



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.

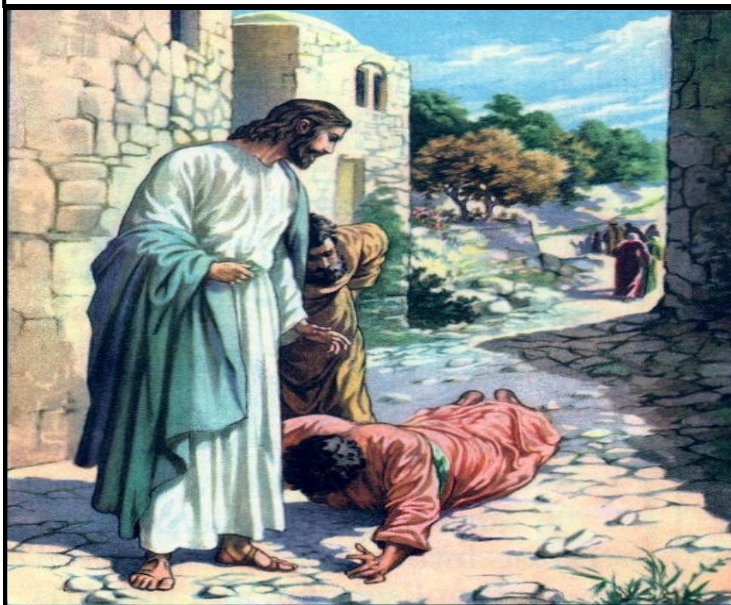
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, October 13, 2019
Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



The Cleansing of Ten Lepers ~ Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing ^[a]between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; ¹³ and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When He saw them, He said to them, "Go & show yourselves to the priests." & as they were going, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶ & he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him & he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? ¹⁸ ^[b]Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ & He said to him, "Stand up & go; your faith ^[c]has made you well."



Mass Intentions

Oct. 12	4:30 pm	Greg Bohman Birthday Deceased by George & Jane Bohman
Oct. 13	7:30 am 9:00 am	Arlene Schutte by Clarence Schutte Repose of the soul of Mark Stone by Mardi Gras
Oct. 14	10:30 am 7:30 am	Special Intentions Scott & Valerie Chapman by Celeste White
Oct. 15	12:00 pm	Allen Osborne Birthday by Ginger Osborne, Chad Osborne, & Jennifer Marshall
Oct. 16	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 17	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 18	7:30 am	Jim Maloy 45th Birthday by George & Jane Bohman
Oct. 19	4:30 pm	Ethel Hardiek by Eileen Hartrich
Oct. 20	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach The repose of the soul of Lillie Rose Myers



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 19 ~ Sunday, October 20, 2019

Sat. October 19, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Phil & Kayla Blank

SERVERS: Liam Wirey, Isla Wirey, Jude Wirey

GIFTS: Don Biernbaum Family

Sun. October 20, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Brad Schutte, Randy Schutte

COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Garrett Rich Family

Sun. October 20, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Taylor Blank

USHERS: Rich & Anita Kocher

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: Emma Davis

GIFTS: Rich & Anita Kocher

Sun. October 20, 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: Maddy Myers, Isabel Heidorn

COMMUNION MIN: Valerie Chapman, Eileen Hartrich

SERVERS: Ian Schmidt, Owen Schmidt

GIFTS: Chris Weber Family

October Collection Counters: Don Brown, Kaye Holscher,
Rhonda Stone



Parish School of Religion

**OCTOBER PSR DATES: WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 23 & 30, 2019.**



Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: OCTOBER DATES: Oct. 20, 2019 from 5:30—7:00 pm. NOVEMBER DATES: NOVEMBER 3, 17, & 24, 2019 from 5:30—7:30 pm.



Spiritual Reading for the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A conversion is never planned or conceived as a personal project. It is not a prepared item on a life's journey. It may have a time of gestation, but that is difficult to measure. Most souls have no realization until they are near the event itself that they are moving in the direction of a conversion. It is not something ordinarily sought but, rather, seems to seek out a soul. The favor and predilection of God are always behind it. It is as though his eyes linger on certain souls, watching them for a time, before targeting them as a prey of his love. In truth, therefore, conversions are never entirely sudden, coming out of nowhere, even when they seem to ignite an explosively new force within a life. The hidden chiseling of the hand of God has usually been at work for an unknown time; concealed touches have been laid upon the heart; the trailing of the soul has taken place into its shadowed hours, sometimes for long periods of time, even for years. All these preliminary anticipations only point to the essential truth of a serious conversion. God meets a soul at a crossroad of life and in some unexpected way makes his real presence known. A personal encounter with the real mystery of a personal God is at the heart of every great conversion.



St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Masses

Each year, we remember in a special way those loved ones who have entered into eternal life from St. Elizabeth Church and Our Lady of Lourdes Church. As a symbol of our prayer, support, and love. THE MEMORIAL MASS for ST. ELIZABETH will be celebrated on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 at the 10:30 A.M. Sacred Eucharist. The one to be fondly and lovingly remembered is: FRANCIS MEDINA.

