



# 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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**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.

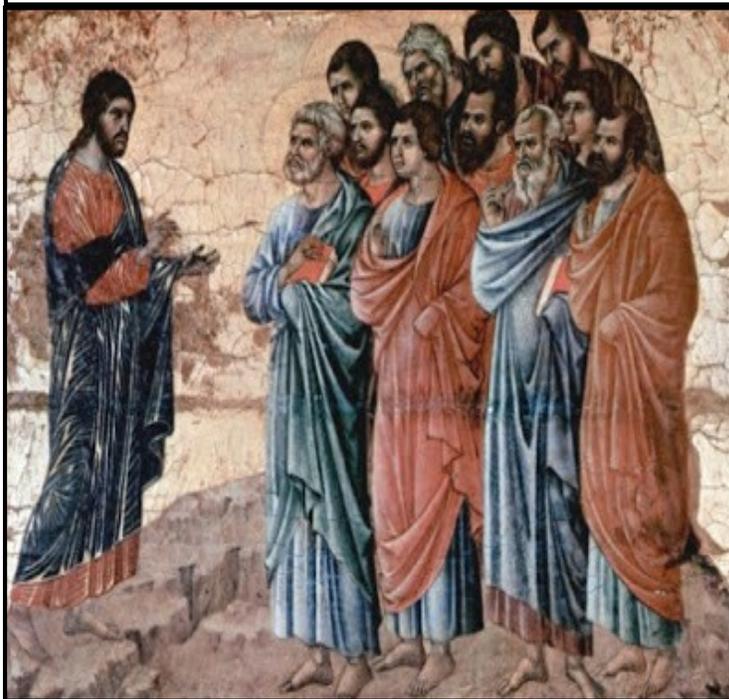
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 8, 2019 Twenty ~ third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sayings on Discipleship. Story found in Luke 14:25~33

**Great crowds were traveling with him, & he turned & addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father & mother, wife & children, brothers & sisters, & even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross & come after me cannot be my disciple.**

**Luke 14:25~26**



## Mass Intentions

Sept. 7	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Sept. 8	7:30 am	Carl & Marcie Bute by Chad Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	Val Pescatore by Eileen Fabris
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Sept. 9	7:30 am	Kathy Bonaventura by Friends
Sept. 10	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sept. 11	7:30 am	Joe Wagner by Carol Wong
Sept. 12	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Sept. 13	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Sept. 14	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Sept. 15	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	The repose of the soul of Lillie Rose Myers



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 14 ~ Sunday, September 15, 2019

Sat. September 14, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Celeste White  
**USHERS:** Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Phil & Kayla Blank  
**SERVERS:** Lily Ann Mullins  
**GIFTS:** Randy Family Family

Sun. September 15, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Janet Jenkins  
**USHERS:** Dave Holscher, Tom Huss  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner  
**SERVERS:** Jeff Hermann  
**GIFTS:** Brad Schutte Family

Sun. September 15, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**LECTOR:** Chris Keller  
**USHERS:** Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Mary Patchett, Kourtney Coffman  
**SERVERS:** Taylor Blank  
**GIFTS:** Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

Sun. September 15, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Roselene Quick  
**USHERS:** Charles & Kandice Richey  
**COMMUNION MIN:** Janet Hill, Carol Wong  
**SERVERS:** Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings  
**GIFTS:** Bob Birkofer Family

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

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## Parish School of Religion

**PSR: SEPTEMBER 11, 18, 25, 2019 FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM.**

**PSR OCTOBER DATES: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM.**

## 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Class Dates



**CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES:** Sept. 8, 2019  
 Sept. 15, 2019  
 Sept. 22, 2019  
 Sept. 29, 2019  
 from 5:30—7:00 pm.

## PARENT MEETING



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm** in St. Elizabeth Parish Center  
**REQUIRED PARENT MEETING for ALL SECOND & THIRD GRADE PARENTS** regarding reception of the SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & HOLY EUCHARIST.

