



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, October 14, 2018 Twenty– Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in Mark 10:17~30



The Rich Young Ruler

¹⁷ As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him & knelt before Him, & asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ & Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments, 'DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER & MOTHER.'" ²⁰ & he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up." ²¹ Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him & said to him, "One thing you lack: go & sell all you possess & give to the poor, & you will have treasure in heaven; & come, follow Me." ²² But at these words ²³ he was saddened, & he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

Mk. 10:17~22



Mass Intentions

Oct. 13	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Sherri Murray Thomas
Oct. 14	7:30 am	Florence Huss by Tom Huss
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 15	7:30 am	Peace in the World
Oct. 16	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Oct. 17	7:30 am	Ellis Sanders by Karen Sanders
Oct. 18	7:30 am	Jim Maloy 44th Birthday by George & Jane Bohman
Oct. 19	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Mark & Cindy Grimm
Oct. 20	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Oct. 21	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Robert & Karla Birkofer



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 20, 2018 ~ Sunday, October 21, 2018

Sat. Oct. 20, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR:

USHERS: Lisa Baird, Logan Baird

COMMUNION MIN: Ginger Osborne, Celeste White

SERVERS: Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Chad Wirey Family

Sun. Oct. 21, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Travis Rich Family

Sun. Oct. 21, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Jim Ping

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

Sun. Oct. 21, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR:

USHERS: Sam Quick, Chris Weber

COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Roselene Quick

SERVERS: David Staller, Lauren Staller

GIFTS: Ted Staller Family

October Collection Counters: *Suzanne Dartt, Kay Pescatore, Rhonda Stone*

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

PSR: Wednesday, October 17, & 24 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Trunk or Treat: We will be holding our annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 5-6:30 p.m. We will once again be asking for volunteers to set up their trunks in the parking lot for children to visit for treats and games.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Oblong, OLOL) Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Todd Drake, Phil Skaggs (Sharon Skaggs), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Day Of Prayer For The Sanctity of Human Life

On WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018, there will be a DAY OF PRAYER at ST. ELIZABETH consisting of EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. This special DAY OF PRAYER is to help each of us become more devoted to praying for the special intention of the REVERENCE of ALL OF HUMAN LIFE. Parishioners from both parishes have agreed to spend an hour in prayer that day before the exposed BLESSED SACRAMENT. Following is the schedule for OCTOBER 17, 2018: 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist
8:00 am ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 am ~ Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary
8:15 am ~ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
11:00 am ~ Stations of the Cross
4:30 pm ~ Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
All are WELCOME to come & spend any amount of time in prayer before the BLESSED SACRAMENT lifting up the special intention to God that ALL OF HUMAN LIFE MAY BE REVERENCED & RESPECTED. Thank you & God bless you.

Pictures Liturgical Ministers

We will be taking pictures of all liturgical ministers from St. Elizabeth on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Please try to attend if at all possible.

Pictorial Directory Information

If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment & if you have scheduled ON-LINE, you may reschedule your appointment ON-LINE. If you scheduled your appointment IN-PERSON, please call KATHY STALLER at 544-9252 & she will assist you.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting



Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Oct. 14, 2018 Twenty~Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time ~ Heavenly Wisdom**



**Scriptural Reflections~Twenty~Eighth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A woman of wisdom traveling through mountains found a precious stone. Later in her journey she met a hungry traveler. The wise woman offered him food. The traveler noticed the precious stone & asked to have it. Without hesitation, she presented it. The traveler left happily with the stone, for it was worth much money. Days later he returned the stone to the wise woman, saying, "I've been thinking about the value of this stone, but can you give me something even more precious." He said, "Give me what you have within that enabled you to give me the stone." Wisdom alive has an alluring appeal! It is a wonderful gift to behold. However, human wisdom & God's wisdom often are incompatible. In his practical manner, Jesus reminded hearers that knowledge alone will not bring salvation, but true wisdom will. It is not who we know or what we learn on our own that saves. God the Father, creator of the world, sent Jesus to teach us what we don't know. His wisdom fills hearts & transforms lives. Today, many people use human knowledge as power. They believe the more wisdom they acquire, the more formidable they are to others. However, Jesus' preaching reveals a God who is not predictable or foreseeable. God's wisdom endures & does not pass away. Although God is free & loving, uncontrollable & mysterious. Jesus wants us to follow his Father to heights never thought possible. God provides the grace to keep that wisdom, once gained, forever. Jesus' invitation to follow him on this path of true wisdom exceeds



any treasure this world can offer. The young man in the Gospel is drawn to this wisdom. He wants Jesus to give it to him. Yet when he hears how costly the choice of saying "yes is — namely, "Go sell what you have, & give to the poor ... then come, follow me" (Mk 10:21)

the young man hesitates. It is too much to ask of him. Jesus models this same choice with his passion & death. He faces a similar either/or decision, but wisdom assists Jesus. This is Jesus' hope for his followers: to make

the right decisions born from this wisdom tucked in the corners of their hearts. From what is within every disciple can lead to a wisdom-filled life.

