



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



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

### PASTORAL STAFF

Office Manager: Halena Estep

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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.

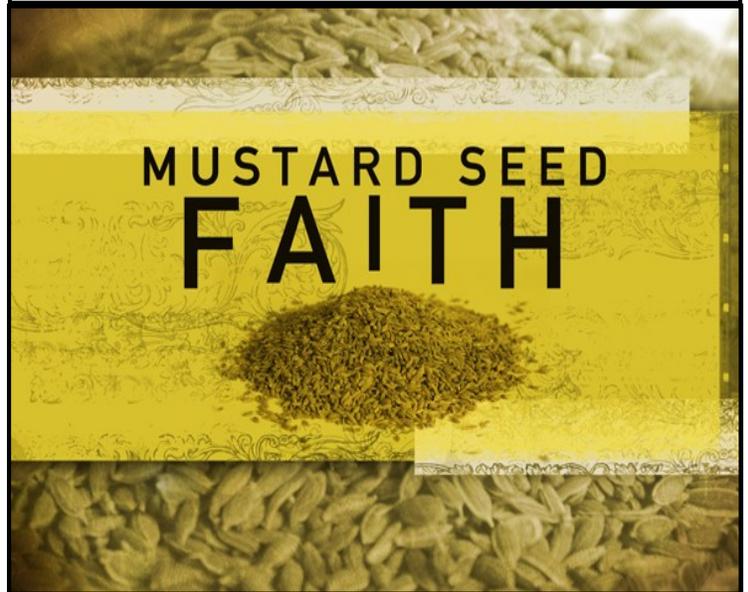
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 6, 2019  
Twenty-seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



Sayings of Faith Luke 17:5~10

**And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted & planted in the sea,' & it would obey you." Luke 17:5~6**



## Mass Intentions

Oct. 5	4:30 pm	Gene & Barbara Dix by Larry Dix
Oct. 6	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr.
	9:00 am	Ron Dhom by Bob & Kourtney Coffman Family
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 7	7:30 am	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Oct. 8	12:00 pm	NO MASS~ PRIEST'S DEANERY MEETING
Oct. 9	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 10	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Oct. 11	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Oct. 12	4:30 pm	Greg Bohman Birthday Deceased by George & Jane Bohman
Oct. 13	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Clarence Schutte
	9:00 am	Repose of the soul of Mark Stone by Mardi Gras
	10:30 am	Special Intentions



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 12 ~ Sunday, October 13, 2019

Sat. October 12, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** Celeste White  
**USHERS:** Terry & Lynne Roche  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Janet Hill, Chris Tylka  
**SERVERS:** Lily Ann Mullins  
**GIFTS:** Jack Watts Family

Sun. October 13, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** Janet Jenkins  
**USHERS:** Dave Holscher, Tom Huss  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Jim & Shari Eckert  
**SERVERS:** Mallory Mosbey  
**GIFTS:** Eric Mosbey Family

Sun. October 13, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes  
**LECTOR:** Keith Wirey  
**USHERS:** Carol Miller, Janelle Hoke  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Mary Patchett, Donna Keller  
**SERVERS:** Taylor Blank  
**GIFTS:** Carol Miller, Janelle Hoke

Sun. October 13, 10:30 am St. Elizabeth  
**LECTOR:** Courtney Ferris  
**USHERS:** Jack Grimm, John Grimm  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Mark Ghering, Eileen Hartrich  
**SERVERS:** Emily Ferris, Maddy Myers  
**GIFTS:** Scott Chapman Family

October Collection Counters: Don Brown, Kaye Holscher, Rhonda Stone

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## Parish School of Religion

OCTOBER PSR DATES: WED. OCT. 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019.



## Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: OCTOBER ~ Oct. 20, 2019  
from 5:30—7:00 pm. NOVEMBER ~ Nov. 3, 17, 24

## Priest's Deanery Meeting

Father Flach has a PRIEST'S DEANERY MEETING on Tuesday, October 8, 2019; therefore, there will be NO MASS on that day.

## National Honor Society Blood Drive



Oblong High School will have a Blood Drive on Fri. Oct. 11, 2019 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. This will be at the Oblong High School Gym.

## Coffee & Doughnuts



Coffee & Doughnuts will be served in St. Elizabeth Parish Center on SUN. OCT. 27, 2019 at 11:30 am.

All are welcome.