## September Meetings



**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** The Finance Council of St. Elizabeth Parish will meet on **TUES. SEPT. 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm** in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

## Spiritual Reading for the Twenty~Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



As time passes, Jesus makes his request more demanding. The call to follow him not only reflects readiness to knowledge him as just and worthy of trust, but also the need to renounce oneself. In a certain sense, this is obvious: in order to follow someone, we have to abandon our own position, ourselves. This is what he asked of his disciples—to follow him at the cost of forsaking their attachments to either family life or possessions. The profound meaning of this renunciation—the renunciation of "self" as a criterion—was destined to emerge later in the souls of those who followed him. But Jesus not only demanded that they follow him by detaching themselves from their possessions. He asked them to live "for him" in the face of society. He also asks man to follow him in an exterior social way (witnessing), & makes man's very worth, his salvation, depend upon this. If anyone declares himself for me in the presence of human beings I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of human beings, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven (Mt 10:32). But then, no relationship is complete & true if it is not strong enough to be revealed in public. This is why the Lord insists on this process: that he be followed to the extent of abandoning everything, & adherence to him cannot be truly complete, even if one is detached from all things, until one stands with him before everyone.

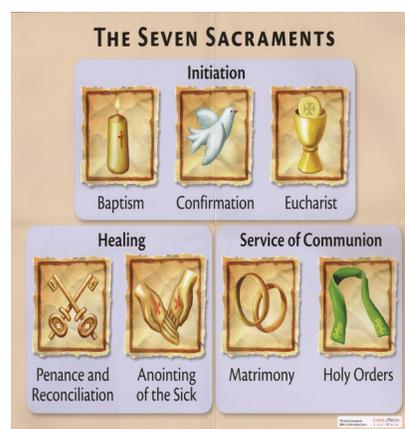
Jesus makes similar points about planning & preparation in today's two Gospel parables. If you're planning to build a tower, he says, you'd better get a few construction bids & check with your bank to be sure that you can afford it, and that the needed supplies & laborers are available. If you end up with half a tower, you will have wasted your money & created only an eyesore. Likewise, if you're a leader planning for a possible battle, you'd better consult with your tacticians & your intelligence specialists first to find out what troops & resources the enemy has at his disposal. Then you can compare them with your own to calculate the odds of your winning, & at what costs. The short moral: Do not start what you can't finish. Jesus, of course, is not building towers, & the baffles he proposes waging are largely spiritual ones. He does want followers to assist him with his mission, but he warns them honestly in advance: "It will cost you everything." So if you do choose to follow, be sure to act out of love, which is the passport needed for eternal life.

### How Catholics Pray The Sacred Eucharist

"The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called: [1] "Eucharist, [thanksgiving]" because it is an action of thanksgiving to God" (CCC 1328). It is a sacrifice of praise & thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole work of creation loved by God is presented to the Father, all that God has made good, beautiful, & just in creation & in humanity. In the little round Host is offered up the entire universe. [2] "The Lord's Supper, [1]" because of its connection with the supper which the Lord took with his disciples on the eve of his Passion [when he instituted the I Cor. 11:20] & [b] because it anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem (Rev. 19:9). Eucharist — anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 19:9). [3] "The Breaking of Bread, because... it is this expression that the first Christians will use (Acts by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him ('You, are what you eat') & form but one body in him [I Cor. 10:16-17])" [4] "The Eucharistic assembly (synaxis), because the Eucharist is celebrated amid the assembly of the , faithful, the visible expression of the Church. ' [5] "The memorial of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection." [6] "The Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ. 7. "The Holy & Divine Liturgy. 8. "The Sacred Mysteries. 9. "The Most Blessed Sacrament. 10. "Holy Communion. 11. "The bread of angels. 12. "bread from heaven. 13. medicine of immortality. 14. "viaticum. 15. "Holy Mass" (CCC 1329-32). The Eucharist rests on the authority of Christ, who instituted it (Luke 22:14-20). "Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do... what he did. (CCC 1333). Those who reject what the Church teaches & does, whether they know it or not, really reject what Christ teaches & does; for the Church's creed, cult, & code her theology, liturgy, & morality — are all in his name, who said to the apostles, "he who hears you, hears me" (Luke 10:16). The Eucharist has always been controversial & divisive, as was Christ. This is supremely ironic, for the Eucharist is the sacrament of unity with Christ &, through him (the "one bread"), with his whole Body the Church (the "one body"). Yet, like Christ himself, the Eucharist divided & offended men from the beginning. "The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: 'This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?' [John 6:60]. The Eucharist & the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery, & it never ceases to be an occasion of division.

