



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 20, 2019 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable of the Persistent Widow ~ Luke 18:1-8

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, ² saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. ³ There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' ⁴ For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; ⁷ now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"



Mass Intentions

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
Oct. 21	7:30 am	Michael Boehl by Eileen Hartrich
Oct. 22	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Oct. 23	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Oct. 24	7:30 am	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Oct. 25	7:30 am 4:30 pm	Jane Brown by George Brown For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Oct. 26	7:30 am	Steve Yonker by Arkenberg Family
Oct. 27	9:00 am 10:30 am	Donnal Fitzmaurice by Dorla Shook For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 26 ~ Sunday, October 27, 2019

<u>Sat. October 26, 2019</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Geri Ezell		
USHERS: Jack & Carol Watts		
COMMUNION MIN: Ginger Osborne, Celeste White		
SERVERS: Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins		
GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family		
<u>Sun. October 27, 2019</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Dave Holscher		
USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich		
COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner		
SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg		
GIFTS: Joe Hepner Family		
<u>Sun. October 27, 2019</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR: Bob Coffman		
USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: Jeff Hermann		
GIFTS: Jerry & Sarah Ping		
<u>Sun. October 27, 10:30 am</u>		St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Joe Quick		
USHERS: Korbin Rawlings, Scott Rawlings		
COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Carol Wong		
SERVERS: David Staller, Cody York		
GIFTS: Andrew Ferris Family		
October Collection Counters: Don Brown, Kaye Holscher, Rhonda Stone		

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

OCT. PSR DATES: WED. OCT. 23 & 30, 2019.
NOV. PSR DATES: WED. NOV. 6, 13, 20, 27 from 6:30 pm -7:30 pm.

Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: NOV. 3, 17, & 24, 2019.

Spiritual Reading for the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why does God, who is love, keep us waiting? Because he is love, & seeks love. Love that does not know how to wait is not love. To love is to give ourselves. Not only for a fraction of a lifetime, nor with a part of its strength: love is, & seeks, the total gift of self. Love is based on esteem. We love only what we value & admire. We love only the "good." What is too easily & too quickly come by does not attract deep souls. It becomes a superficial good, which cannot satisfy the rich capacity of their nature.... It is a law that real treasures are deeply buried & carefully hidden; that serious acquisitions call for proportion at efforts God is the treasure beyond price. Were he to give himself too easily, even the best would turn their backs upon him. Saint John Climacus gives a similar reason, but with an interesting difference. "Prayer," he says, "is an activity that develops & enriches enormously. It is a source of merit & satisfaction, & of spiritual progress of every kind." God imposes repetitions & certain persistence in prayer in order to increase our merit. Delays in union are not time lost; far from it. God sees very far ahead; he makes wonderful use of what we call evil—of our wanderings, our hesitations & detours, although he does not love them or want them. It is at these moments, above all, that we need confidence & perseverance. The prayer, whether for ourselves or for others, that is not discouraged, which persists & besieges heaven, touches God's heart; & that is why he tells us to persevere.

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 ones to be fondly and lovingly remembered are: DONNAL FITZMAURICE & VALENTINE PESCATORE. As always, we extend to those grief & sorrow over the death of a loved one our sincere love, prayers, & consolation that God will comfort you with His everlasting & enriching grace & peace. ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, & LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Phil Burger & Linda Dudine (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.

Sunday, October 20, 2019 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ From The Pastor ~

