The Season of Advent



As we embark on our ADVENT JOURNEY of prayer, you are able to receive a prayer book of ADVENT entitled DAILY REFLECTIONS for ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ~ Waiting in Joyful Hope. The season of Advent invites us to search out those dry places in our spiritual lives with need to be enriched & made pleasing to God before the coming of Jesus Christ as we celebrate His Birth on the Sacred Feast of Christmas. The season of Advent challenges us to slow down to embrace a time of silence & darkness, waiting & watching, surrender & trust. The flickering candles of the Advent Wreath burn through the enveloping darkness of the month of December to remind us that the darkness will never overcome us. LIGHT is on Christmas & for all time, but we must be patient. This is the season of waiting in prayer & in the incarnation, the birth of CHRIST silence. Jesus, we bow in humility. Jesus Christ is born so that we know God's redemptive LOVE. May this resource help you to prepare spiritually as we pray: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL. This ADVENT PRAYER BOOK will be distributed the weekend of NOV. 24-25, 2018.

### First Friday of the Month Mass

The First Friday Mass for OLOL is Fri. Dec. 7 at 4:00 pm as it is the Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## Christmas Eve Choir Practice



More singers are always encouraged to join the choir. Rehearsals for Christmas Eve Choir will be at 9:00 am on Sundays starting Dec. 2. Anyone wishing to sing Christmas Eve is welcome.

## 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 & decision 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 with God, our Father. **ADVENT CONFESSIONS will be heard on Fri. Dec. 7, 2018 at 3:00 pm in OLOL's Church & on Sun. Dec. 9, 2018 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 you.

## 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. Dinner on Sun. Dec. 9, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

## Spiritual Reading for the Sacred Feast Of Christ the King

Our King behaves like a true knight who perseveres in battle until the enemies are defeated. Once he had eaten this food, with his scourged flesh he conquered our enemy the flesh. With true humility, he, God, stooped down to our humanity in suffering & shame, conquered pride & worldly pleasure & prestige & with his wisdom he conquered the malice of the devil. So with unarmed hand, nailed fast to the cross, he defeated the prince of the world, with the wood of the holy cross as his mount. This knight of ours came armed with the breastplate of Mary's flesh, flesh that bore the blows to make up for our wickedness. The helmet on his head is the painful crown of thorns, driven right into his brain. The sword at his side is the wound in his side, revealing to us the secret of his heart, it is a sword with a point of light that ought to pierce our inmost heart with the force of love. The staff in his hand is there in mockery & the gloves on his hands & the spurs on his feet are the scarlet wounds in the hands & feet of this gentle loving Word. What armed him? Love. What held him nailed firm and fast to the cross? Neither the nails nor the cross, which were not capable of holding the God-Man, but the bond of love for the Father's honor & our salvation. Love for us was the stone that held him upright. Who is so vile-hearted as not to be roused from weak-heartedness to become courageous against any enemy at the sight of this knight & captain at the same time done to death & victorious? No one! This is why I told you to take Christ crucified as your focus. Dye your cloak in the blood of Christ crucified, & with this you will defeat the first enemies. ... For Christ has already defeated them for us & has made us free by rescuing us from perverse servitude to the devil & if the devil should ever try to attack us, let's have recourse at once to the weapons & armor of God's son.



## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

As you are aware, the theme of the 2018~2019 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is "IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS." Gratitude is an attitude & response that is integral to the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. God blesses us in so many ways & one way for us to express our gratitude to God is our participation supporting our parishes goal for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. With the gift of God's grace, may we continue to become intentional disciples through our gift to the ACSA. As of November 2, 2018, **THE GOAL FOR ST. ELIZABETH IS: \$38,376.00** with the total pledged of \$13,650.00 & the total paid is \$11,975.00. As of November 2, 2018, the goal for **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH IS: \$8,112.00** with the total pledged of \$3,484.00 & the total paid is \$2,542.00. Your deep & sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill our parish goals. Thank you & God bless you.



## Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Nov. 26, 2018 Rv. 14:1~3, 4B~5 Gospel Lk. 21:1~4  
Tues. Nov. 27, 2018 Rv. 14:14~19 Gospel Lk. 21:5~11  
Wed. Nov. 28, 2018 Rv. 15:1~4 Gospel Lk. 21:12~19  
Thurs. Nov. 29, 2018 Rv. 18:1~2, 21~23; 19:1~3, 9A  
Gospel Lk. 21:20~28  
Fri. Nov. 30, 2018 Rom. 10:9~18 Gospel Mt. 4:18~22



## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, November 18, 2018

Envelopes \$1,869.00 Loose \$398.00

Building Fund \$30.00 Christmas Flowers \$60.00

Campaign for Justice & Hope \$260.00

Spiritual Kiosk \$14.00

4 online @\$285.00 Deposit: \$ 2,916.00

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending November 11, 2018

Envelopes \$720.00 Loose \$88.00

Building Fund \$50.00 Catholic Relief Services \$4.00

Deposit: \$862.00



## Advent Nursing Home Project

Please remember to return all unwrapped gift and tags before Wednesday, December 12th. Any questions or concerns, please contact Geri Ezell (544-7910) or (554-1999). Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter for those in need.



## Christmas Flowers

Please submit your Christmas Flowers Offering before Thursday, Dec.13, 2018 if you wish to place your family loved one's name that has passed in the Christmas Flowers Bulletin.