



# 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**

**Director of Religious Education: Courtney Ferris**

**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.

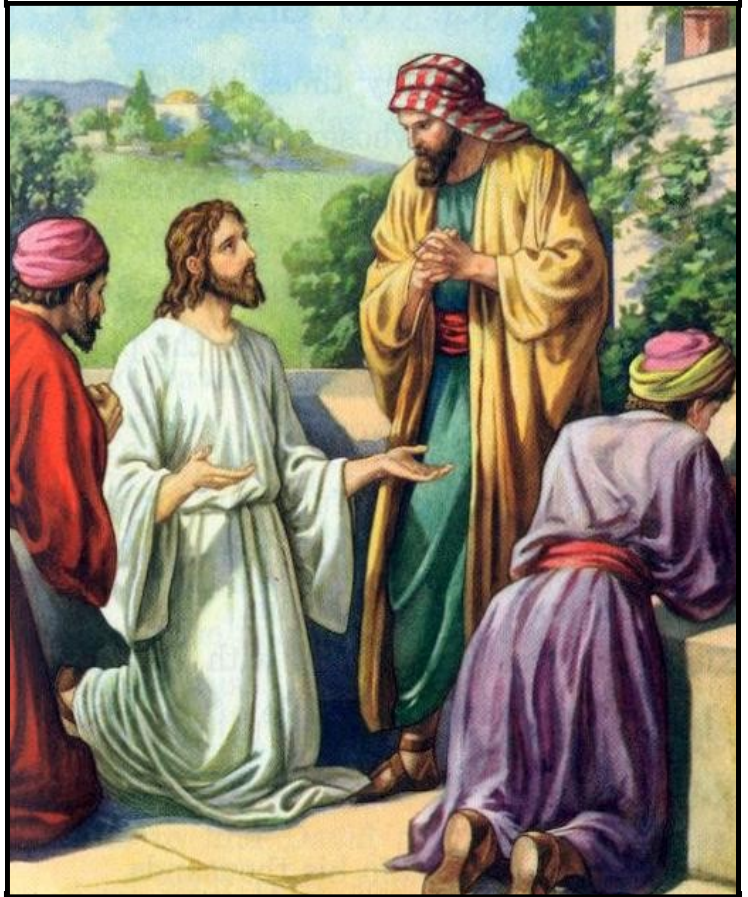
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, July 28, 2019 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Lord's Prayer ~ Luke 11:1~13

**He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."**

**Luke 11:1~4**



## Mass Intentions

July 27	4:30 pm	Paul Wong by Carol Wong
July 28	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina
July 29	7:30 am	Terry Baird by Steve & Janet Jenkins
July 30	12:00 pm	Henry Chapman by David & Jenny Fehrenbacher
July 31	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Aug. 1	7:30 am	Henrietta Stein by George & Jane Bohman
Aug. 2	7:30 am	Special Intentions
OLOL First Friday Mass	5:00 pm	Val Pescatore by Kaye Pescatore
Aug. 3	4:30 pm	Stephanie O'Dell by George & Jane Bohman
Aug. 4	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Mary Kay Veldhaus by Ted & Kathy Staller



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 3 ~ August 4, 2019

Sat. Aug. 3, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN: Kayla Blank, Susan Goodwine

SERVERS: Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Terry Roche Family

Sun. Aug. 4, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Dave Holscher, Tom Huss

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFTS: Randy Schutte Family

Sun. Aug. 4, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Chris Keller

USHERS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

COMMUNION MIN: Wilmer Wilson, Donna Keller

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: Bob & Kourtney Coffman Family

Sun. Aug. 4, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Joe Quick

USHERS: Korbin Rawlings, Scott Rawlings

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Mark Ghering

SERVERS: David Staller

GIFTS: Juanita Jochim, Tom Jochim

July Collection Counters: Carol Bergbower, Karen Reinoehl, Suzanne Dardt



## VBS Thank You

We would like to say "thank you" to all those who made VBS 2019 a success. Many thanks to our volunteers: Teresa & Halle Gower, Kourtney Coffman & Taylor Blank, Emily Ferris, Lori & Cameron Davis, Josh Quick, Marian Hatfield, Chad & Chrislette Arkenberg, Mary Clark, Geri Ezell, & Jennifer Mueller. We would also like to thank those that donated to our program. Without you, VBS wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did. We appreciate you, Lynne Roche, Mary Ann Ryan, Cindy Grimm, Brook Stewart, Roselene Quick, Geri Ezell & Robin Goens. May God bless each & everyone of you for all that you do for the children of our parishes.

