



# 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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### 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.

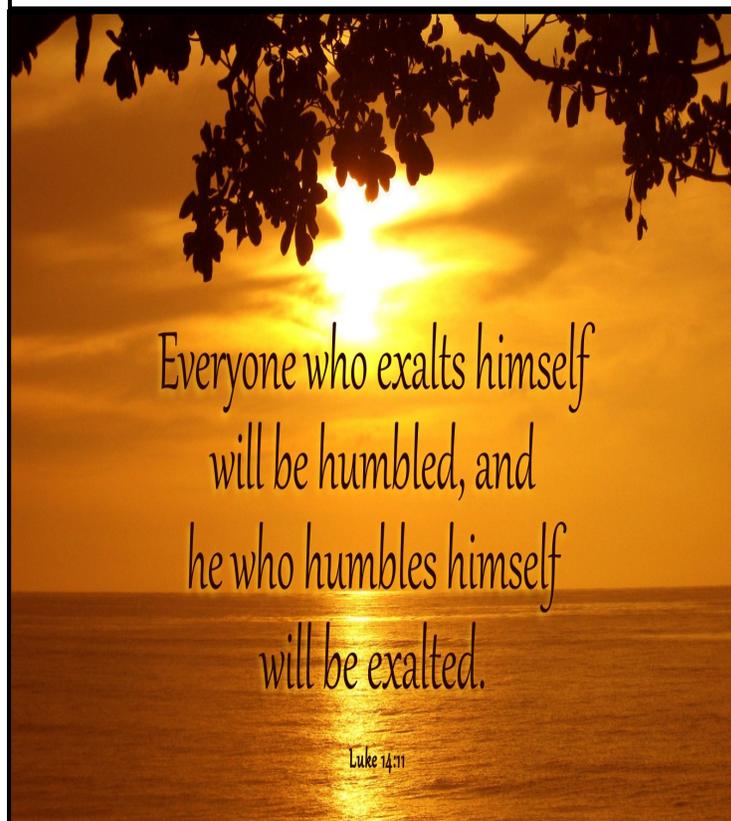
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 1, 2019 Twenty~Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



# For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

## Luke 14:11



## Mass Intentions

Aug. 31	4:30 pm	Terry Free by Karen Free
Sept. 1	7:30 am	Erica Adams
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Phil Burger by Ellen Rees
Sept. 2	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Sept. 3	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sept. 4	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Sept. 5	7:30 am	Debbie Kirk-Nichols
		by Celeste White
Sept. 6	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	5:00 pm	Donnal Fitzmaurice
		by James & Nancy Ping
Sept. 7	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
	7:30 am	Carl & Marcie Bute
Sept. 8		by Chad Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	Val Pescatore by Eileen Fabris
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 7 ~ Sunday, September 8, 2019

<u>Sat. September 7, 2019</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Patti Buercklin
	USHERS:	Mark & Cindy Grimm
	COMMUNION MIN:	Susan Goodwine, Patti Buercklin
	SERVERS:	Abby Mullins
	GIFTS:	Mark Grimm Family
<u>Sun. September 8, 2019</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Linda Sikorski
	USHERS:	Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich
	COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner
	SERVERS:	Matthew Jenkins
	GIFTS:	Jeff Rich Family
<u>Sun. September 8, 2019</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
	LECTOR:	Bob Coffman
	USHERS:	Don Schmidt, Taylor Blank
	COMMUNION MIN:	Keith & Rita Wirey
	SERVERS:	Eva Hermann
	GIFTS:	Don Schmidt, Taylor Blank
<u>Sun. September 8, 2019</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Joe Quick
	USHERS:	Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell
	COMMUNION MIN:	Valerie Chapman, Eileen Hartrich
	SERVERS:	Ian Schmidt, Owen Schmidt
	GIFTS:	Charles Richey Family
September Collection Counters: Janet Hill, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka		

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## Parish School of Religion

PSR Classes: SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019 from 6:30-7:30 pm

### First Friday of the Month Mass



The First Friday of the Month Mass will be on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 5:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

### 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Class Dates



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

### September Meetings

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Pastoral Council of St. Elizabeth Parish & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will meet on TUES. SEPT. 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. 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.

