



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thursday from 8:00 am ~ 4:00 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, April 19, 2020 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)



Story in John 20:19-31 Appearance to the Disciples.

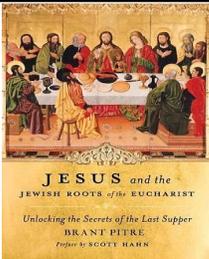
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. John 20:22 & 23

Apr. 18	4:30 pm	Ethel Hardiek Birthday by Eileen Hartrich
Apr. 19	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina
Apr. 20	7:30 am	Jane Berger by George Brown
Apr. 21	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Apr. 22	7:30 am	Eric Case by Theresa Case
Apr. 23	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 24	7:30 am	Joe Stein (Death) by George & Jane Bohman
Apr. 25	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Apr. 26	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Raymond Halter by Christina Evans & Carol Waters For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Jane Brown by George Brown

Spreading the Light of Easter

Stay with us: Lord! Stay, sweet Jesus, stay forever! Stay with me, & then I shall begin to shine as You shine: so to shine as to be a light to others. This light, O Jesus, will be all from You. None of it will be mine. It will be You who shine through me upon others. O, let me thus praise You in the way which You love best, by shining on all those around me. Give light to them as well as to me; light them with me, through me. Teach me to show forth Your praise, Your truth, Your will. Make me preach You without preaching -- not by my words, but by my example & by the catching force the sympathetic influence of what I do by my visible resemblance to Your saints, & the evident fullness of the love which my heart bears to You. St. John Henry Newman

Kiosk Corner



Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist (Book) by Dr. Brant Pitre
"Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. Using his in-depth knowledge of the Bible & ancient Judaism, Dr. Brant Pitre answers questions such as: What was the Passover like at the time of Jesus? What were the Jewish hopes for the

Messiah? What was Jesus' purpose in instituting the Eucharist during the feast of Passover? And, most important of all, what did Jesus mean when he said, "This is my body... This is my blood"? To answer these questions, Pitre explores ancient Jewish beliefs about the Passover of the Messiah, the miraculous Manna from heaven, & the mysterious Bread of the Presence. As he shows, these three keys—the Passover, the Manna, & the Bread of the Presence—have the power to unlock the original meaning of the Eucharistic words of Jesus. Along the way, Pitre also explains how Jesus united the Last Supper to his death on Good Friday & his Resurrection on Easter Sunday Inspiring & informative, "Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" is a groundbreaking work that is sure to illuminate one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: the mystery of Jesus' presence in "the breaking of the bread."

A Fond Farewell To Courtney Ferris



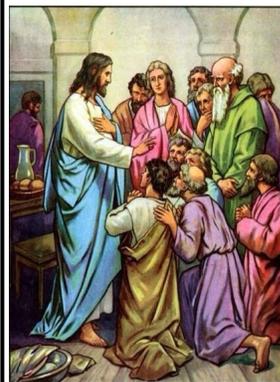
As we travel as pilgrims through this life that God has given to us we do so in the midst of constant changes. In the midst of these changes, we rely more deeply upon the presence of God who guides & leads us to His Everlasting Love. Our hearts are blessed with humble gratitude as we reflect upon the dedicated & faithful service to St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish of COURTNEY FERRIS as she steps aside in her important role as DIRECTOR of the PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM. We firmly believe that God guided you, COURTNEY, to our parishes to provide spiritual leadership in helping each of us to grow in our Catholic Faith & to deepen our love for the Blessed Trinity. From July 25, 2011 unto the May 28, 2020, you have devoted yourself completely to be of of service in any way possible & for this we are deeply grateful. Your dedicated accomplishments are too numerous to mention but your presence will remain in our hearts as we say FAREWILL to you. We hope that you will always know of our gratitude, prayer, & love for you. May God bless you in your new endeavors.