### Spiritual Reading for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If your whole life is a freer joyous welcoming of his love & a laborious, patient seeking of his face, alone with the One, you will be able to stand before him like a true child, & in your heart the Spirit of his only Son will cry out: Abba! Father! Since you have acknowledged God, or rather, he has acknowledged you, if you love him, keep his Word; & the Father will love you, & God, One-in-Three, will come into you & make you his dwelling place. Then you will be able to say, you no longer live but God lives in you, & you will be the living tent of his presence, truly consecrated for that temple is sacred, & you are that temple. Everything is designed to lead you precisely to that point. God is a devouring fire wanting to consume you utterly in his love. May the words the Lord is saying to you today remain deep in your heart. Do this and you will live.

Congregation of the Holy Spirit ~ Spiritans ~  
One Heart ~ One Spirit

### The Religious Order of the Spiritans

On behalf of FATHER MICHAEL OKORO, CSSp & the Religious Community of the SPIRITANS who came to speak on behalf of their service & ministry to the Catholic Church in Nigeria, he is pleased to express his sincere gratitude for the outstanding generosity that St. Elizabeth Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish who extended to them with the Missionary Appeal of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois on July 13 & July 14. Your kindness and generous spirit will allow these missionaries to continue their service to God's People throughout the world. The amount of \$335.05 was donated from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & the amount of \$1,037.50 was donated from St. Elizabeth Parish. A total amount of \$1,372.55 was sent to the Office of the Missions. May God bless you abundantly for your special generosity.

### Parish Office Open

St. Elizabeth Parish Office will be open on MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019, TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019 & WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm & THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



### First Friday of the Month Mass

The First Friday Mass for the month of AUGUST will take place on FRI. AUG. 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



### August Meetings

St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.



July 28, 2019 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
From the Pastor: Ask God For What You Want

In the 1997 film "The Apostle," Robert Duvall stars (and directs) in the title role of Euliss F. "Sonny" Dewey, an all-too-human charismatic preacher in small-town Louisiana. Sonny has plenty of obvious flaws, including a fiery temper and a roving eye for pretty women. In spite of his weakness, what I loved about Sonny — and what I never have forgotten — is that he and Jesus have no secrets from one another. Their relationship is so simple, straightforward and honest that it is shocking. Fairly early in the film, Sonny has it out with the Lord. Angry that his wife has begun to see the church's youth minister on the side, and that she refuses to reconcile, Sonny engages in some of the most viscerally honest prayer I have ever seen. Pacing in the attic of his mother's house, where he is staying, Sonny raises his eyes to the heavens, and in tones far from conciliatory, yells: "If you won't give me my wife back, Lord God Jehovah, give me peace! Give it to me, give it to me, give it to me — give me peace! I don't know who's been foolin' with me, you or the devil, I don't know. But I'm confused. ... I love you, Lord; I love you, but I'm mad at you! I am mad at you! So deliver me tonight, Lord. What should I do? ... I know that I'm a sinner, but I am your servant — I'm your servant. ... What should I do, Jesus?!" The volume and intensity of Sonny's prayers reach not only the Lord but a next-door neighbor as well, who phones Sonny's mother to complain that she can't sleep with all the racket. His mother explains that her son has done this "since he was a little boy": "Some nights, he talks to the Lord, and sometimes, he yells at him. Tonight, he happens to be yellin' at him." She then hangs up, rolls over, and goes back to sleep. Abraham strikes me as similarly frank and familiar with God in today's reading from Genesis, and despite God's apparent readiness to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, God allows Abraham to persuade him (to a point) to show mercy. Jesus, in similar fashion, seems to encourage us to nag God with persistent petition until we get what we're after! We can learn a lot about prayer from Abraham and Jesus (and Sonny!) especially those among us who imagine that our prayer must always be pretty and polite!