Spiritual Reading for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Faith is not only the perpetual element of our spiritual life; it is also a most firm element, firmer by far than consolations & extraordinary graces. Saint Peter, after having alluded to the Transfiguration, of which he was a privileged witness, & to that heavenly voice, the voice of the Father, which his own ears heard on the height of Thabor, assures us that, despite everything else, we have something firmer & more secure & we have the more firm prophetic word (2 Pt 1:19), the revealed word, that is, the faith. In fact, the faith is something firmer & more secure than would be the appearance of our Lord to us & his speech with us.... Who does not imagine that an apparition would be something most efficacious in the spiritual life? Nevertheless, I repeat that the light of faith is firmer & surer than an apparition. I recall a person who arrived at a very high degree of prayer by means of this very simple procedure. She said to herself, "If I would see our Lord, how would I react? What would I say to him? How would I comport myself with him?" Then she would vivify her faith & say, "I do not see him with my eyes, but faith assures me that he is present in the tabernacle. Now, if he is here before me, I wish to enact what I should feel & say & do, as I would feel & say & do it if I were seeing him with my bodily eyes." Thus, she intensified her faith & facilitated her communion with God. Can we make our prayer with ease? Then let us be transported with it. Is our soul flooded with light? Then let us profit from it, so that our heart may glow. At the present time, however, do we lack all this? Then let us not be disturbed, for faith should suffice us in such a way that we should comport ourselves today as we comported ourselves yesterday. Yesterday we loved God in light & in joy; today let us love him in darkness & spiritual dryness. If we had the surety of his love yesterday, we ought also to have it today. His love does not depend on the changes of our heart, nor does it alter because our sensible dispositions change. His love is everlastingly the same.

Sunday, October 6, 2019 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ From The Pastor ~

Faith makes a difference in the way life is viewed and in the way we understand the world. Some see the world as a dangerous place, but they walk through it using their faith as protection, while others avoid as much engagement as possible. People like Jean Vanier, the founder of the L'Arche group homes for the intellectually challenged, chose the eyes of faith and walked through life wholeheartedly. Using the compassionate eyes his faith provided him, Vanier saw despair and loneliness in those on the margins and decided to do something. His faith reminded him that every human being has the same sacred truth: We are all created in God's image and likeness. It is this sacred truth that is revered within everyone with respect and dignity. Vanier's faith placed in him the power to give these people the gift of his heart in friendship. He became their friend. Like Jean Vanier and everyone with faith, it makes a big difference how they live and approach life. As 2 Timothy today suggests, "It stirs into the flame" of their faith, revealing God's purpose and plan for their lives while they walk on his earth, keeping them pointed toward their destiny beyond. Faith may be tiny as a mustard seed, but when it splits open, it teaches us about Jesus. The purpose faith gives is to live life with magnanimous gratitude to the God who made them. This gratefulness shapes their lives, encouraging them to use their gifts to live their lives to the fullest. At the same time, many others need assistance to live life to the fullest, and those that have more can share their abundance. When faith-filled people reach out to serve neighbors as Vanier did, this is an act of adoration to God the Father. The moment disciples show service to others in need, God is praised. Faith also keeps God's promises alive when believers are overwhelmed with darkness and their courage begins to waver. Faith supplies the trust that disciples need to remember that God is simply behind that darkness waiting to assist. His presence will carry their cross when it becomes too much to endure alone. Timothy's letter also reminds readers that faith is tested in times of trouble. It is a pledge of ultimate proof of a positive outcome for all lives lived gratefully. Faith's goodness is bountiful and everlasting, and there is enough for every generation of believers to share.

Scriptural Reflections for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In order to comply with the Apostles' request, "Increase our faith," the Lord begins by correcting their conception of it. Faith increases in those who are truly humble, who acknowledge that, before the Lord, they ever remain "unprofitable servants." Faith increases when we are willing to bear our "share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God." An increase of faith is given to those who are resolute with the conviction that the vision of faith "presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint." Faith of this intensity, even if only as small as a mustard seed, makes miracles happen, and even more: faith will

Daily Mass Readings

- Mon. Oct. 7, 2019 First Reading Jon. 1:1-2:1-2, 11 Gospel Lk. 10:25-37
Tues. Oct. 8, 2019 First Reading Jon. 3:1-10 Gospel Lk. 10:38-42
Wed. Oct. 9, 2019 First Reading Jon. 4:1-11 Gospel Lk. 11:1-4
Thurs. Oct. 10, 2019 First Reading Mal. 3:13-20B Gospel Lk. 11:5-13
Fri. Oct. 11, 2019 First Reading Jl. 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Gospel Lk. 11:15-26

Our Lady Of Lourdes News

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY ~ To honor the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY during the month of the Most Holy Rosary, the Rosary will be prayed SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, OCTOBER 13, OCTOBER 20, & OCTOBER 28, 2019 AT 8:30 am in OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH.

Soup Supper at Our Lady of Lourdes



Parishioners from both St. Elizabeth's & Our Lady of Lourdes' Parishes are invited to a soup supper on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 at 4:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Various kinds of soup, hot-dogs & peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be provided. A carry in of other sides & desserts are welcome. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you there.