Let us now pause to contemplate the person of Jesus during his earthly life. In his humanity he had experienced our joys. He has manifestly known, appreciated, and celebrated a whole range of human joys, those simple daily joys within the reach of everyone. The depth of his interior life did not blunt his concrete attitude or his sensitivity. He admires the birds of heaven, the lilies of the field. He immediately grasps God's attitude towards creation at the dawn of history. He willingly extols the joy of the sower and the harvester, the joy of the man who finds a hidden treasure, the joy of the shepherd who recovers his sheep or of the woman who finds her lost coin, the joy of those invited to the feast, the joy of a marriage celebration, the joy of the father who embraces his son returning from a prodigal life, and the joy of the woman who has just brought her child into the world. For Jesus, these joys are real because for him they are the signs of the spiritual joys of the kingdom of God: the joy of people who enter this kingdom return there or work there, the joy of the Father who welcomes them. And for his part Jesus himself manifests his satisfaction and his tenderness when he meets children wishing to approach him, a rich young man who is faithful and wants to do more, friends who open their home to him, like Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. His happiness is above all to see the Word accepted, the possessed delivered, a sinful woman or a publican like Zacchaeus converted, a widow taking from her poverty and giving. He even exults with joy when he states that the little ones have the revelation of the kingdom which remains hidden from the wise and able. Yes, because Christ was a man like us in all things but sin, he accepted and experienced affective and spiritual joys, as a gift of God. And he did not rest until to the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation... and to those in sorrow, joy. The Gospel of Saint Luke particularly gives witness to this seed of joy. The miracles of Jesus and his words of pardon are so many signs of divine goodness: all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him, and gave glory to God. For the Christian as for Jesus, it is a question of living, in thanksgiving to the Father, the human joys, that the Creator gives him.

Scriptural Reflections ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 1st ~ Feast of all Saints Holy Day of Obligation

Beyond all else, we prefer "the spirit of wisdom." Why? Because the wise person knows what he desires, since wisdom enables him to see what is really there. This is what the rich young man lacks. He comes to Jesus with constricting preconceptions that betray just how unaware he is of the One who stands before him. Christ sends him to the poor so that there he will experience the deepest need and longing of his heart. In such self-abandonment the young man can exchange his crippling self-reliance for total dependence on Christ. The living "Word of God" gives us back our own life.

As an important part of our desire to love, obey & 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 & HOLINESS**. As we recall, & honor of the **SAINTS** who have gone before us, we are able to recognize that their holiness is revealed in their strong & intense willingness to open their hearts & their souls to God's Will & His Presence as lived out in their ordinary & everyday lives in the Spirit of God's Grace & Trust. Every single one of the hundreds & hundreds of **SAINTS** in the Roman Catholic Faith has a strong willingness to center their hearts & souls to **GOD ALONE**. As we celebrate this Eucharist, we pray to God asking for His help & guidance to follow the example of the **SAINTS** who continually imitated their **LOVE FOR GOD** & who are constant in their prayers & intercessions for each of us. In honor of the **HOLY DAY OF ALL SAINTS**, the Sacred Eucharist will be celebrated on **WED. OCT. 31, 2018** at 5:00 P.M. in **LOL's** as well as on **THURS. NOV. 1, 2018** at 7:30 A.M. & at 6:00 P.M. both in **ST. ELIAZABETH CHURCH**.



Pictorial Directory Information



Appointments are being scheduled now. Please feel free to do your part for our parishes & schedule an appointment. Our Committee is working hard on this project. We want a directory to be proud of & include as many members as possible. Only one short trip to the church will assure you that you & your family will be a part of our 2018 Pictorial Directory. The whole process takes 45 minutes to one hour. Each member photographed receives a complementary 8 x10 portrait to be sent postage free to their home. Plus, you receive a complimentary directory.