## MISSION APPEAL THANK~YOU



The Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit) send their thanks for the generous response by the people of the St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish to their mission-sharing visit on the weekend of July 13~14, 2019 & for the gracious welcome given to Father Michael Oloro, CSSp, representing the Spiritans. Be assured of the prayers of the Spiritans worldwide for you, & for your intentions, & we ask for your continued prayers for us & for our shared ministries to God's people everywhere. Do please continue to keep the missions of the Church in your hearts, the work of the Spiritans in mind, & the never-ending need to

proclaim & witness of the Gospel in your own lives. Thank you again for the opportunity to minister in the parishes, & to share with you our vision of mission to serve God's lowly ones, his favored ones throughout the world..

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

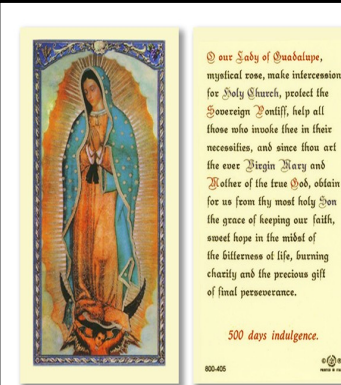
Preparing Spiritually For The Holy Day Of The Assumption Of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven



### The Dogmatic Definition of the Assumption

For the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection on the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the whole Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

## Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, intercede for the Church, protect the Holy Father, help all who invoke you in their necessities. Since you are the ever Virgin Mary & Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most Holy Son the grace of a firm & a sure hope amid the bitterness of life, as well as an ardent love & the precious gift of final perseverance.

## A Canticle Of Our Lady



We praise you as our Mother, we acclaim you as our blessed Lady. All the earth reveres you, the daughter of the Eternal Father. The hosts of heaven and all the angelic powers sing your praise: the angels join in the dance, the archangels applaud, the virtues give praise, the principalities rejoice, the powers exult, the dominations delight, the thrones make festival, the cherubim

and seraphim cry out unceasingly: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE GREAT MOTHER OF GOD, MARY MOST HOLY; JESUS, THE BLESSED FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB, IS THE GLORY OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. The glorious choir of apostles, the noble company of prophets, the white-robed army of martyrs, all sing your praise. The holy church throughout the world celebrates you: the daughter of infinite Majesty, the mother of God's true and only Son, the bride of the Spirit of truth and consolation. You bore Christ, the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When he took our nature to set us free, he did not spurn your virgin womb. When he overcame death's sting, he assumed you into heaven. You now sit with your Son at God's right hand in glory. Intercede for us, O Virgin Mary, when he comes to be our judge. Help your chosen people, bought with his precious blood. And bring us with all the saints into glory everlasting.



