



# 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 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, September 23, 2018 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in Mark 9:30~37



**“Whoever receives one child such as this in My Name, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but the One who sent Me.”**

## Mark 9:37

Sept. 22	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Sherri Murray
Sept. 23	7:30 am 9:00 am	Special Intentions Virginia Rose Hardiman by Frank & Ann Schalasky
Sept. 24	10:30 am 7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Sept. 25	12:00 pm	Jack Stanley by Goodwine Family
Sept. 26	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Sept. 27	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Sept. 28	7:30 am	Keith Hartrich by Eileen Hartrich
Sept. 29	4:30 pm	Betty Moore by Eileen Hartrich
Sept. 30	7:30 am  9:00 am 10:30 am	Adeline Probst by Chris Jansen Family Virginia Rose Hardiman by Frank & Anne Schalasky For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 29 ~ Sunday, September 30, 2018

Sat. Sept. 29, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:**

**USHERS:** Ken & Carol Bergbower

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Abby Mullins

**GIFTS:** Mark Grimm Family

Sun. Sept. 30, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Linda Sikorski

**USHERS:** Jeff Rich, Craig Weber

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Jared Hermann

**GIFTS:** Chad Arkenberg Family

Sun. Sept. 30, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**LECTOR:** Kourtney Coffman

**USHERS:** Jerry & Sarah Ping

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Ava Patchett

**GIFTS:** Jerry & Sarah Ping

Sun. Sept. 30, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Eileen Hartrich

**USHERS:** Josh & Roselene Quick

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Emily Ferris, Evan Ferris

**GIFTS:** Andrew Ferris Family

September Collection Counters: Janet Hill, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

**PSR:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm & Wednesday, October 3, 10, 17, & 24 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**Youth Group News:** Junior High Youth Group will meet on 10/7/2018 from 7-8:30 at the home of Ted and Kathy Staller. Please bring a snack to share.

**Trunk or Treat:** We will be holding our annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 5-6:30 p.m. We will once again be asking for volunteers to set up their trunks in the parking lot for children to visit for treats and games.



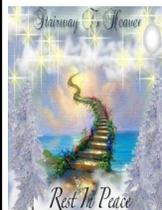
## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Oblong, OLOL) Scott Chapman, Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Donald Davis (Lori Davis), Todd Drake, Sonny Rosenski (Linda Allen), Phil Skaggs (Sharon Skaggs), Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

## Scriptural Reflections ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

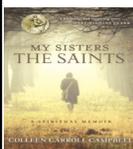
"Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist" there is the temptation to "beset the just one with "revilement and torture." This is what Jesus reveals to his disciples: he is to be "handed over to men and they will kill him." The disciples' staggering response is to squabble among themselves about who was the greatest." "Where do the conflicts among you come from?" From "your passions that make war within," spurring us to "kill and envy." Yet, for all our coveting we do not possess. So, Jesus puts his arms around a child. In order to receive this little one we must be pure, peaceable, gentle, full of mercy—so much better than fighting and waging war. We "have proof of his gentleness" in the desire to be gentle that Jesus generates in us.

## Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of **ROBERT "BOB" BERTY**, Father of Scott & Nancy Berty. In God's Love, we pray that He will grant **ROBERT BERTY** a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that his family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

## Kiosk Corner~My sisters the Saints (Book) Colleen Carroll Campbell



A poignant & powerful spiritual memoir about how the lives of the saints changed the life of a modern woman. In "My Sisters the Saints", author Colleen Carroll Campbell blends her personal narrative of spiritual seeking, trials, stumbles, & breakthroughs with the stories of six women saints who profoundly changed her life: Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Faustina of Poland, Edith Stein of Germany, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, & Mary of Nazareth. Drawing upon the rich writing & examples of these extraordinary women, the author reveals Christianity's liberating power for women & the relevance of the saints to the lives of contemporary Christians.



