



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 27, 2019 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pharisee and the Publican

⁹ And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be ^[a]merciful to me, the sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



Mass Intentions

Oct. 26	4:30 pm	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Oct. 27	7:30 am	Steve Yonker by Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	Donnal Fitzmaurice by Dorla Shook
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Oct. 28	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Oct. 29	12:00 pm	Terry Baird by Virginia Hall
Oct. 30	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 31	7:30 am	Special Intentions
St. Elizabeth Holy Day	5:00 pm	Deceased Members of Bohman & Stein Families by George & Jane Bohman
Nov. 1	7:30 am	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
First Friday Mass OLOL	5:00 pm	Donnal Fitzmaurice by Maymie Ikemire
Nov. 2	4:30 pm	Leland Woods by Mark & Cindy Grimm
Nov. 3	7:30 am	For all parishioner by Fr. Flach
Memorial Mass	9:00 am	Val Pescatore & Donnal Fitzmaurice
Memorial Mass	10:30 am	Francis Medina



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 2 ~ Sunday, November 3, 2019

<u>Sat. November 2, 2019</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Celeste White		
USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower		
COMMUNION MIN: Susan Goodwine, Janet Hill		
SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Clara Mullins		
GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family		
<u>Sun. November 3, 2019</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Janet Jenkins		
USHERS: Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich		
COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert		
SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins		
GIFTS: Garrett Rich Family		
<u>Sun. November 3, 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. November 3, 2019</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Roselene Quick		
USHERS: Jacob & Jessica Blankenbeker		
COMMUNION MIN: Phyllis Inboden, Roselene Quick		
SERVERS: Emily Ferris, Evan Ferris		
GIFTS: Andrew Ferris Family		
October Collection Counters: Don Brown, Kaye Holscher, Rhonda Stone		



Parish School of Religion

OCTOBER PSR DATES: WED. OCT. 30, 2019.

Confirmation Class Dates



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

Spiritual Reading for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The best of doctors has begun to cure you, and for him no disease is incurable. Don't be afraid for your past wickednesses, however frightful, however unbelievable the things you have perhaps committed. They are grave diseases, but the doctor has mastered them. So don't worry about past sins; in one moment of the sacrament they will be forgiven, & absolutely all of them will be totally forgiven. Listen to what the Apostles said on this point to those who had crucified the Lord: Repent, & be baptized every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, & your sins are forgiven you (Acts 2:38). It happened; they were baptized, they believed, they approached the Lord's Body, they approached to drink the Blood they had shed. To all who have incurred guilt pardon is given by the forgiver of sins, who is not the applauder of sins; who came to call not the just, but sinners. What's done is done; you can't make past deeds not to have been done; but as for future deeds, you do have the power not to do them. So why be seduced by this perverse argument of the devil's? They are afraid of future sins which they are not yet committing; they aren't afraid of past sins, which having committed they are lugging around with them. You haven't done those ones, these ones are already weighing you down. Perhaps you won't commit those, indeed if you don't want to you certainly won't; as for these, if you want to you can eliminate them. "I can't," you say. Come to grace. After all, you have received the power to, because it is written, he gave them power to become children of God (Jn 1:12). So start being a child of his. Where you have begun to be a slave, set your heart on being a son or daughter. Get yourself pardoned for the sins you are lugging around. But when you have been made new by the forgiveness of sins, with all your past ones forgiven, if you receive here a long stretch of life, so live that good works follow upon your faith. Live up to what you have become, a child in the family of so great a father & householder, one over whom God's

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 is: 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

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Sunday, October 27, 2019 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~
From The Pastor ~

Everyone wants to be a winner. Today it is the tax collector's turn. Of course, he had no idea how this day would end. All he knew was the stark truth: He lived almost every day cheating his neighbors & not loving them. As a tax collector, he was despised. Even Shylock, the moneylender in Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," enjoyed a higher standing within his community than this poor man. Knowing full well his low standing with the townspeople & his God, the tax collector needed God's mercy. Today he slipped quietly to his favorite spot in the Temple, begging earnestly for God's mercy. He knew he was a sinner. God knew it, too. God was his only chance for forgiveness, for no one else would give him the time of day. Having gained unfair advantage over his neighbors, this arrogant tax collector took more money than required. He wished to repent and receive God's mercy for his new beginning. God is welcoming to sinners. He has the compassion to see their sincerity & desire for change. Luke's Gospel highlights the merciful side of God. In fact, Luke treats humility & lowliness as choice virtues & not weaknesses. They point the way for sinners & outcasts to discover what's needed to move ahead in life. The sobering effects of mistakes show people's helplessness. Sinfulness is definitely a part of that exposure. God gives his creation everything & even restores their dignity. Yet they refuse to choose God & instead go for an unknown who can only promise an immediate reward. The tax collector laid it all out at God's feet. Acknowledging his total helplessness when it comes to his sins, the tax collector admitted honestly what he needs. He wanted God to remove his blemishes in exchange for his dependence on God. God simply responds, "Yes. I can help." The tax collector goes home a winner. He knelt down, baring his all, & rose up a rich man in God's eyes. He was showered with everything, while the Pharisee went home destitute. In Timothy's letter, Paul captures it best when he mentions that everything he accomplished is the work of God's grace & the Holy Spirit's prodding. Paul attributes his calling & sending to Jesus. It's a fine lesson for all Jesus' followers. If Jesus

Scriptural Reflections for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The tax collector, completely aware of his sin, & therefore of his unworthiness, beats his breast & prays, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." Where does he get the confidence to do this? His experience of limitation & failure has led him, not to despair; but to depend. He remains certain that there is something beyond "every evil threat" & that the Lord will rescue him. Maybe it was his sin that jogged his memory of the promise of Sirach: "The Lord hears the cry of the oppressed. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." This is why the formerly unspeakably sinful Paul can say without boasting: "From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me." For "whoever humbles himself will be



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Phil Burger (Ellen Rees) Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Judy Eckert, Eileen Fabris, Kay Pescatore, 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.

Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.

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 THURS. OCT. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

The HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION will be celebrated at 5:00 pm on FRI. NOV. 1, 2019 as the First Friday of the Month Mass.

Nov. 2, 2019 ~ Spiritual Reading for the Feast of All Souls

"We need a final cleansing, a cleansing by fire, to be exact, in which the gaze of Christ, so to say, burns us free from everything, & only under this purifying gaze are we fit to be with God & able, then, to make our home with him.... For who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God & yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him & can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable & from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, & we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being."—

The Presence of Purgatory

I believe no happiness can be found worthy to be compared with that of a soul in purgatory except that of the saints in paradise; & day by day this happiness grows as God flows into these souls, more & more as the hindrance to his entrance is consumed. Sin's rust is the hindrance, & the fire burns the rust away so that more & more the soul opens itself up to the divine inflowing. A thing which is covered cannot respond to the sun's rays, not because of any defect in the sun, which is shining all the time, but because the cover is an obstacle; if the cover be burnt away, this thing is open to the sun; more & more as the cover is consumed does it respond to the rays of the sun. It is in this way that rust, which is sin, covers souls, & in purgatory is burnt away by fire; the more it is consumed, the more do the souls respond to God, the true sun. As the rust lessens & the soul is opened up to the divine ray, happiness grows; until the time be accomplished the one wanes & the other waxes.

Rest In Peace

Please remember to pray for the souls of LINDA DUDINE & RICHARD PAUL ADAMS. Linda was the cousin's wife of Ellen Rees & RICHARD PAUL ADAMS was the grandfather of Aimee & Chris Weber. In God's Love we pray that He will grant LINDA DUDINE & RICHARD PAUL ADAMS a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven and that the families will receive comfort and peace in their sorrow and loss.

November Meetings

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ~ St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council will meet on TUES. NOV. 5th 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. ST. ELIZABETH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING ~ will meet 6:00 pm TUES. NOV. 12th St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

Spiritual Reading for the Holy Day of Obligation
Feast Of All Saints

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS and the EXAMPLE OF THE SAINTS

The Solemnity of All Saints confirms that we, too, can have a place with God, "not because we are good, but because the sanctity of God has touched our life.... We can compare the saints to the Church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of color. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own hue. But they were all transparent; they fought to remove the stains and the darkness of sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through. This is life's purpose: to enable God's light to pass through; it is the purpose of our life too."—Pope Francis

Look at the saints with the eyes of the spirit; they are encouraging you and showing you the throne that awaits you, the crown which you must wear on your head, the reward God is saving for each of your good works, for every prayer said with recollection, for every sacrifice made for his love, for every sigh of your soul for him. Oh, how this vision can inflame hope, how it makes us want to depart for the heavenly homeland. The Gospel tells us that the blessed and the saints are humble, poor, and detached from everything. They are gentle hearts who suffer everything from everyone without making anyone else suffer a n y t h i n g ; t h e y r e - pay evil with good, blame with praise, hatred with love; they are those proven ones who spend their days in affliction and tears, far from the glories of the world; they are zealous for their own perfection and hunger and thirst for an ever greater justice.. Let's remember that we too must become saints. "We, become saints?! Now what is Mother saying?" Your weakness makes you see that this is an effort beyond your strength, but no, the saints in heaven all answer, they all tell us it's possible even for us to become saints. Now, what they could do, why can't we do, too? The saints were as weak as we are; grace sustained them. Why should we doubt that we, too, will be sustained by grace?

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, October 20, 2019

Envelopes \$1,922.00 Loose \$339.30

3 online thru Give Central @ \$175.00 All Saints Day \$5.00

World Missions \$472.00 Deposit: \$2,913.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, October 13, 2019

Envelopes \$740.00 Loose \$132.22 Building Fund \$55.00

Deposit: \$927.22

Anointing of the Sick Mass

As Catholic Christians, one of the most beautiful SACRAMENTS OF HEALING that we have is the Sacrament of the ANOINTING OF THE SICK. In this particular gesture of compassion & prayer is revealed God's Presence & Love. In the Anointing's & prayers of Sacrament, the person who is ill or suffering is given strength, perseverance, & courage to allow God's Will to come to fruition in their spiritual journey. Not only is the sick person given to God's grace & blessing, but in the Sacrament the person knows the entire Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, is praying for their healing & recovery. Through this Sacrament, we unite our suffering together to ask for God's Grace & Presence. As a sincere sign & expression of our love & concern for those who are either sick, infirmed, or suffering, you are invited to receive this SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Church.

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.

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.

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, & more. For instance, St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer sufferers, & 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 & 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. PAULLNE

IMPOSSIBLE CASES ST. RITA of CASCIA and ST. JUDE

PHYSICIANS ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA & ST. LUKE

PRIESTS - ST. VIANNEY

TEACHERS ST. GREGORY THE GREAT & ST. THOMAS

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 & believe that you will hear my prayer & intercede on my behalf. Amen.

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Oct. 28-Eph. 2:19-22 Gospel Lk. 6:12-16

Tues. Oct. 29-Rom.8:18-25 Gospel Lk.13:18-21

Wed. Oct. 30-Rom. 8:26-30 Gospel Lk. 13:22-30

Thurs. Oct. 31-Rom. 8:31B-39 Gospel Lk. 13:31-35

Fri. Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14 Reading 2-1 Jn. 3:1-3 Gospel Mt. 5:1-12A