Three great images permeate our readings today. Moses stands on a mountain with arms outstretched praying while Joshua defends the Israelites against an enemy. As long as Moses' arms remain raised, he does well. When he tires, the victory wanes. Next, a lonely widow appears; she has only her God as her defender. With constancy in her heart and reliance on Yahweh, she persists in wearing down the obstinacy of the dishonest judge. Then, as if present to both the exhausted Moses and the resolute widow, Timothy speaks words of encouragement, telling his hearers to remain faithful, to stand firm and be committed. It is as if he is speaking through the centuries. These are the qualities Christ wants to find when he finally returns. Besides faithfulness, prayer plays a big part in these stories today. Prayer is important even when hope seems lost. When prayer is difficult, pray anyway, like the widow who believes in her cause. God answers every prayer. God grants our request or gives us the grace to endure whatever the response. God knows what we need before we ask, and he knows what is best for us at any given moment. God is good — especially to his created children. God would never deliberately hurt them. After all, God wants no one to perish and sent Jesus to make certain his children know the way, and if they get lost, the Holy Spirit reminds them how to be found. Immigrant families who arrive in America have great faith and persistence. Patrick and Kiera hit an obstacle upon arrival, but they didn't stop, and asked God, "is this happening to us; don't you love us?" They knew they were loved. They had gotten this far with faith in their God. Their prayer became, "O Lord, now that this has happened to us, help us get through it." Their prayers and their persistence helped them again. Jesus seeks this kind of faithfulness and trust in every disciple. If they lacked faith and persistence, his mission would fail. The only direction Jesus wants from his followers is forward, believing always that Jesus fills in their hills when they become too difficult to climb. That's his promise, and Timothy reminds readers that he meant it. Once they belong to the Lord, their success flows from this reliance. Moses and the widow knew this, as did Patrick and Kiera. Jesus' promise stands today as well.

Scriptural Reflections for the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" The Lord loves in us the kind of persistence that characterizes the widow who "keeps bothering" the judge until he delivers a just decision. Why? Because such persistence shows that we are not afraid or discouraged by our dependence on God, but driven by that dependence to call out to him all the more. We persist "whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Moses witnesses to this: as long as he remains cruciform no harm comes, for the Lord is the "guardian of Israel." "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed"; we belong to God and are "competent", equipped for every good work."

Rest in Peace



Please remember to pray for the soul of DENISE HOALT. Denise was the Stepmother of Emilee & Garrett Rich. In God's Love we pray that He will grant DENISE HOALT a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven and that her family will receive comfort and peace in their sorrow and loss.

Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

On Wed. Oct. 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.

Coffee & Doughnuts

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

Feast of All Saints ~ Friday, November 1, 2019

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

Solemnity of All Saints ~ From the Pastor~ All Are One In Christ

Faith gives believers insights on what heaven will be like. And many saints added more understanding through their visions, describing in detail what this heavenly scene is like. But today's feast day of ALL SAINTS gives another perspective. It clearly teaches believers that in heaven, as on earth, the faithful will live in community. This community contains relationships made on earth, giving believers hope that loved ones will continue in heaven. Reflecting on the Communion of Saints, we see the connection between earth and heaven as heartwarming and encouraging. This motivates us to follow Jesus as the only true way to obtain this glorious reward. —All disciples of the Lord — past, present and future together by the blood of Christ and baptism. The saints help those yet to come — and those yet to go — to ask them with open hearts and lips to help in their quest to gain entrance into heaven. This vignette is from Mark Twain. It is on how to get to heaven. A businessman told Mark Twain quite piously: "Before I die I intend to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I want to climb to the top of Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments aloud." Mark Twain responded, "I have a better idea, stay home and live them!" Twain knew that sincere actions bring heaven closer than a multitude of insincere ones. It is this sincerity that Jesus offers in the beatitudes. Each paint a picture of what we can expect in heaven. Each forecast that the injustices of this world will not last forever. In fact, in heaven they will be wiped away. The beatitudes (and St. Paul) encourage all still on the journey to remain faithful through difficult times by following Christ. The beatitudes encourage disciples to place the interests of God before all else in their lives. If they do, God the Father sees them, and they are not forgotten. Honoring all saints today gives a preview of God's feast of eternal love, with all guests attending wearing the traditional wedding garments. At this banquet sit many saints known and prayed to, and alongside them are the personal saints only we know. These ordinary people became extraordinary because they choose to follow Christ. These partakers of the banquet shout that we can do the same. Their home awaits. Today they call us forth.