**Sept. 23, 2018 Twenty~Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~From the Pastor ~What It Really Means To Be Great**

Jesuit Father Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, has been working to remediate the lives of gang members in Los Angeles for more than three decades. He has a rich supply of stories about young people who came from next to nothing and who despite the incredible odds against them, made themselves into something — with the help of God's grace and a little boost from Father Boyle. In his book "Tattoos on the Heart" (Free Press \$16), Father Boyle tells the story of Luis, "who had arguably been among the biggest, savviest drug dealers our community had ever known." That all changed when his little daughter was born. Luis decided to go straight and accepted a job at Homeboy Bakery, where he soon became a foreman. One day, his job included giving a tour to a busload of visitors. When Father Boyle checked in later to see how the tour had gone, Luis asked him what was up with "white people." When pressed to elaborate, he said, "They always be using the word "great." Several months later, Luis was telling Father Boyle about how his daughter, Tiffany, reacted to their new, modest apartment as she smiled broadly and announced, "This is great!" After an emotion-laden moment of choked silence for both men, Father Boyle managed to say: "You did this, You've never had a home in your life and now you have one. You've never had a father in your life — and now you are one. And I hate to have to tell you, but you're great." Jesus, I think, would have understood and agreed wholeheartedly. Perhaps not consciously, explicitly, but Luis did indeed receive his little child in Jesus' name, just as Father Boyle had received the little child locked inside Luis. And in so doing, both Luis and Father Boyle received Jesus — and the one who sent him. Luis had lived the life of disorder and every foul practice" (Jas 3:16), and he seemingly had become one of the "wicked." But the love of a priest who believed in him, and his own love for an innocent and powerless child, had rendered him "peaceable, gentle, compliant" (Jas 3:17). He could have taught Jesus' disciples a thing or two about what it really means to be "great" in the service of God.

**Choices Pregnancy & Health Thank You**

Thank you so much for participating in our Baby Bottle Blessing campaign this year. Choices had over 1,500 bottles go to 43 Churches from just the Casey Center! It is such a blessing to have so much community support! The total raised for your Baby Bottle event was \$300.00 for OLOL's & \$810.00 for St. Elizabeth. As of right now we have a total of \$18,230.19 that has been raised for the Casey area. What a blessing you have been to us! Please share this total with your congregation to let them know what a difference they have made for us here at the Center. As you know, the staff & volunteers of Choices strive to reach out with the compassion of our Lord to those in a crisis pregnancy situation. As we create an atmosphere of acceptance, encouragement & unconditional love, we have the opportunity to minister to those who have made bad choices & are broken in body mind, & spirit. God is using this ministry to offer hope to those who have no hope & to demonstrate real love instead of the counterfeit offered by the world! We are so grateful for your strong commitment to "life" issues. Your sacrifice of time, your tireless efforts in fundraising, together with your love for the Lord just blesses us beyond words! May the Lord continue to supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory! Blessings upon you & your Church. Cali Rice, Client Services Director. PS: Stay up to date with us on Facebook: Partners of CPH. You'll keep up with all the latest & greatest things happening with the ministry!



**Scriptural Reflections~Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

To become as little children is to empty ourselves of the selfish, sensual self in order to enthrone God in the inmost part of our being. It is to renounce this need, so deeply rooted in us, of being the sole master of all we survey, of deciding for ourselves, according to our whims, what is good or bad for us. Spiritual childhood, then, constitutes the most objective and fundamental answer to Adam's sin. Man separated himself from God in the hope of growing. Man wanted to be someone, unaided, and he made himself a prisoner. Nothing costs us more than to become a child, even in the spiritual sense meant by; Jesus, for the whole struggle of our existence pulls us in the opposite direction, to affirm and strengthen our personality. We must suffer much to become humanly adult and trace out a way for man in a world no longer human. In the economy of the Redemption, the attainment of the full stature of Christ is assured—paradoxically—only through a continuous dispossession, the dispossession that the "little way" sets forth. We must constantly rise above the contingencies of our human life to communicate on earth with the eternal present of the Father who is even now working in us. In our human existence our life proceeds to its completion by the addition of ever richer acts. In perspective of the kingdom, all the superabundant glory promised us is already developing the seed of baptism. We need only let God act, humbly and confidently responding to his love at each moment. The Father does not ask us to amass treasures which trust, but daily and in-silence to enrich our souls to the dimension of his imperishable treasures. There can be no contradiction between the growth to maturity which God asks of us, and the condition of childhood in which he wishes us to remain. Spiritual childhood is inactive only in appearance; actually, it is the "coefficient" of humility and confidence which affects each moment of our life. To dwell in God is to grow. That is the miracle of Christian newness drawn from the living water of the torrent of God.