The MEMORIAL MASS for OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH will be celebrated on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 at the 9:00 A.M. Sacred Eucharist. The one to be fondly and lovingly remembered is: VALENTINE PESCATORE. As always, we extend to those in grief and sorrow over the death of a loved one our sincere love, prayers, and consolation that God will comfort you with His everlasting and enriching grace and peace. ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, and LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM FOREVER.

Coffee & Doughnuts



Coffee & Doughnuts will be served in St. Elizabeth Parish Center on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 at 11:30 am. All are welcome.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Sunday, October 13, 2019 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ From The Pastor ~

If someone wants to get a different view, it is recommended that they change their seat and look again. Let's do just that for today's readings of the two leprosy healings: Elisha in the reading from Kings and the 10 lepers in Luke's Gospel. In both readings people were miraculously cured. But is there more to see and taste than these cures? Jesus is staring at an illness that isolates, forcing the afflicted to keep friends and strangers at a distance. Leprosy soils both the body and the spirit. Jesus realized this through his compassionate heart. He may have seen what lepers desire within, as Elisha did with Naaman. Besides being made physically clean, lepers yearn to reenter the world not as outcasts, but able to feel the touch of another, where loving another is a sacred and uplifting happening. Jesus sees how lepers know daily suffering and pain from their sores, but he also understands their pain and hunger for a normal family and a loving home. Jesus sees how the disease imprisons human beings. He understands how leprosy restrains them with unfulfilled dreams and dashed hopes. This disease chains them to suffer inside, as their physical scars block the forces that can allow the free flow of love to their heart. Jesus had pity for them, a pity that understands the sting of being an outcast and all that it means. He knew how much better lepers, or any outcasts, are when they are connected to others. Jesus realized that when they shared their everyday stories with others around them how joy would lift their pain as they walked their life's path. Jesus saw the times they kept silent because they were afraid what others might say. Jesus saw all the leprosy spots that they and so many others carry — and he still sees them today. Jesus wants to remove all these leprosy moments that enshroud his creation, and he wants to set them free. The lonely Samaritan realized the depth his miracle reached, touching his yearnings and not just his disease. His belief in Jesus' compassion caused him to rush back, filled with gratitude. Having come back from his darkness, the Samaritan sees a great light. Jesus loves all and now waits to share his light and make all just as clean.



Scriptural Reflections for the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Christ makes his way to the cross, he accedes to the pleas of ten lepers for pity. The consummation of the Samaritan leper's healing happens when he falls at the feet of Jesus in thanksgiving. The formerly skeptical Naaman returns to Elisha filled with gratitude and praise for God once his leprosy is healed **b y p l u n g i n g** into the Jordan. He resolves to live the rest of his life worshipping no other god but the Lord. Saint Paul warns: "If we deny him, he will deny us." For us, fervent thanksgiving prevents us from ever denying God; it keeps us **s t r o n g i n t h e f a i t h t h a t s a v e s u s .**

Bake Sale



The Oblong Community Christian Food Pantry will have its Bake Sale at the Fall Follies on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 8:00 am to ? Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. We will be located at Tracy Insurance in Oblong. Our Lady of Lourdes will be there from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Thank you.

Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.

Our Lady of Lourdes News

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY ~ To honor the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY during the month of the Most Holy Rosary, the Rosary will be prayed **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, OCTOBER 20, & OCTOBER 28, 2019 AT 8:30 am** in OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH.

Our Lady of Lourdes Soup Supper

Thank you **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.** Many sincere & heartfelt THANKS to all those parishioners who helped in any way to make the SOUP SUPPER on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 THE SUCCESS IT WAS. It was a perfect fall day for delicious soups, tasty sides, & delightful desserts. Once again, your skills in the kitchen made for an enjoyable & refreshing SOUP SUPPER. The musical entertainment sounded great & we appreciated all that you did. May God continue to bless you with good health & peace.

Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, there will be a DAY OF PRAYER at ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH with EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. All are welcome from both of our parishes to spend any amount of time in prayer before the BLESSED SACRAMENT on that day. Thank you & God bless you.

A Spiritual Perspective of Our Catholic Faith

Faith, at its base, is profound trust in God and in the ways God works. Perhaps every missionary with some experience has seen the fruits produced by the action of God in circumstances that seemed completely hostile to any result. Today's Gospel challenges us to believe in God beyond the limits of human logic and the sense of the possible. The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith" (Lk 17:5-6). Here Saint Luke calls the twelve who Jesus chose at the beginning of his ministry "apostles." The word means "sent" [because] their mandate and their mission was based on the personal choice of Jesus himself. He chose and sent them. They are the privileged witnesses of the teachings and miracles of Jesus, and at the same time they are fragile people like all of us, gripped by doubt and lacking in faith. This is the motivation for their prayer addressed to Jesus: "Increase our faith" in the certainty that he is God. What does this mean for all of us who are sent" today? It is not possible to have faith to move mountains if we lack that essential faith in Jesus the Lord, Jesus risen and living in us his Church. Jesus himself worked many, many miracles in the presence of his contemporaries and his apostles, and this did not increase their faith. The essential thing is to have the humility of the apostles to ask the Lord unceasingly to come to their aid. "I do believe, help my unbelief!" At each Eucharist, an encounter with the Risen Lord, let us ask him for the faith necessary to meet him in our lives and in our world.