**"Do whatever he tells you."** This glorious phrase by Mary was spoken after she asked Jesus for help with the shortage of wine at the wedding in Cana. Jesus' reply seemed a bit curt, implying that his mother should not have asked. However, having a mystical understanding of her Jesus, Mary went to the servers & urged them to listen carefully to his instructions—words that she intuitively knew were to follow (2:5). **"Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?"** Saint Nicodemus spoke these words at a time when the Pharisees hoped to have Jesus arrested (7:51). Nicodemus, a Pharisee himself, challenged the others, reminding them of a law about giving a person a fair hearing before condemning them (Deuteronomy 1:16-17). This comment apparently struck the accusers, for the narrative quickly ends—with no arrest made. **"Let us also go to die with him."** Saint Thomas made this full-of-faith statement shortly after Jesus had nearly been stoned and arrested in Jerusalem. While staying away from danger across the Jordan River, Jesus received a distressing message from Martha and Mary of Bethany about their deathly ill brother, Lazarus. Bethany was just a stone's throw from Jerusalem, so his disciples were aghast that their Lord would even consider returning to the area. It was Thomas, however, who spoke up, urging bravery, declaring that they should go with Jesus to Bethany, even if it meant death(11:16)! Interestingly, this is the same Thomas who is better remembered as a doubter. **"Lord, if you had been here, brother would not have died"**. Jesus did go to Bethany; however, Lazarus had already died by the time he got there. Readers will note that Martha and Mary spoke the same phrase to Jesus—but at different moments. Martha said these words first when she ran out to meet Jesus as he was approaching Bethany (11:21). Mary stated them a little later when Martha prompted her to go out and see Jesus as well (11:32). Shortly after, the two sisters witnessed the miracle of their brother Lazarus returning to life at the command of Jesus. **"What I have written, I have written,"** This intriguing quote shows a stubborn, let's-get-this-over-with attitude of Pontius Pilate. Perhaps joining in with the mockery of Jesus as King of the Jews, Pilate had his crucifix labeled with the words, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews," in three languages: Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. This greatly irritated the chief priests, who requested that Pilate remove this sign—for in their minds, Jesus was certainly not their king! Pilate had little concern for their unease and refused to change the label (19:22). **"Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him."** John chose to highlight St. Mary Magdalene at the discovery of the empty tomb scene and included these words of hers (20:15). In the midst of Mary Magdalene's distress, Jesus appeared, though he was not immediately recognizable. Mary Magdalene mistook him for the gardener and thought that perhaps he had taken Jesus' body. When Jesus spoke her name, Mary Magdalene's eyes could suddenly see her Lord, bringing her tremendous relief and joy. **"It is the Lord,"** This line was uttered by the beloved disciple—believed to be the Gospel writer himself, John. It was said during the story of the seven apostles on the Sea of Tiberias. As dawn broke, they saw someone standing on the shore. The beloved disciple was the first to recognize him as Jesus and made his announcement (21: 7), prompting Peter to jump into the sea & swim to shore. It is believed that at some point after the crucifixion, John took Mary to Ephesus (in modern Turkey) to take care of her. Many assert that in addition to the fourth Gospel, John also wrote the three Letters of John, and the Book of Revelation.



ST. JOHN



## Daily Mass Readings

**Mon. July 29, 2019** ~ First Reading Ex. 32:15-24, 30-34  
Gospel Jn. 11:19-27  
**Tues. July 30, 2019** ~ First Reading Ex. 33:7-11;  
34:5B-9, 28  
Gospel Mt. 13:36-43  
**Wed. July 31, 2019** ~ First Reading Ex. 34:29-35  
Gospel Mt. 13:44-46  
**Thurs. Aug. 1, 2019** ~ First Reading Ex. 40:16-21, 34-38  
Gospel Mt. 13:47-53  
**Fri. Aug. 2, 2019** ~ Lv. 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34B-37  
Gospel Mt. 13:54-58

## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth Church

#### Week ending Sunday, July 21, 2019

Envelopes \$2,102.00

Loose \$320.50

Building Fund \$15.00

3 online @ \$255.00

Deposit: \$2,692.50

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

#### Week ending Sunday, July 14, 2019

Envelopes \$690.00

Loose \$280.07

Special Missions \$100.00

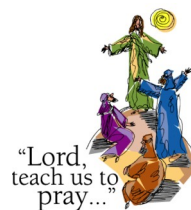
Building Fund \$11.00

Deposit: \$1,081.07

## Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.

### Scriptural Reflections for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The disciples watch Jesus pray & once he finishes they beg, "Lord, teach us to pray." Yet these are men, who were -already very religious, men who already prayed. Why would they ask that? They want to pray with the same intimacy & confidence as Jesus. That is why they must have rejoiced when Jesus instructed them, "When you pray, say: Our Father." For when we belong to God as his children—when we have been "buried with Christ in baptism—We possess the audacity, 'like Abraham, to pray for what seems outrageous -or impossible. In begging the Lord to teach them to pray; the disciples beg to live their lives with the certainty, passion, and conviction of Jesus Christ. Let us pray; therefore, not only as creatures or subjects, but with the devotion of sons and daughters.



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:  
Scott Chapman, Ray Collings (Sharon Skaggs), Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Larry Hardiek (Eileen Hartrich), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Josh, Angela & Madison Rose Stumborg, Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman Family), Charlita Wilson, Kathy Wright (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.