**Daily Mass Readings**



Monday, September 24, 2018

First Reading Prv. 3:27~34  
Gospel Lk. 8:16~18

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

First Reading Prv. 21:1~6, 10~13  
Gospel Lk. 8:19~21

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

First Reading Prv. 30:5~9  
Gospel Lk. 9:1~6

Thursday, September 27, 2018

First Reading Eccl. 1:2~11  
Gospel Lk. 9:7~9

Friday, September 28, 2018

First Reading Eccl. 3:1~11  
Gospel Lk. 9:18~22

**First Friday of the Month Mass at OLOL**



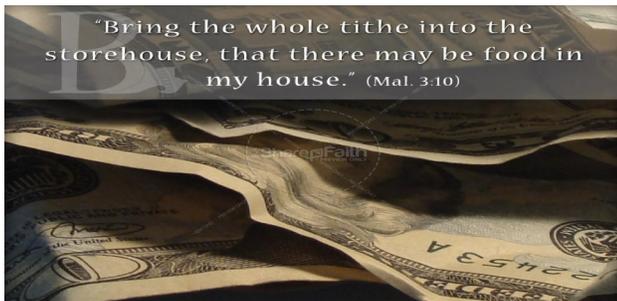
There will be the First Friday of the Month Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

The Mass will be for Leona Kocher by Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

**Annual Catholic Services Appeal 2018~2019  
"In Gratitude For God's Abundant Blessings"  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why should I support the Church?**

We should support the Church because God expects us to be generous stewards of the gifts of creation, returning to God the first fruits of these gifts. This expectation clearly expressed throughout the Bible, beginning with the story of Cain and Abel in the Book of Genesis 4:2-5, we read, "Abel" became a herder of flocks, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time, Cain brought an offering to the Lord from the fruit of the ground, while Abel, for his part, brought the fatty portion of the firstlings of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel & his offering, but on Cain & his offering he did not look with favor." God was pleased with the nature of Abel's offering since Abel brought "the first— of his flock, their fat portions," while Cain offered merely "of the fruit." God wants the best from us, not just our leftovers. In the Old Testament, the people understood their support for the Temple giving to the Lord: "The people rejoiced over these free-will offerings, for they had been contributed to the Lord wholeheartedly" (1 Chronicles 29:9). The first century Church described in the New Testament understood the offering of first fruits as part of God's plan for the sanctification of the Church founded by His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. This is in keeping with Jesus' teaching that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me (Matthew 25:40). Giving to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal supports the Church in fulfillment of command. How much should I give? The Bible answers this question with the concept of tithing, or giving ten percent. The Church did not create this concept. Tithing is God's own idea, the divinely chosen way to contribute regularly & systematically to work. Tithing is God's concept of giving. Sacred Scripture mentions tithing forty-six times. The first reference comes in the Book of Genesis, where Abram (as he was known before God changed his name to Abraham), returned victorious from battle. After receiving a blessing from Melchizedek, King of Salem & "priest of God the Most High," the text says that "Abram gave him a tenth of everything" (Genesis 14:20). While we should give freely without expecting anything in return, Scripture does contain God's written guarantee of rewards for those who tithe, as we read in the Book of Malachi: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts., & see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you a blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10).



**October Parish Meetings**



St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes  
PASTORAL COUNCIL  
will meet on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER, 2, 2018** in ST.  
**ELIZABETH PARISH CENTER** at 6:00 PM.

**Annual Catholic Services Appeal**



The ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL supports our parishes and diocese in carrying out the Gospel Mission of the Catholic Church in forming intentional disciples of Jesus Christ 2019 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC SERVICES. As you know, the theme for the 2018 — APPEAL is "IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS." Gratitude in the words of is integral to the life of a disciple. "THE BEST WAY TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO GOD Saint Teresa of Kolkota, AND PEOPLE IS TO ACCEPT EVERYTHING WITH JOY." With the gift of God's grace may we continue to grow as intentional disciples by generously supporting this year's appeal. Your deep and sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill the goal for:

**ST. ELIZABETH PARISH ~ \$38,376.00 &  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ~ \$8,112.00.**

Thank you and God Bless You.

**Time & Talent Survey**



An updated TIME & TALENT SURVEY will be distributed after all of the MASSES on OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2018. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please take a moment & complete the survey. Your dedicated & devoted SERVICES are deeply appreciated & may God bless you in many ways. This survey is being sponsored by the PASTORAL COUNCIL of St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.



**Give Central**

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website. You can click on the Donate button and you can donate to whatever collection you would like to. Thank you to all for using this service.

**Weekly Offerings**



**St. Elizabeth Church**

**Week Ending Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
Envelopes \$2,227.00 Loose \$318.10  
Building Fund \$35.00  
4 online @\$285.00  
Deposit: \$2,865.10

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

**Week Ending September 9, 2018**  
Envelopes \$725.00  
Loose \$96.00  
Deposit: \$821.00