Prayer Requests

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

The Faithful Discipleship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it. These words open the way for a profound reflection on our Christian missionary vocation. The deeper meaning of listening to the word of God is revealed to us through an extraordinary image offered by some Old Testament prophets. Ezekiel is ordered: Eat what you find here: eat this scroll. So, I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat (Ez.

3:1-2). Jeremiah says: When I found your words, I devoured them; your words were my joy, the happiness of my heart (Jer. 15:16). Authentic listening to the word of God means "eating it," meditating upon it, dwelling in it, taking it to heart [so that] our life and the love of God intertwine. The prophetic eating of the word of God refers to the eating of the Eucharistic banquet. The image of Mary as a faithful disciple who lives a pilgrimage of faith engages [our] understanding of the Church in its call to discipleship. Pope Francis writes in *Evangelii Gaudium*, twice quoting John Paul II's *Redemptoris Mater*. "Mary is the woman of faith, who lives and advances in faith, and 'her exceptional pilgrimage of faith represents a constant point of reference for the Church.' Mary let herself be guided by the Holy Spirit on a journey of faith towards a destiny of service and fruitfulness. Today we look to her and ask her to help us proclaim the message of salvation to all and to enable new disciples to become evangelizers in turn.... 'This is the way that Mary, for many years, lived in intimacy with the mystery of her Son, and went forward in her pilgrimage of faith.'"

Feast of All Saints ~ Friday, November 1, 2019

The HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION for the FEAST OF ALL SAINTS occurs on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019. The SACRED EUCHARIST will be celebrated at 5:00 pm on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019 at ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH.

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019, the SACRED EUCHARIST will be celebrated at 7:30 am at ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FIRST FRIDAY MASS for the month of NOVEMBER as well as the HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION will be celebrated at 5:00 pm on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019.

All Saints Day



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As an important part of our desire to love, obey and follow God, we are blessed to be able to gather in the Sacred Eucharist to celebrate the FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, the first day of the month of November. This special feast is provided for by the Holy Mother Church as a beautiful opportunity to examine our spiritual lives. In this review, we are able to determine if we are progressing toward a greater degree of SANCTITY and

HOLINESS. As we recall, and honor of the SAINTS who have gone before us, we are able to recognize that their holiness is revealed in their strong and intense willingness to open their hearts and their souls to God's Will and His Presence as lived out in their ordinary and everyday lives in the Spirit of God's Grace and Trust. Every single one of the hundreds and hundreds of SAINTS in the Roman Catholic Faith has a strong willingness to center their hearts and souls to GOD ALONE. As we celebrate this Eucharist, we pray to God asking for His help and guidance to follow the example of the SAINTS who continually imitated their LOVE FOR GOD and who are constant in their prayers and intercessions for each of us.

Spiritual Reflections for the Sacred Feast of All Saints

S A I N T S - Our churches are named after them, we pray to them, & every day of the year we pay special honor to one or more of them. Many Catholics are given the name of a patron saint's name at confirmation. The naming of new saints even makes the headlines. It's safe to say the Catholic faith is filled with saints! But much about saints remains mysterious to Catholics. How does one become a canonized saint? What does intercession mean, & how does it work? What is the role of a patron saint? SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS. The word "saint" comes from the Latin *sanctus* meaning "holy." So a "saint" is first & foremost a holy person who is presumed to be with God in heaven. There are two kinds of saints-holy people & canonized saints. The first kind are those good people, like your grandmother, who lived a holy life & whom we hope & pray) are now in heaven. These are the saints who "go marching in" the famous Southern spiritual of the same name. The second kind of saints are those with a capital "S" in front of their names, like St. Peter, St. John Paul II, St. Teresa of Calcutta. These individuals lived such exemplary lives that, after an exhaustive process, called canonization, the Church formally & officially pronounces they are now in heaven.



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, October 4, 2019

Envelopes \$2,237.00 Loose \$354.25 Building Fund \$25.00
5 online thru Give Central @ \$475.00 Deposit: \$3,091.25

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, September 29, 2019

Envelopes \$942.00 Loose \$112.00
Deposit: \$1,054.00



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Oct. 14, 2019 Rom. 1:1-7 Gospel Lk. 11:29-32
Tues. Oct. 15, 2019 Rom 1:16-25 Gospel Lk. 11:37-41
Wed. Oct. 16, 2019 Rom 2:1-11 Gospel Lk. 11:42-46
Thurs. Oct. 17, 2019 Rom 3:21-30
Gospel Lk. 11:47-54
Fri. Oct. 18, 2019 2 Tm. 4:10-17B
Gospel Lk. 10:1-9



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.