'Will you also go away?' (John 6:67): the Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has 'the words of eternal life [John 6:68] & that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself' (CCC 1336). From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command. Of the Church of Jerusalem it is written: 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching & fellowship, to (Acts 2:42; CCC the breaking of bread & the prayers. 1342). 'From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued, so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the center of the Church's life" (CCC 1343). 'If from the beginning Christians have celebrated the Eucharist, & in a form whose substance has not changed despite the great diversity of times & liturgies, it is because we know ourselves to be bound by the command the Lord gave on the eve of his Passion: 'Do this in remembrance of me (I Cor. 11:24-25; ccc 1356).

### The Seven Sacraments



**Jesus IS PRESENT AMONG US TODAY BY MEANS OF THE SACRAMENTS. THROUGH THEM, JESUS ACTS IN HIS CHURCH & EFFECTS THE SALVATION OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS. SACRAMENTS ARE SENSIBLE SIGNS, INSTITUTED BY CHRIST TO GIVE US GRACE, WHICH MAKES**

**US CHILDREN OF GOD & HEIRS OF HEAVEN.** Our natural life follows a series of stages: we are born & grow until we become adults & can live on our own. In instituting the Seven Sacraments Jesus gave us helps to be born & grow to adulthood in the supernatural life-to be with us in every phase of life.

**Baptism**-Christ gives us a new life: the life of grace in His Church. We celebrate our birth to faith, as children of God, & we die to sin.

**Confirmation**-Christ strengthens us as Christians & He makes us His soldiers & apostles to defend & spread the faith.

**Eucharist**-We celebrate the Lord's Passover, the sacrifice of the Cross. Christ feeds us with the Bread of Life, His Body & Blood.

**Penance**-Christ forgives our sins & restores or increases our grace. We celebrate our conversion & reconciliation with God & the Church.

**Anointing of the Sick**-Christ strengthens our soul in the face of sickness & death. We celebrate the Christian hope in life eternal.

**Holy Orders**-Christ consecrates His ministers for the Priestly Service of the People of God.

**Matrimony**-Christ sanctifies the indissoluble union of man & woman in mutual love & support, to have children & to bring them up in the Catholic faith.

## 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 response.

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal ~ 2019

*"Together In Mission"* 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 & Abel in the book of Genesis 4:2-5, we read, "Abel" became a herder of flocks & 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, & pour down upon you a blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10).

## Daily Mass Readings



**Mon. Sept. 9, 2019**

First Reading ~ Col. 1:24-2:3

Gospel ~ Lk. 6:6-11

**Tues. Sept. 10, 2019**

First Reading ~ Col. 2:6-15

Gospel ~ Lk. 6:12-19

**Wed. Sept. 11, 2019**

First Reading ~ Col. 3:1-11

Gospel ~ Lk. 6:20-26

**Thurs. Sept. 12, 2019** First Reading ~ Col. 3:12-17

Gospel ~ Lk. 6:27-38

**Fri. Sept. 13, 2019** First Reading ~ 1 Tm. 1:1-2, 12-14

Gospel ~ Lk. 6:39-42

Spiritual Reflections for the Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time



Christ makes this revelation: "If anyone comes to me without hating... even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." The Lord wants to give us a love that so exceeds even the highest human loves that we would be "a prisoner for Christ Jesus." The kind of detachment that Jesus calls for in the Gospel today disposes us to receive all that God is eager to give us. The Lord insists that we carry our own cross,

for that cross separates us from anything that "burdens the soul" & 'weighs down the mind" so that we can follow Christ faithfully, for ('thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

## Weekly Offerings



**St. Elizabeth Church**  
**Week ending Sunday, September 1, 2019 2019**

Envelopes \$1,992.00 Loose \$226.00  
Building Fund \$97.00  
3 online @ \$255.00  
Deposit: \$2,570.00

**Our Lady Of Lourdes Church**  
**Week ending Sunday, August 18, 2019**

Envelopes \$615.00 Loose \$183.00  
Building Fund \$10.00  
Deposit: \$808.00

## Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Tucker Babbs (Wilmer Wilson), Karla Birkofer, Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Judy Eckert, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Kay Pescatore, Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Josh, Angela & Madison Rose Stumborg, Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, Kathy Wright (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.