Oblong School N.O.W. Program



Oblong School District is again participating in the County's N.O.W. Program. Their "Nutrition-on-Weekends" initiative currently involves 40 children. They experience more need 4 times in the school year when the children have extended weekends. Monetary donations have allowed Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to purchase jars of peanut butter & jelly. To continue this support, collections will be held after Mass from Sunday, September 22nd through October 6th, 2019. Your generosity is appreciated.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting



Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting will take place on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Kiosk Corner



In this popular work of apologetics, Mark Shea presents a lively & entertaining look at his conversion to Catholicism from Evangelicalism & his discovery of Christian Tradition. As an Evangelical, Shea accepted the principle of Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone) as the basis of faith. Now as a Catholic convert, he skillfully explains how & why Sacred Tradition occupies a central role in divine revelation. Tracing his own journey of intellectual & spiritual awakening, Shea begins by looking for a rejoinder to those modern-day false prophets who would claim that Scripture itself is not to be trusted, & he ends with his conviction that Tradition, as explained by the Catholic Church, is the only sure guarantee of the truth of the revelation of Jesus Christ. Note: This is an abridged version of By What Authority? Praise for By What Authority? "A crystal clear & compelling case for Sacred Tradition. on the basis of logic, history, & Scripture. It is simply the best I have found." Scott Hahn, Author of Rome Sweet Home. This is not just another book of Catholic apologetics. It is not only a good thing; it's also a good read. Concrete, clear, compelling arguments." Peter Kreeft, Author of Handbook of Catholic Apologetics. "An important service for Catholics, Evangelicals, & all those seeking a firm grounding for faith. Shea argues powerfully for the extra-biblical authority of Sacred Tradition as a depository & source of revelation side by side with the Bible, to which it testifies & which it interprets with authority" - Russel Shaw, Author of American Church

Spiritual Reading for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The apostles said to the Lord, "“Increase our faith” (17:5).*

*What has made the Apostles recognize their need for greater faith? In the preceding verses the Lord warned about "things that cause sin" & the need to forgive our brother "seven times" even in the same day. The apostles recognize this is beyond their ordinary human capacity, for by ourselves we cannot overcome sin & be Christlike in our forgiveness of others. Faith is a supernatural virtue, a gift from God, that gives us the certainty we are not on our own and that Christ's forgiveness changes and empowers us: "Put on then, as God' chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do" (Col 3:12-13). Though Jesus does not promise to prevent all temptations, difficulties, evil, and mistreatment from others, what he does offer is the grace to rise above them. "To increase our faith means to live by faith—to live like Jesus Christ, united and conformed to Jesus Christ in every conceivable way. An increase of faith requires a willingness to lose our life. Those who desire an increase of faith have a lot to live up to. But the faith that the apostles ask for is not for themselves; it is for the Church. The Acts of the Apostles abounds with reports of how the faith increased because of the increased faith of the apostles" (Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.). How do we, in our own lives, share in the apostolic mission of the Church? Prayer and the faithful living of our own vocation. 'We can do small things with great love" (Mother Teresa). *The Lord replied, "“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" 17:6). Saint Bede: "Our Lord here compares perfect faith to a grain of mustard seed, because it is lowly in appearance, but fervent in heart." "The unlimited power of God is in faith, which in the eyes of the world is such a small 'nothing'—just like a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds. Faith opens you to the redeeming works of Christ and removes fear" (Father Tadeusz Daiczner). Faith uproots all that seems "stuck" in our life and plunges it into the ocean of God's love; even death and sin are drowned in the sea of mercy that flows from Christ. What is it that seems insoluble or immovable in our life right now? Faith assures us "nothing will be impossible for God" (Lk 1:37). "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at the table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? " (17:7-8). These words may sound harsh. After all, has not our Lord said we are no longer servants but friends (cf. Jn 15:15)? Indeed, but friendship with the Lord is only possible because of his generosity. 'What do you possess that you have not received?' (1 Cor 4:7). The Lord frees us from demeaning servitude to sin, inviting us to dignified service as his children: "O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds" (Ps 116:16). Saint Augustine: "It is as if Jesus says, 'After I have been delighted with the work of your preaching, and refreshed myself with the choice food of your compunction, then at length shall you go, and feast yourself everlastingly with the eternal banquet of wisdom.'" Tirelessly sensing the Lord expands our own heart's capacity to receive the joy of heaven, for we long to love and be loved in a complete way. "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up"(Gal6:9)." *Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So, should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do'" (17:9-10).***

Spiritual Reading for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time continued

*Unprofitable servants:* God did not create us because of a lack or deficiency within himself, or to "profit" from us. Rather, we exist because he wants to share his infinite goodness. His commandments and our life of service to him lead us to eternal happiness with him. Consider the beautiful words of one text in the Mass: "For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation, through Christ our Lord" (Common Preface IV). "Although our works, as far as they are ours, are of little or no value, yet insofar as they flow from the grace of Christ they are the works of Christ, our head, and do in fact merit eternal glory; for grace is the seed of glory. God, in his immeasurable goodness, has been pleased to promise eternal glory for the works which we do by Christ's grace" (Comelius a Lapide, S.J.). Even the simplest of actions, because of our union with Christ, can advance the mission of the Church (cf. Mt 10:42; recall the words of Mother Teresa above).

**Weekly Offerings**

**St. Elizabeth Church**

Week ending Sunday, September 29, 2019

Envelopes \$1,477.00 Loose \$355.06 Votive Candles \$130.00

Harry Wong Memorial \$25.00

4 online thru Give Central @ \$355.00 Deposit: \$2,342.06

**Our Lady Of Lourdes Church**

Week ending Sunday, September 22, 2019

Envelopes \$845.00 Loose \$102.00 Building Fund \$1.00

Deposit: \$948.00

**Give Central**

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.

**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

**Prayer Requests**

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