



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



## CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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**Reverend Father James A. Flach, Pastor**

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Office Manager: Halena Estep**

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**Custodial Care: Lori & Adam 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, October 22, 2017  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



Story in Matthew 22:15-21

**And He said to them,  
“Render therefore to  
Caesar the things  
that are Caesar’s &  
to God the things  
that are God’s.”  
Mat. 22:21**



## Mass Intentions

Oct. 21	4:30 pm	Favorable Weather
Oct. 22	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Oct. 23	7:30 am	Deloros Bercham by Maxine Zwermann
Oct. 24	12:00 pm	Linus & Alberta Willenborg by Ginger Osborne
Oct. 25	7:30 am	Mary Angela Flach
Oct. 26	7:30 am	Joann Daugherty by Jane Howard
Oct. 27	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 28	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Oct. 29	7:30 am	Loretta Holscher by Dave & Kaye Holscher
	9:00 am	Bill & Dottie Ferguson by Dan Schalasky
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 28, 2017 ~ Sunday, October 29, 2017

Sat. Oct. 28, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** Celeste White  
**USHERS:** Logan Baird, Lukas Baird  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Susan Goodwine, Ginger Osborne  
**SERVERS:** Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins  
**GIFTS:**

Sun. Oct. 29, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** Shari Eckert  
**USHERS:** Nick Weber, Craig Weber  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Mike & Jona Uptmor  
**SERVERS:** Greyson Holscher  
**GIFTS:** Randy Mullins Family

Sun. Oct. 29, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes  
**LECTOR:** Lori Davis  
**USHERS:** Ron & Ethel Dhom  
**COMMUNION MIN:**  
**SERVERS:** Eva Hermann  
**GIFTS:** Bob Coffman Family

Sun. Oct. 29, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** Roselene Quick  
**USHERS:** Ethan Bowden, Jaime Escobedo  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Teresa Gower, Phyllis Inboden  
**SERVERS:** Breanna Briggs, Halle Gower  
**GIFTS:**

**Collection Counters: October, 2017:**  
 Suzanne Dartt, Rhonda Stone, Marge Boatman

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## PSR Upcoming Classes

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm  
 Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm,  
 Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm  
 Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm  
 Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:30-7:30 pm



## Youth Group

The High School Youth group will meet on Sunday 10/22/2017  
 from 7-9 p.m. at the Ferris House.  
 Please come prepared to work on a very important project.

## Many Sincere Thanks

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all those parishioners, both adults & students who helped to provide for the Nutrition On Weekend (NOW) Bags for the Robinson School District. May God bless you for your generous hearts.

## Scriptural Reflections for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The plotting Pharisees, defiant toward Christ, presume they have the ingenuity to entrap him in his speech. Yet the Lord takes on the false measure by which these malicious men would measure him, & turns it on themselves. Before every deceitful effort to outwit Jesus or to expose him as a fraud, Christ responds: "I have called you by your name, though you knew me not. I am the Lord & there is no other." The effects of Original Sin in us entice us to seek our hope in ourselves. That is why Saint Paul reminds us? "You were chosen by God our Father." We throw off self-exaltation for the "endurance in hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

## Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

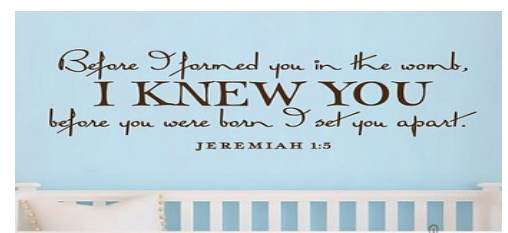
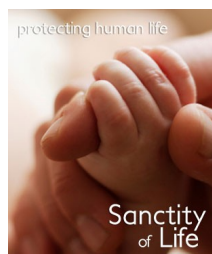


On **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017**, the **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**, there will be a **DAY OF PRAYER** at St. Elizabeth consisting of **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Parishioners from both parishes have consented to spend an hour in prayer that day. Following is the schedule for **NOVEMBER 1, 2017:**

7:30 A.M. - SACRED EUCHARIST  
 8:00 A.M. - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 8:00 A.M. - RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY  
 8:15 A.M. - CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY  
 11:00 A.M. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 3:00 P.M. - RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY  
 3:15 P.M. - CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY  
 4:45 P.M. - BENEDICTION

All are **WELCOME** to come and spend any amount of time in prayer before the **BLESSED SACRAMENT** that day.

