



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 29, 2017 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Matthew 22

The Greatest Command

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³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

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Matthew 22:34-40



Mass 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
Oct. 30	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 31	12:00 pm	Religious of St. Elizabeth
	5:00 pm	Special Intentions OLOL-Holy Day
Nov. 1	7:30 am	Delores Bercham by Maxine Zwermann
	6:30 pm	Special Intentions St. Elizabeth-Holy Day
Nov. 2	7:30 am	Lillie Ireland by Karen Sanders
Nov. 3	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Charles & Judy Eckert
Nov. 4	4:30 pm	Ed Halter by Rosemary Halter
Nov. 5	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Mildred Schmidt by Bob & Kourtney Coffman
	10:30 am	Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 4, 2017 ~ Sunday, November 5, 2017

<u>Sat. Nov. 4, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Patti Buercklin
USHERS:	Gavin Bayne, Ken Bergbower
COMMUNION MIN:	Mike Dorn, Susan Goodwine
SERVERS:	Abby Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins
GIFTS:	Randy Mullins Family
<u>Sun. Nov. 5, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Shari Eckert
USHERS:	Clarence Schutte, Randy Schutte
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher
SERVERS:	Greyson Holscher
GIFTS:	Kurt Holscher Family
<u>Sun. Nov. 5, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Anita Kocher
USHERS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping
COMMUNION MIN:	Wilmer Wilson, Jim Ping
SERVERS:	Cameron Davis
GIFTS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping
<u>Sun. Nov. 5, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Sam Quick
USHERS:	Ken Deters, Roselene Quick
COMMUNION MIN:	Mark Ghering, Teresa Gower
SERVERS:	Xavier Brown, Levi Dickerson
GIFTS:	Scott Rawlings Family

Collection Counters: November, 2017: John Ferris, Alan Maddox, Anne Schrey

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



PSR Upcoming Classes

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



High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group is collecting books for a service project that will benefit our community. We will accept gently used children's books, young adult books and books for adults as well. These books may be brought to the Parish Center during regular business hours.

Scriptural Reflections for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The reason why we can heed these otherwise overwhelming words— "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind"—is because of a seminal truth that has already taken hold of us: God does not want anything from us that He has not Himself first given us. The utterance of this Great Commandment is a confirmation that God has first loved us in such a way that it is supremely possible for us to love Him as He demands. The generosity of our charity toward others flows from our mindfulness that we "were once aliens," but then God's Love came and claimed us. That is why we truly can become "imitators of the Lord."

HOLY HOUR ~ OUR LADY OF LOURDES

For the Special Intention of the SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE, there will be a HOLY HOUR on TUES. OCT. 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.

Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

On WED. NOV. 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 & spend any amount of time in prayer before the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Prayer Requests

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

**Oct. 29, 2017 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
~From the Pastor ~ 'The True Meaning of Love'**

Context is important for understanding today's Gospel. We are nearing the end of Jesus' public ministry, & things are heating up for Him. His opponents have been trying for some time to entrap Jesus, but thus far, He has been too shrewd for them. When the doctor of the law asks Jesus about the greatest commandment, the questioner is wading into a long-standing and hotly contested rabbinical dispute, so the question is not altogether surprising. Presumably the hope is to get Jesus to take a debatable stance on the issue, so His enemies can call His teaching into question. Jesus gives an answer that is tough to argue with: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." The verse (see Dt. 6:5) is part of the "Shema," which observant Jews recite twice daily (including as their last words before sleep) to remind themselves of the heart of their faith. But Jesus then sneaks in a second commandment, saying it is "like" the first: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself!" Dick Hillis, a former American missionary to China, offers an illustration in "Love Is A Costly Thing." He remembers: "She was lying on the ground. In her arms she held a tiny baby girl. As I put a cooked sweet potato into her outstretched hand, I wondered if she would live until morning. Her strength was almost gone, but her tired eyes acknowledged my gift. The sweet potato could help so little — but it was all I had. "Taking a bite she chewed it carefully. Then, placing her mouth over her baby's mouth, she forced the soft warm food into the tiny throat. Although the mother was starving, she used the entire potato to keep her baby alive. Exhausted from her effort, she dropped her head on the ground and closed her eyes. In a few minutes the baby was asleep. I later learned that during the night the mother's heart stopped, but her little girl lived. "Love is a costly thing. God in his love for us (and for a lost world) 'spared not his own Son' to tell the world of his love. Love is costly, but we must tell the world at any cost. If you will let your love for Christ cost you something, the great advance will be made together." Remember, love is a costly thing. Do you love enough?

 **St. Elizabeth Youth Choir**

If you come to the 6:30 P.M. Eucharist for the Holy Day of ALL SAINTS, you will notice something different with the music and the songs being sung during that Mass. Father Flach has established a YOUTH CHOIR with 15 students, 11 Junior High Girls and 4 Junior High Boys. We have been practicing and preparing for this Mass. At our first practice, they sounded great and sing well together. Let these young parishioners know of your support and encouragement and thank them for being such a visible and active sign of our Christian Catholic youth.

Baptism News



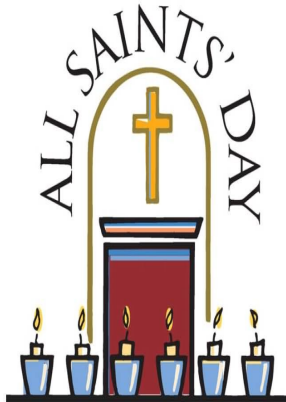
Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is happy to welcome **ARRIETA ROSE HARTRICH** into the Catholic Church & Christian Community through the oils & waters of the Sacrament of Baptism. As you begin your Baptismal journey into eternal love & eternal life with GOD, we promise that we will be by your side to lead & guide you with our constant prayers, good example & God's Love. Arrietta received the oils & waters of BAPTISM on Sun. Oct. 22, 2017. She is the daughter of Matt & Lisa Hartrich.

**Nov. 1, 2017 ~ 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 — are bound 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.

OLOL~Friday Mass

Due to the fact that Father Flach has a wedding rehearsal on Friday, November 3, 2017, the **NOVEMBER FRIDAY MONTHLY MASS** will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 at

 **OLOL's ~ 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.

Spiritual Reading~Passing Judgment Upon Others

The Gospel this Sunday, taken from Matthew, chapter 18, presents the theme of brotherly correction within the community of believers: that is, how I must correct another Christian when he does what is not good. Jesus teaches us that, should my Christian brother commit a sin against me, offend me, I must be charitable toward him and, first of all, speak with him personally, explain to him what he said or did that was wrong. What if the brother doesn't listen to me? Jesus proposes a progressive intervention: first, return speak to him with two or three other people, so he may be more aware of his error; if, despite this, he does not accept the admonition, the community must be told; and should he also refuse to listen to the community, he must be made aware of the rift and estrangement that he himself has caused, weakening the communion with his brothers in the Faith. The stages of this plan show the effort that the Lord asks of his community in order to accompany the one who transgresses, so that he or she is not lost. It is important above all to prevent any clamor in the news and gossip in the community—this is the first thing, this must be avoided. Go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone (Mt 18:15). The approach is one of sensitivity, prudence, humility, attention towards the one who committed a fault, to avoid wounding or killing the brother with words. Because, you know, words too can kill! When I speak, when I make an unfair criticism, when I "flay" a brother with my tongue, this is killing another person's reputation! Words kill too. Let us pay attention to this. At the same time, the discretion of speaking to him alone is to avoid needlessly humiliating the sinner. It is discussed between the two; no one is aware of it and then it's over. This requirement also takes into account the consequent series of interventions calling for the involvement of a few witnesses and then actually of the community. The purpose is to help the person realize what he has done, and that through his fault he has offended not only one, but everyone. But it also helps us to free ourselves from anger or resentment which only causes harm: that bitterness of heart which brings anger and resentment, and which leads us to insult and aggression. It's terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly. Do you understand? Do not insult! To insult is not Christian. Understood? To insult is not Christian. Actually, before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness. All of us. Indeed, Jesus: told us not to judge. Fraternal correction is a mark of the love and communion which must reign in the Christian community; it is, rather, a mutual service that we can and must render to one another. To reprove a brother is a service, and it is possible and effective only if each one recognizes oneself to be a sinner and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. The same awareness that enables me to recognize the fault of another, even before that, reminds me that I have likewise made mistakes and I am often wrong. This is why, at the beginning of Mass, every time, we are called before the Lord to recognize that we are sinners, expressing through words and gestures sincere repentance of the heart. And we say: "Have mercy on me, Lord. I am a sinner! I confess to Almighty God my sins." And we don't say: "Lord, have mercy on this man who is beside me, or this woman, who are sinners." No! "Have mercy on me!" We are all sinners and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who speaks to our spirit and makes us recognize our faults in light of the Word of Jesus. And Jesus himself invites us all, saints and sinners, to his table, gathering us from the crossroads, from diverse situations of life (cf. Mt 22:9-10). And among the conditions in common among those participating in the Eucharistic celebration, two are fundamental in order to go to Mass correctly: we are all sinners

Passing Judgment Upon Others continued

grants his mercy to all. These are the two conditions which open wide the doors that we might enter Mass properly. We must always remember this before addressing a brother in brotherly correction.



Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at OLOL's 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 22, 2017

Envelopes \$ 1,912.00 Loose \$ 256.00
2 Online @ \$80.00 World Missions \$435.00
Deposit \$2,683.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, October 15, 2017

Envelopes \$690.00 Loose \$37.00
Votive Offerings \$77.50
Deposit \$ 804.50



Daily Mass Readings Oct. 30 ~ Nov. 3, 2017

Mon. Oct. 30- Reading 1~ Rom. 8:12-17
Gospel Lk. 13:10-17

Tues. Oct. 31- Reading 1~Rom. 8:18-25
Gospel Lk. 13:18-21

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

Thur. Nov. 2- Reading 1~ Wis. 3:1-9
Reading 2~Rom.5:5-11 or Rom. 6:3-9
Gospel Jn. 6:37-40

Fri. Nov. 3 - Reading 1~ Rom. 9:1-5
Gospel Lk. 14:1-6



OLOL ~ 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 Sun. Nov. 5 & 12, 2017.

Crawford County Catholic Mardi Gras

Plans are being formalized for the Mardi Gras celebration to be held on Sat. Feb. 10, 2018. We are fortunate to have 3 couples who are willing to chair this event for us. BOB & KOURTNEY COFFMAN, STEWART & EMILY SCHUTTE, & JIM & BROOK STEWART. They are already working to coordinate this event. If you have helped in any way in the past & would love to help again this year, simply let one of the above persons know. Please watch the bulletin for forthcoming details, & mark your calendar for SAT. FEB. 10, 2018. Hope to see you there!