A Warm & Sincere Welcome to Kathy Staller



Our parish families of ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES is blest with God's Presence to be able to offer a PRAYERFUL WELCOME to one of our dedicated & faith-filled parishioners KATHY STALLER who is assuming the role as DIRECTOR OF THE PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM. We are grateful to God that Kathy has accepted this position & we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead & guide her as she helps us to draw closer to God's Love. With her deep faith & her faithful participation already as a teacher in the PSR Program, may God's Grace continue to strengthen her in her new role. THANK YOU, KATHY, God bless you, for helping us & A WARM & SINCERE WELCOME.

Spiritual Reading for the Second Sunday of Easter



On this Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: "mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being." We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The believers "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers." They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they lived for the good of the other; they were selfless and generous; they overflowed with "exultation and sincerity of heart." God fin his great mercy" gave them—and us— "a new birth to a living hope" through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord's open side.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Sunday, April 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~ From the Pastor:

JESUS, MERCY:



If you have ever been flat on your back in a hospital bed, then you know what it is like to see a friend walk through the door. The fear, the confusion about the future and the exhaustion all melt away in the presence of one who has come to be with us. The Risen Lord didn't need a passageway; his love and mercy were so powerful that even a locked door would not stop him. "Peace be with you," he tells them. And just in case they missed it, he tells them again: "Peace be with you."

Christ took his zeal for his disciples to the grave, and that same divine gift he bestowed on them after his resurrection. The Word that was sent forth from the mouth of the Father in human flesh now works to accomplish the transformation of those gathered in the Upper Room on the evening of the first day of the week. But not everyone was there. Even a greater mercy awaits. One week later: Thomas. Who can blame him for asking for proof? He stands in for all of us in more ways than one. We probably need to face our skepticism or the inevitable cynicism of the idealist, disappointed that what we took for a vision of the future (in religion, politics or society) was upended. There is a Thomas in all of us. But isn't it interesting that it is to this incredulous disciple and to us — that the risen Lord would surrender his beaten, mangled and crucified body? Touch my wounds. That is the mercy in this encounter: that Christ would hand over his body a second time for the sake of deepening a relationship with him. We are beneficiaries of the Body of Christ in sacrament, broken, but risen and whose zeal for the Church cannot be contained. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that in sacraments power comes forth from the Body of Christ (cf. 1116). Could we ask for a greater mercy from a God who will track us down to an empty room, or find us shrinking in a dark corner of our mind in doubt, or reanimate us in our hope? The community of believers, the assembly of the (newly) baptized have gathered as the wounded Body of Christ. Here again the Lord comes to us to bring the power of peace and reconciliation in the midst of a very frightened world. Let's unlock the door of our hearts and have no doubt that he is with us because he gives us his Body and Blood to share.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

Deposit made on April 13, 2020

Envelopes week ending Sunday, April 12, 2020 \$665.00

5 Online @ \$350.00

Deposit: \$1,015.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Deposit made on April 10, 2020

Envelopes \$120.00 Catholic Relief Services \$35.00 Holy Land/ Good Friday \$10.00 Holy Thursday \$10.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$15.00

Deposit: \$190.00

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Apr. 20, 2020

First Reading Acts 4:23-31 Gospel Jn. 3:1-8

Tues. Apr. 21, 2020

First Reading Acts 4:32-37

Gospel Jn. 3:7B-15

Wed. Apr. 22, 2020

First Reading Acts 5:17-26

Gospel Jn. 3:16-21

Thurs. Apr. 23, 2020

First Reading Acts 5:27-33 Gospel Jn. 3:31-36

Fri. Apr. 24, 2020

First Reading Acts 5:34-42 Gospel Jn. 6:1-15



**Spiritual Reading for the Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**



Jesus | Trust in You!

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in you. I desire that this

image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as my own glory." When I told this to my confessor, I received this for a reply: "That refers to your soul." He told me, "Certainly, paint God's image in your soul." When I came out of the confessional, I again heard words such as these: 'My image already is in your soul. I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach me. The flames of mercy are burning me—clamoring to be spent; I want to pour them out up on these souls.'