Meeting Reminder!



### 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.



### Pro-Life Speaker

The Pastoral Council would like to invite everyone to come and listen to a Pro-life speaker on September 8th in the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass. Before the talk everyone is invited for lunch in the parish hall directly followed by the talk. Please feel free to invite a friend. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to learn about the Catholic Church's pro-life stance. Monica's talk will cover a brief introduction to the theology of the body as well as discuss the Trinitarian love of God and how it is reflected in the human body, marriage, and the family. The main focus of the talk will be how our culture of death tries to undercut God's creative plan through contraception and in particular through abortion and euthanasia. The Good News is that the Catholic Church has the answers and the medicine to help souls heal and have life abundantly. Monica has been on both sides of the fence and her talk offers a very eye-opening view of what the culture of death is all about. Monica personally found healing and peace after studying why the Catholic Church teaches as she does. The Catholic Church's message is very beautiful and we should be sharing it for love of souls! Monica Siefker hails from Bloomington, Indiana, and is a wife and mother of six. Monica has been involved with the pro-life movement at local and Archdiocesan levels for over 20 years. She is a former member of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Pro-Life Speakers Bureau. Monica is currently the Bloomington coordinator for 40 Days for Life and Sidewalk Advocates for Life, both of which involve being out on the sidewalks in front of abortion facilities, giving women a sign of hope by offering loving, life-affirming alternatives to abortion. She also co-hosts a weekly radio show called Pro-Life 2 The Max which airs on the local Catholic radio, as well as a weekly live broadcast of a one-hour prayer vigil in front of the Bloomington Planned Parenthood.

In a preaching class many years ago, I was assigned to preach a homily for Holy Thursday. The Gospel for that feast is from John 13 — the account of Jesus washing his disciples' feet. As I prayed with that Gospel, all I could think about was how awkward and uncomfortable I would feel having someone else wash my feet — particularly someone whom I looked up to and admired. Eventually I began to wonder, could I ever accept having someone else wash my feet without feeling too bad about it? And it finally came to me that if I were very ill — too ill to be able to wash my own feet — I might be able to accept it. In other words, I might allow someone else to wash my feet if I couldn't do it for myself. And I realized, of course, that was what Jesus was trying to communicate to his friends. Jesus was saying, in effect: "You think you're uncomfortable now? Well, wait until the horrific events of tomorrow — the pain and humiliation I will undergo, and even my eventual death on the cross. But in time you come to understand that I will be doing for you what you cannot do for yourselves." Today's first reading from Sirach makes a similar point, calling us to humility by reminding us how small and limited we are in comparison with God. But authentic humility does not necessarily involve humiliation; rather, it comes from acknowledging what is true. God is God, and we are not. God is all-powerful, and we are not. But that also means, as the psalm reminds us, that God can and will do for us what is beyond our own reach, if only we will allow it. Jesus made similar points with his parable of the wedding feast. When we are guests, we do well not to presume our own importance and sit in the place of honor without being asked. We risk embarrassment if the host has to come and ask us to move to a lower place. But taking the lowest place voluntarily just might result in a flattering invitation to move up higher. If we are honest, none of us could ever deserve, by our own merits, to be seated at the Lord's table at all. And yet, he invites and includes us all. The realization of God's generosity to us should, in turn, open our own hearts. Jesus would have us, in memory of him, emulate God's hospitality by including "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the

#### How Catholics Pray The Sacred Eucharist

The sacraments are the crown of the Catholic Faith, and the Eucharist is the crown of the sacraments. Why are the sacraments the crown of the Faith? Because the God we believe in the Creeds and obey in the Commandments, we meet and receive in the sacraments. Why is the Eucharist the greatest of the sacraments? Because in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself. (CCC 1324). The Catechism says that "the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life (CCC 1324). Why? Because the Eucharist is both the origin and the end of what supernatural reality which is the point of everything in the Catholic religion. That reality, called by many different names, such as "salvation, eternal life," sanctifying grace, "the Kingdom of God," and 'the Christian life," consists in participating in the very life of God. The Eucharist is the origin of that because it does more than merely symbolize that: it actually gives us that. And the Eucharist is the culmination of that, of the Christian life, of man's life in relation to God, because it is the culmination of God's life in relation to man, at least while we are on this earth. It is both the greatest thing God does to man and the greatest is the culmination thing man does to God. "The Eucharist both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit (CCC 1325). Let us look at the Eucharist in its most fundamental context. Why did God institute it? To answer this question, we must begin where the whole Catechism begins, which is where all reality

begins. "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness, freely created man to make him share his own blessed life. For this reason. God draws close to man" (CCC 1). Out of the pure and unselfish love that is his very essence, God created the universe so that we could exist and enjoy his love forever. To this end, he revealed himself to the whole world through a "Chosen People," established a covenant of love with them, revealed his law to them, sent them prophets, and, finally, fulfilled his covenant by sending his eternal Son, who was born, lived, died, resurrected, and ascended so that we could be saved from sin and united to God. Jesus Christ the Son of God continued his presence and work among us by appointing apostles and establishing the Church, his "Mystical Body." God did all this for one reason: for the love-union with us that is achieved most perfectly in this life in the Eucharist. The universe is a gigantic cathedral. We can understand the point and purpose of the universe by looking at a cathedral. Every detail in the great medieval cathedrals was for the Eucharist. They were built first of all for the Eucharist: to celebrate the Eucharist and to house the Eucharist. Similarly, the whole Church on earth is the "House of Bread" (the meaning of 'Bethlehem') that Christ established for the Eucharist. This is his love's ultimate aim, for love's aim is union, and the Eucharist is the most intimate union between us and Christ that exists in this world. God created the universe for this purpose, for this love-union. He made the universe to house the Church, and he made the Church to house the Eucharist; so it is true to say that the ultimate reason, in this life, for the creation of the universe is the Eucharist. In the Eucharist God is both truly Present and hidden. Not only in the Eucharist, but in all of life, God both reveals himself and at the same time conceals himself. Why? To elicit our free response of faith and trust. Even human lovers do not prove themselves to each other, or demand guarantees. He gives just enough light for lovers, who can find him when they seek him, but not so much as to compel nonlovers and non-seekers to find him against their will. The lover respects the beloved's freedom. The greatness of the Eucharist is known only to faith, not to the feelings or the senses or the sciences. Its being (reality) is far greater than its seeming (appearances). "The presence of Christ's true body and blood in this sacrament cannot be detected by sense, nor understanding, but by faith alone, which rests upon divine authority" (Saint Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae III, 75, 1), not on human experience. Many "once in a lifetime" experiences in this world feel more heavenly to us than what happens every Sunday: our reception of the Eucharist. Many experiences move us to tears of joy and remain in our memory throughout our lives: births, deaths, weddings, honeymoons, reunions, sunsets, even sports triumphs. In contrast, most of us usually feel very little when we receive the very Body of God incarnate, even though this reality is infinitely greater than anything else in our lives. This is normal, and God-ordained, for a reason. God does not give us heavenly feelings when we receive the Eucharist for the same reason he does not give us heavenly sights. We neither feel nor see Christ as he really is so that faith, not feelings or seeings, can be exercised, trained, and emerge triumphant. The Eucharist doesn't look like Christ; thus, it tests not only our sight but also our faith: do we believe God's word or our human senses? "Sight, taste, and touch in Thee are each deceived; The ear alone most safely is believed: I believe all the Son of God has spoken: Than Truth's own word there is no truer token" (Adoro Te Devote, Saint Thomas Aquinas). Just as the Eucharist doesn't look like Christ to our outer senses, it doesn't feel like Christ to our emotions. Here again it tests our faith. A faith that does not go beyond human feelings is not faith at all, just as a faith that does not go

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beyond seeing — a faith that says, "seeing is believing" — is no faith at all. Sometimes God sends us special graces that can be felt when we receive the Eucharist. But he usually does not — not because he is stingy and unloving but because he knows exactly what each of us needs, and most of us need to exercise more faith, not to "hanker after sensible consolations," as the saints put it. Feelings are like sweets. They are not our food. Christ himself is our food. Feelings are our jelly, Christ is our bread. We must learn to continually turn our faith around and focus not on ourselves

## Spiritual Reflections for the Twenty ~ Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sirach counsels, "Conduct your affairs with humility. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." Christ promises that "the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Why is humility an integral part of Christian righteousness? Humility keeps us mindful of the gift we have been given: to approach "Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant." Thus, humility is not defeatism or a false sense of worthlessness, but a recognition of our true worth in Christ. "It is a calm, clear-sighted virtue, not to be seduced by the tempting prospect of earthly greatness at the cost of spiritual greatness;...humility gives us spiritual common sense, enabling us to see and to act towards things as they are." (Father Walter Farrell, O.S.A.).



## Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Sept. 2, 2019 1 Thes. 4:13-18 Gospel Lk. 4:16-30  
Tues. Sept. 3, 2019 1 Thes. 5:1-6, 9-11 Gospel Lk. 4:31-37  
Wed. Sept. 4, 2019 Col. 1:1-8 Gospel Lk. 4:38-44  
Thurs. Sept. 5, 2019 Col. 1:9-14 Gospel Lk. 5:1-11  
Fri. Sept. 6, 2019 Col. 1:15-20 Gospel Lk. 5:33-39



## Rest in Peace

Rest in peace Patricia Burger (sister-in-law of Ellen Rees). In God's Love we pray that He will grant Patricia Burger a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven and that her family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

## Prayer for All the Faithful Departed

Heavenly Father, I believe that in Your wisdom & justice You willed to purify all persons who die without having attained the state that they need for all eternity, all who have still to expiate completely the sins committed on earth. I also believe that You have mercifully arranged that this process of purification can be aided by the prayers of the living, especially the Eucharist. Help me to pray for my brothers & sisters who have departed from this world. May their time of purification be short & they be quickly guided into that holy light promised by our Lord to Abraham & his descendants. I offer You sacrifices & prayers of praise. Accept them for all the souls of the faithful departed & admit them all to heavenly joy.

## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Have a happy and safe holiday.



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

If one asks: "How am I to become humble?" the immediate answer is "by the grace of God," & that is indeed the truth. Only the grace of God can give us the insight into our own condition & realization of his exaltation that make for humility. But even though it be a grace, it is a grace with which we must cooperate. The first thing to do is to ask in prayer for the grace of humility, & to ask sincerely. The second thing is to accept humiliations when they come our way; but, let us never forget that there is an enormous difference between being humble & being humiliated. The next thing is to accept as lovingly as we can our own limitations, our own defects, our own lowliness; & even to be resigned—if we cannot be glad—when these shortcomings become known to others. Human nature being what it is, all this is not easy; in fact, without confidence in God, it is morally impossible. Confidence & humility always go together. One of the reasons why people are so anxious to exalt themselves—to overestimate their own value & their own powers—to resent anything that would tend to lower themselves in their own esteem or in that of others—is because they see no other hope for their happiness except in themselves. That is often why they are so "touchy," so resentful of criticism, so impatient of opposition, so insistent on getting their own way, so eager to be known, so anxious for praise, so determined on ruling their surroundings.... The attitude of the one who has true Christian humility is just the opposite. His hope is placed in God; he sees no hope in himself. He has not to worry about getting his own way; all that matters is that God should get his way. He knows that the less he has to do with the arranging of things, the more likely is it that things will turn out for the best. He is by no means spineless or inert. On the contrary, let him but once be certain that God wills him to undertake a particular work, & he will tackle it, no matter what it may be, because he knows his sufficiency is from God. He knows his life is a partnership & he trusts with unshaken confidence in God.

## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, August 25, 2019

Envelopes \$2,333.00 Loose \$354.00  
Building Fund \$6.00 Votive Candles \$75.00  
Assumption of Mary \$15.00 4 online @ \$380.00  
Deposit: \$3,163.00

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, August 18, 2019

Envelopes \$740.00 Loose \$120.00 Building Fund \$50.00  
Assumption of Mary \$120.00  
Deposit: \$1,030.00

## 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, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees), Sara Casburn (Arid Allen), Scott Chapman, Judy Eckert, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Kay Pescatore, Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Debbie Kirk Nichols (Celeste White), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Herman Rodriguez (Maria Szigehy) Josh, Angela & Madison Rose Stumborg, Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, Kathy Wright (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.