The Virtue of Gratitude

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." The lepers turn to Jesus & beg him for mercy & they obey his command, but they fail to perceive the true meaning of their healing. The impassioned glorification of God by the stranger, who throws himself at the feet of the Master to thank him, indicates that in this second personal encounter with Jesus the Samaritan is not simply paying a debt of gratitude, but experiences a total healing & an inner transformation. Healing is possible only for those in whom physical cure & gratitude intertwine. The water of the Jordan River & the reference to the priests highlight the importance of sacramental action in the work of salvation. This is not a simple cure, individual & abstract in nature. From being separated & excluded, we are reconciled integrally with ourselves...because we are reconciled in the depths of our hearts with God, by God in Jesus Christ through the action of the Church. The mission of the Church brings & communicates the saving grace of God because it recreates men & women from the destruction of sin, from the separation of death. Welcoming the Gospel means entering into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, accepting his re-creating death & contemplating his fidelity in the Resurrection. Reborn in the baptismal font, the Church's new Jordan River, & grateful for the undeserved salvation, we are made missionaries in the ordinary experiences of life: get up, go your way, return to your home. Others will be chosen to be missionary disciples in foreign, & perhaps hostile & pagan, lands.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, October 13, 2019

Envelopes \$3,047.00 Loose \$308.40 Spiritual Kiosk \$45.50
3 online thru Give Central @ \$175.00 Building Fund \$145.00
Deposit: \$3,720.90

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, October 6, 2019

Envelopes \$727.00 Loose \$106.00 Building Fund \$91.00
Edith Smith Food Pantry \$50.00 Deposit: \$974.00

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Role In Our Salvation

If we constantly and fervently love Mary, she will obtain for us the grace to make our peace with God...by a good confession, true contrition, and a sincere and efficacious resolution to amend our life, so that we may then joyfully sing with David: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our iniquities from us. (Ps 102:12). The confident hope and probable certainty of pardon, will then be to us the greatest comfort and consolation, reminding us of the words of God: Their sins and iniquities I will remember no more (Heb 10:17). She will not fail to infuse into our heart such great hope and confidence in the goodness of God, and in her efficacious mediation, that we shall be filled with joy and content. She has obtained for many, even at the last moment, a most lively sorrow for their sins, and has thus saved them and has carried comfort in her own person to many who feared and trembled at the remembrance of their sins. If we love & faithfully serve Mary, we shall find that at the hour of death, the recollection of our sins will not afflict us, but we shall be consoled in the midst of the horrors of death, and conquer the furious assaults of our enemies; we shall not fear the Judgment, but certain of our salvation, we shall calmly deliver our soul into the hands of Mary, our most loving Mother. This is my hope, most sweet Mother, and I know that they that have hoped in you have never been confounded. Shall I be the first? No! Your word shall not fail, nor your all-powerful mercy.

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.

Bake Sale

The Oblong Community Christian Food Pantry will have its Bake Sale at the Fall Follies on Sat. Oct. 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.

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.

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Oct. 21, 2019 ~ Rom. 4:20-25 ~ Gospel Lk. 12:13-21

Tues. Oct. 22, 2019 ~ Rom. 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21
Gospel Lk. 12:35-38

Wed. Oct. 23, 2019 ~ Rom. 6:12-18 ~ Gospel Lk. 12:39-48

Thurs. Oct. 24, 2019 ~ Rom. 6:19-23 ~ Gospel Lk. 12:49-53

Fri. Oct. 25, 2019 ~ Rom. 7:18-25A ~ Gospel Lk. 12:54-59

Spiritual Reading for the Holy Days Feast of All Saints

The Communion of Saints, spoken in the creed, the spiritual union among those of us on earth with those in purgatory & those in heaven. This union is "reinforced by an exchange of a spiritual God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 955). In other words, we here on earth can pray for those in purgatory, & those in heaven can bear our requests & through God's grace, act on our behalf. Our prayers to the saints & their responses are called intercessions". Many people wonder why Catholics pray to the saints when only God can answer prayer. The easiest way to understand is to think of the saints as friends in high places. Just as we might ask a friend here on earth to help us with a task or project, so, too, we can ask the saints for their assistance. It may be more accurate to say that we ask the saints to pray for us instead of saying we pray to them. Remember that we Catholics venerate the saints, but we worship God. Worship means to submit completely, & therefore we can only worship God. Veneration, on the other hand, means paying honor. When we venerate the saints, we honor them, but we also recognize that they can do nothing for us without the approval & grace of God.