Thank you & God bless you.



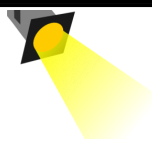
Sanctity of Life

**Oct. 22, 2017 ~ Twenty Ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
~From the Pastor ~ 'Render Under Caesar'**



A woman bought a parrot in a pet store. She wanted companionship, someone to talk with. The next day she brought the parrot back and said, "He won't talk." The store manager asked, "Does he have a mirror in his cage? Parrots love mirrors." She bought a mirror and left. The next day she came back and said, "The bird is still not talking." "How about a ladder? Parrots love ladders. When he is happy he will talk." She bought a ladder and left. The next day she was back complaining that even with the mirror and ladder the bird was not talking. The manager said, "I know what you need, the bird wants a swing. He'll be happy when he has a swing, and he'll talk." She reluctantly bought a swing and left. Sure enough, the next day she was back. She had a sad face. "The parrot died," she said. "I'm sorry," the manager said, "please tell me, did he ever say anything before he died?" The woman replied, "Yes, in a weak voice he asked me, 'Don't they sell any food at that pet store?'" It's all about priorities! As Christians, we are called to place our allegiance to God and godly things first. In the Gospel, the Pharisees plot to entrap Jesus by asking about the census tax. If he answers that the tax is lawful, he risks alienating his own people, who hate the tax and the coin used to pay it. But if he answers that the taxes are not lawful, the Romans might arrest him for sedition. Jesus remains firmly in charge of the conversation. He cleverly asks to see the money in which the tax was to be paid, forcing the Pharisees to show that they were carrying the offensive coin themselves, which bore the image of the emperor. Jesus ends by affirming the emperor's legitimate but limited authority, including the right to impose taxes. (In fact, paying those taxes would be one simple way to get the distasteful imperial coins out of Jewish pockets!) But Jesus also indirectly implies that we — fashioned as we are in God's image and likeness — long first, last and always to God. First things first!

**Spotlight On One Of Our Outstanding Students**



Sincere & special CONGRATULATIONS to JACOB ECKERT who was recently given the KIDS HAVE TALENT AWARD.

The Musician of the Month recipient is selected by teachers from schools in the surrounding area based on pre-determined criteria.

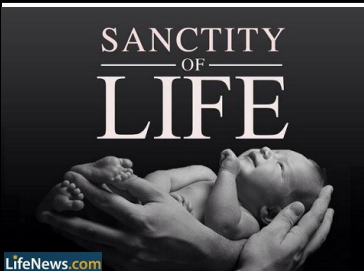
Jacob is the son of Jim & Shari Eckert & is a senior at Palestine High School. Jacob plays the flute & is a high honors student. He is involved in several academic clubs, including 4-H & is also the President of the Drama Club.



**Our Lady Of Lourdes ~  
Reception of the Blood of Christ**

When receiving the Blood of Christ during the Sacred Eucharist, please be careful to only take a small sip from the chalice so that others who follow may also be able to partake of the Blood of Christ. Thank you.

**HOLY HOUR ~ OUR LADY OF LOURDES**



For the Special Intention of the SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE, there will be a HOLY HOUR on TUESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Silent Prayer, & Benediction.

This Holy Hour is planned one hour before the Holy Day Mass so that as many parishioners as possible could attend. Please consider spending an hour in prayer before the Most Holy & Blessed Sacrament.

**Spiritual Reading for the Holy Day~  
Feast of All Saints  
The Communion Of Saints**

The Communion of Saints, spoken of in the creed, is the spiritual union among those of us on earth with those in purgatory & those in heaven. This union is "reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 955). In other words, we here on earth can pray for those in purgatory, & those in heaven can hear 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.

**Oblong Community Christian Food Pantry**



The Oblong Community Christian Food Pantry will have its annual bake sale on Saturday, October 28th at the Fall Follies in front of Tracy Insurance Agency on Main Street. Donations of baked goods & other food items will be accepted

beginning at 8:00 am. Sugar-free items are also needed. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Our Lady Of Lourdes volunteers are asked to help from 10:00 am to 12 noon. If you can help, call Nancy Ping at 618-592-4895. All proceeds benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you.