Offeratory Envelopes



Remember Your Offerings

If you could please be so kind as to provide your OFFERTORY ENVELOPE for the financial support of our parishes in the absence of the Sacred Eucharist either through ONLINE GIVING or through the MAIL, it would be deeply appreciated

to provide the necessary financial support. May God bless you for your generosity & THANK YOU.

The Precepts of the Roman Catholic Church The Indispensable Foundation

The laws of the Catholic Church are intended to help us grow in holiness, not constrict us.

Viewed as opportunities, fidelity to the Church precepts will lift our souls & put us on the brink of life with our Lord Jesus Christ. Each precept provides an avenue to expand our spiritual growth & exposes us to the vast expanse of God's glory. Devoutly going to Sunday Mass (No. 1) where we worship God through the beautiful Catholic liturgy makes us hunger for more. We discover that our hunger can be filled through daily Mass participation where we hear more Holy Scriptures & insightful homilies. Daily Mass unwraps the wonderful feast days of the Church, as well as special devotions like the rosary & eucharistic adoration. For us earth-bound pilgrims, the nearest thing to heaven is the holy sacrifice of the Mass by being faithful to the precepts we quickly learn that the beautiful & gentle sacrament of reconciliation (No. 2) is available in every parish at least weekly. There is no need to carry our transgressions until annual confession, but we can receive God's forgiveness & absolution or, most any Saturday afternoon. The sacrament knows no season. Likewise, receiving the Body & Blood of Christ (No. 3) is not limited to a once-a-year action. If we're in a state of grace we can receive Communion every day. The inner satisfaction we experience by fasting, abstaining', & doing acts of charity propel our soul toward God & such expressive acts need not be confined to one time of the year (No. 4). Acknowledging every Friday as a day of penance, making it a voluntary day of abstinence or a day when we extend ourselves to others, is in the spirit of the precept. And putting a check in the collection basket every Sunday is admirable but offering to help take up that collection or involving ourselves in the RCIA process or the choir or the multitude of other parish ministries is also admirable. Using our tithes, our talents, & our time are all ways of supporting the Church &, more specifically, our parish (No. 5). We likely first hear about Church precepts when attending one of the many Catholic educational programs. We may have even memorized them. But such exposure is often brief & we more or less forget about them because they are not routinely repeated or discussed. Given that the identity of more than one billion Catholics is underscored by these basic membership precepts, reinforcing their importance & purpose can't be left solely to the noble classroom efforts of Catholic educators. Every parish has numerous ways of communicating with the faithful & thus can ensure the precepts never become "out of sight, out of mind." Rather, they are exposed to the laity of today & passed on, by word & deed, to future generations. The five precepts of our Church are markers of the Catholic faith, without which we can easily lose our way. While these rules are not all inclusive of Christian holiness, holy Mother Church considers them so important that purposeful neglect of any one is considered mortal sin. The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults refers to the precepts as, "...the indispensable foundation on the lives of Catholics."



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees), Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Paul Deters (Ken Deters), Eileen Fabris, Randy Hatten, Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Linda Sparks (Robb Sparks), Linda Stewart (Nolan Stewart), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, Brian Wirey, Linnie York (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.

Precepts: Their Yoke Is Light

The Church my Brethren, does not intend by these precepts to make the yoke of the Lord heavier; she seeks in them only our good. She has no other view but to promote our salvation, to come to our aid, to sustain our weakness, and stay the fatal consequences of our negligence." ONE HUNDRED SHORT SERMONS. H. J. THOMAS, 1859. The Church precepts are quoted verbatim from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042—2043: "2042—The first precept ('You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor') requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days. "The second precept ('You shall confess your sins at least once a year') ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness. "The third precept ('You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season') guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy. "2043—The fourth precept ('You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church') ensures the times of ascesis and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart. "The fifth precept ('You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church') means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability. "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities."