

The Roman Catholic Community of St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Mark

5700 Bear Creek Boulevard
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November 17, 2019

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday @ 5:30 p.m.
or upon request.

Daily Mass: See Bulletin

First Friday of the Month: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions: Upon request

St. Mark

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.*

* (Memorial Day through Labor Day inclusive)

Confessions: Saturday @ 3:30 p.m.
or upon request

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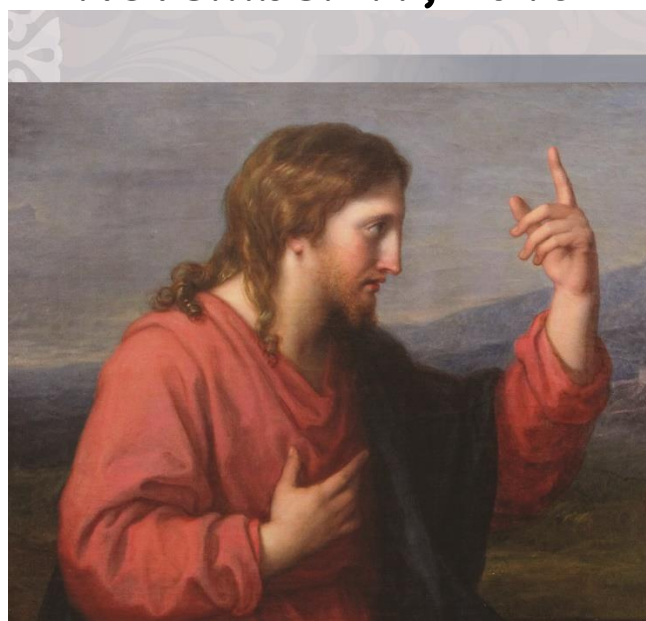
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33rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

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Parish website:

Churchofstelizabethstmark.org

Mission Statement

Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to help people:

- ✚ Through prayer and worship, discover God's desire to be in a relationship with us
- ✚ Discover and develop the gifts and talents God has bestowed on each person
- ✚ Share our faith in Jesus Christ through a welcoming community, beautiful liturgy and ongoing faith formation
- ✚ Be of service to one another, to the communities in which we live and especially to those in need



Gospel Meditation - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse. “The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed “rise[n] against nation[s],” kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of “powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues.” Jesus’ advice to his disciples, however, isn’t to build a bunker. It’s to persevere in faith ... which won’t be easy.

“They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name.” This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn’t disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. “I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking.” In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It’s tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God.

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Live the Liturgy - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God’s fidelity is at the heart of Scripture. Trusting in God’s all-encompassing and abiding presence is what true faith is really all about. The sincere disciples always have their eyes on Jesus Christ and are not distracted by what others are doing or what is happening around them. We know that the world had a beginning, and we know that it will one day end. Trying to predict when that end will come or becoming too preoccupied with the business of others are futile endeavors. All they do is divert us from our main purpose and goal: to live and act in the person of Christ. Being a faithful son or daughter and witness to God’s faithfulness is all that is required and all that we need. If we do this well, it does not matter whether the world as we know it comes to an end tomorrow or at some unforeseen time in the future. We will be ready and properly prepared.

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Everyday Stewardship - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Are Called to Be Saints

Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One’s patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.

Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, “Look at me!” We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.

We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don’t sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!

— Tracy Earl Welliver

Readings for the week of November 17, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chm 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Observances for the week of November 17, 2019

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
Saturday: St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE (E) St. Elizabeth (M) St. Mark November 18 - November 24, 2019

Mon. Nov 18 9:00 a.m. (E) No Mass
Tue. Nov 19 9:00 a.m. (E) No mass
Wed. Nov 20 9:00 a.m. (E) No Mass
Thu. Nov 21 9:00 a.m. (E) No Mass
Fri. Nov 22 9:00 a.m. (E) No Mass
Sat. Nov 23 4:00 p.m. (M) Mary Calaguirt
By Charles & Elaine Morehead
6:00 p.m. (E) Thomas & Irene Maloney
Sun. Nov 24 10:30 a.m. (E) Michael J. Grouke Jr
By Susan & Gary Walker

*If you can't feed a hundred people,
feed just one.
Mother Teresa*



End of the World

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

Answer:

We hear the phrase “the end of the world” casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin “Parousia,” meaning “presence” or “arrival.”

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a “new heaven and a new earth” (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, “Come Lord Jesus!”

MINISTRY SCHEDULE Nov 23-24, 2019

Lectors

Sat 4:00 p.m. (M) MacDaniel
Sat. 6:00 p.m. (E) Ohrin
Sun 10:30a.m. (E) Jacob

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat 4:00 p.m. (M) Rector, Reese, Butel
Sat. 6:00 p.m. (M) Butel, Grouke
Sun 10:30 a.m. (E) Haas, Bee Lilly

Altar Servers

Sat 6:00 p.m. (E) Myers
Sun 10:30 a.m. (E) Sipple

Treasure Corner

Weekly Collection	\$3409.00
Online Giving	\$472.00
Building Fund	\$250.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Parishioners or friends who are sick and in need of prayers can be added to our **Prayer Line** by calling the **Parish Office at 570-472-3061**. They do not need to be parishioners.

Please pray for:

*Fran Columbus
Diane Haas
Mary Ann Hughes
William Hughes
Joseph Humanik
Michael Hutter*

*Charlotte Janc
Dolores Revit
Stephen Siecko
Tammy Trosciancki
Rev. Anthony Urban
Katherine Wood*



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the inside painting of St. Elizabeth's Church, weekday masses will be postponed the next few weeks. The mass intentions that were originally scheduled will be moved to another date. **Mass *will be* celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am at St. Elizabeth's.**

Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The **Social Concerns Committee** will be taking food donations for the **Food Baskets** which will be given to those in need from our Parish community.

Please drop off your donations in the vestibule of the church. Donations will be accepted until **Sunday, November 17th**. Assembly and distribution will be the following weekend. Please contact the Parish Office at **570-472-3061** if you are in need of a Thanksgiving basket.



Next week, our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower

people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their community. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

PIE & ROLL PICK UP



Pick up for the pies and rolls will be next weekend, November 23rd & 24th at both churches. If you haven't ordered and wish to do so, you can still place your order by calling the Parish

Office at **570-472-3061** on **Tuesday, November 19th**. Thank you!



The November "Loaves and Fishes" item for St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen this month is **Peanut Butter**.

PARISH Life

The classes the Diocese offers are very beneficial, especially to young couples, to allow us to prepare for the hurdles and hardships that come with marriage but also the joys.

Joseph Petro

Joseph and Kimberly Petro with their pastor, Father Richard Fox, St. Patrick Parish, Scranton.

From Youth retreats to Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation, Men's and Women's Convocations to Catechesis Camp and Lay Ministry certifications, the actual cost to participants for programs offered by the Office for Parish Life is offset with funds from the Annual Appeal. For a complete list of offerings visit DioceseofScranton.org/parish-life.

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