## PATRON SAINTS

A patron is someone who gives support to an individual or an organization. In earlier times, a patron would provide a person, usually an artist, with the financial support needed to produce their art. The Medici Family, for instance, were patrons of Leonardo da Vinci. Even today we are familiar with patrons of the arts. A patron saint is simply a spiritual supporter or advocate. A person may be named after a saint at Baptism, take the name of a patron saint at Confirmation or simply have a devotion to a particular saint. Saints are patrons of places, nations, activities, conditions, occupations, and more. For instance, St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer sufferers, and the Immaculate Conception is patron of the United States. Your Church's name reflects your parish patron. A patron saint "PROVIDES" a model of charity and the assurance of his or her prayer. Catholics are encouraged to build a prayerful relationship with their patron saints.

### POPULAR PATRON SAINTS

Patrons exist for almost everything imaginable

WRITERS ~ ST. FRANCIS de SALES

ALCOHOLISM/ ALCOHOLICS ~ ST. MONICA

ANIMALS ~ ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

CHILDBIRTH ~ ST. GEARD MAJELLA

COMPUTERS ~ ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

DIABETICS ~ ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA & ST. PAULINE

IMPOSSIBLE CASES ~ ST. RITA of CASCIA and ST. JUDE

PHYSICIANS ~ ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA  
& ST. LUKE

PRIESTS ~ ST. JOHN VIANNEY

TEACHERS ~ ST. GREGORY THE GREAT &

ST. HOMAS ACQUINAS

PRAYER TO A PATRON SAINT

Dear (Saint's name) I ask you to pray to God for me to give me strength in my faith, courage in my convictions, and hope in my future. I ask you now for your help in (list need). I trust and believe that you will hear my prayer and intercede on my behalf.  
Amen.

## Sincere & Heartfelt Thank You



A sincere & heartfelt THANK YOU to those parishioners who have already participated in this important fundraiser for the entire Diocese. Your deep & sincere gratitude is appreciated as we strive to fulfill the goal for St. Elizabeth Parish of \$31,455.00 & the goal for Our Lady Of Lourdes of \$3,671.00.  
Thank you & God bless you.

## Our Lady Of Lourdes ~ NOW Program

Oblong School District participates in the County's Nutrition On Weekends (NOW Program) initiative. There NOW Program involves 21~30 children. A greater need is experienced 4 times in the school year when the children have extended out-of-school weekends. For those times, plastic jars of peanut butter & jelly or monetary donations would be appreciated. Collections will be arranged at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Sunday, November 5 & Sunday, November 12, 2017.



## Prayer Requests



Please remember the following in your prayers: Sherry Boswell, Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Ron Dhom, Sharon Drake, Sandy Ellis, Karen Heap, Leona Kocher, Trent Matthews, Teresa Mullins, Charlie Stegall, Marilyn Stanley, Katie Stovall, Vern Varenhorst, Renee Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson, men & women in armed forces.

## Pastoral Council Meeting



There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at Our Lady Of Lourdes on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

## Finance Council Meeting for St. Elizabeth



There will be a Finance Council Meeting at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Center.



## Weekly Collection

### St. Elizabeth Church

### Week Ending Sunday, October 15, 2017

Envelopes \$ 3,647.00 Loose \$ 281.00

3 Online @ \$180.00

World Missions \$45.00

Deposit \$ 4,153.00

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

### Week ending Sunday, October 15, 2017

Deposit \$ 804.50

## Daily Mass Readings Oct. 23 ~ Oct. 27, 2017



### Mon. Oct. 23- Reading 1~

Rom. 4:20-25

Gospel Lk. 12:13-21

### Tues. Oct. 24-Reading 1~

Rom. 5:12, 15B,

17-19, 20B-21

Gospel Lk. 12:35-38

### Wed. Oct. 25 - Reading 1~ 6:12-18

Gospel Lk. 12:39-48

### Thur. Oct. 26- Reading 1~ Rom. 6:19-23

Gospel Lk. 12:49-53

### Fri. Oct. 27 - Reading 1~ Rom. 7:18-25A

Gospel Lk. 12:54-59