Receive The Living Bread ~ Encountering Jesus At Mass

The Bread of the Eucharist. At the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples, "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). This is precisely what we do every time we celebrate the Mass. We remember Jesus & what he has done for us. There are two ways to define the word remember. We remember how to cook a certain meal. We remember how to drive a car or ride a bicycle. We remember how to add & subtract. In this sense, our memory helps us function in life. But the word remember can also describe the way we recall an important moment in our lives. Think about the joy you feel when you recall your wedding day, the birth of your first child, or the time you received that big promotion at work. Think also about the sadness you feel when you recall the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, or the breakdown of a friendship. As you remember these events, both sad & joyful, you feel as if you are reliving them all over again. It's as if you are transported back in time & once again the joy, the excitement, the fear, or the sadness you originally felt. The event comes alive for you. It's this second way of remembering that is central to the Mass. We weren't present at the Last Supper, but because of the grace of the sacrament & the power of the Holy Spirit, we can still feel as if we were there. We can still picture ourselves with the disciples hearing Jesus say: This is my body. This is my blood." And remembering this moment of grace can help us find the same peace and security that those World War II orphans found: Today, Jesus is giving me himself as Living Bread, & he will give himself to me tomorrow—for the rest of my life. **The Bread of Remembering.** This sounds hopeful & inspiring, but it can also sound unrealistic. How can we ever "remember" the Last Supper so fully? How can we feel as if we're really in the upper room? The first answer to these questions is one of faith: we can experience the Last Supper because Jesus promised to be with us in a special way when we gather to break bread. On a practical level, this means engaging our faith as we also engage our memories & imaginations. Here are some suggestions for how you can do this. Try to get-to the church a few minutes before Mass begins. Use that time to put aside distractions & to focus yourself on the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you feel the Last Supper. Ask him to help you imagine yourself at the foot of the cross & at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday: Tell him, "Holy Spirit, I trust that you can make this Mass come alive for me. " In that quiet time just before you receive Communion, fix your imagination on the historical Jesus. Using the first way of remembering, recall the truths about who Jesus is. He is almighty God, the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. Remember that he offered his life on the cross to set you free from sin. Recall that Jesus wanted to do this because he loves you. Let these memories move you to do the only thing you can do—thank & praise Him for his sacrifice. Then, as you receive Communion, keep telling yourself that this Living Bread & this Wine of the Covenant have the power to change you. Just as God delivered the Israelites from slavery, Jesus wants to fill you with his love & help you grow closer to him. **Jesus, the Bread of Life.** Follow these simple steps, & see what happens. You may feel more peaceful. You may feel more love for Jesus. You may find the grace to overcome a persistent pattern of sin. You may sense Jesus telling you how much he loves you. If anything like this happens, thank the Holy Spirit; he is inspiring your memory. He is telling you that Jesus is your safety & security. He is the Bread of Life, & you can keep him close to your heart all the time, just as those orphans kept their bread with them.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL supports our parishes and diocese in carrying out the Gospel Mission of the Catholic Church in forming intentional disciples of Jesus Christ 2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES. As you know, the theme for the 2018 — APPEAL is "IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS." Gratitude in the words of is integral to the life of a disciple. "THE BEST WAY TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO GOD Saint Teresa of Kolkota, AND PEOPLE IS TO ACCEPT EVERYTHING WITH JOY. " With the gift of God's grace may we continue to grow as intentional disciples by generously supporting this year's appeal. Your deep and sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill the goal for:

**ST. ELIZABETH PARISH ~ \$38,376.00 &
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ~ \$8,112.00.**

Thank you and God Bless You.

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Jeffry Mark Ping & Eric Michael Case. Jeffry was the son of Wanda, brother of Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice, Jerry & Sarah Ping, Jim & Nancy Ping. Eric was the grandson of Teresa Case. In God's Love, we pray that He will grant Jeffry & Eric a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that their families will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Oct. 15, 2018 First Reading Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Gospel Lk. 11:29-32
Tues. Oct. 16, 2018 First Reading Gal. 5:1-6 Gospel Lk. 11:37-41
Wed. Oct. 17, 2018 First Reading Gal. 5:18-25 Gospel Lk. 11:42-46
Thurs. Oct. 18, 2018 First Reading 2 Tm. 4:10-17B Gospel Lk. 10:1-9
Fri. Oct. 19, 2018 First Reading Eph. 1:11-14 Gospel Lk. 12:1-7

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church
Week Ending Sunday, October 7, 2018
Envelopes \$2,887.00 Loose \$387.00
Building Fund \$160.00
Harry Wong Memorial \$20.00
5 online @ \$485.00
Deposit: \$3,939.00

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Week Ending September 30, 2018
Envelopes \$ 515.00 Loose \$139.00
Deposit: \$ 654.00