



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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.

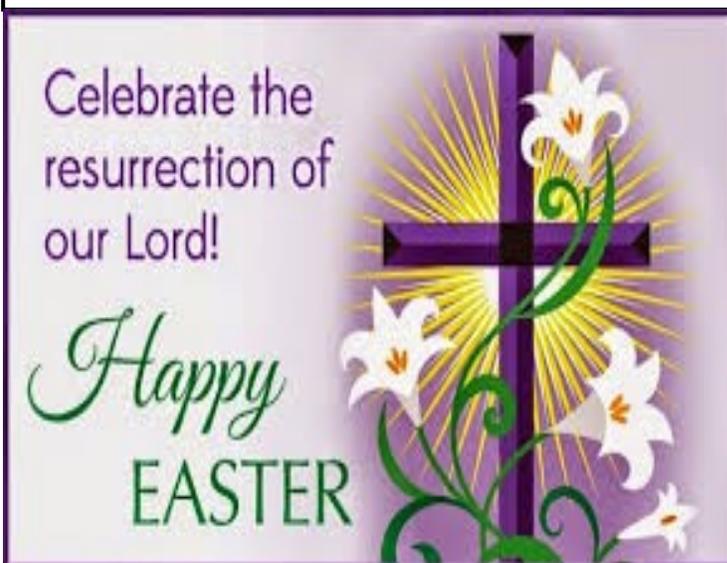
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Story found in Mark 16:1-7

**But he said to them,
“Do not be alarmed.
You seek Jesus of
Nazareth, who was
crucified. He is risen!
He is not here. See the
place where they laid
Him. Mark 16:7**



Mass Intentions

Mar. 31	6:00 pm	Easter Vigil ~ Mette Family by Jane Howard
Apr. 1	7:30 am	Easter Sunday ~ Services
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Grover Michl by Michl Family
Apr. 2	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	12:00 pm	Jane Brown by George Brown
Apr. 3	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Ginger & Chadd Osborne & Jennifer Marshall
	12:00 pm	Harold Hardiek by Eileen & Dave Cooper
Apr. 4	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 5	7:30 am	Marilyn Clara Fritchley
Apr. 6	7:30 am	by Retired Palestine Teachers
First Friday Mass OLOL	5:00 pm	Special Intentions
Apr. 7	4:30 pm	Earl Mullins, Ben & Dortha Worthey by June Mullins
	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 8	9:00 am	Grover Michl by Lona Richardson
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 7, 2018 ~ Sunday, April 8, 2018

Sat. April 7, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Terry Roche
 USHERS: Levi Dickerson, Ken Bergbower
 COMMUNION MIN: Mike Dorn, Susan Goodwine
 SERVERS: Xavier Brown, Jeff Hermann
 GIFTS:

Sun. April 8, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: David Holscher
 USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich
 COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner
 SERVERS: Greyson Holscher
 GIFTS: Joe Hepner Family

Sun. April 8, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman
 USHERS: Ron & Ethel Dhom
 COMMUNION MIN: Wilmer Wilson, Jim Ping
 SERVERS: Taylor Blank, Emma Davis
 GIFTS: Rich & Anita Kocher

Sun. April 8, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick
 USHERS: Anthony O'Dell, Sam Quick
 COMMUNION MIN: Roselene Quick, Missy York
 SERVERS: Joe Quick, David Staller
 GIFTS: Josh Quick Family

Collection Counters:

April, 2018: Scott & Valerie Chapman, Karen Reinoehl

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion Classes will be on Wednesday,
April 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2018 from 6:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm.

First Communion Banner/Youth Group

First Communion Banner Workshop will take place on
Apr. 8, 2018 at 4 pm in the Parish Center. Banners are
\$15.00. The Crawford County Catholics Youth Group is
doing the ground prep work to install our first "Little
Lending Library" on south end of the Parish Center. You
may have seen little flags in the ground in that area that
mark the utilities. When the library has been installed, we
will ask that you all join us for a dedication & book gifting.

Spiritual Reading for the Solemn Feast of Easter



"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is
a future for every human being; the cry for
unending life which is a part of the person is indeed
answered. Through Jesus we do know 'the room
where exiled love lays down its victory.' He himself is this
place, and he calls us to be with him and in dependence on
him. He calls us to keep this place open within the world so
that he, the exiled love, may reappear over and over in the
world.... God exists: that is the real message of Easter.
Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also
knows what it means to be redeemed." (Pope Benedict XVI)



A Prayer for Easter

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven & voices raise sing to
God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He,
who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled.
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.
Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain & dew & gleams of glory from the brightness of thy
grace; that we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth
may fruitful be, & by angel hands be gathered, & be ever,
Lord, with thee. Alleluia, Alleluia! Sincere Easter Blessings
& Greetings. As the season of spring dawns, we find
ourselves celebrating the most important feast in the lives of
all Christians. The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord
Jesus Christ. This is the time for us to rejoice in the
meaning of the resurrection knowledge that Jesus has risen
and has promised that we will also share in His Glorious
Resurrection. The Feast of Easter is a time of rebirth &
renewal, a special time to celebrate. The celebration of
Easter brings the Gift of Eternal Life to mind the season of
hope & trust in God's promises. Witnessing the deep faith
of the parishioners of St. Elizabeth parish & Our Lady of
Lourdes parish has been a great source. May this hope and
joy for the future of our parishes special feast of EASTER
bless our hearts with the joy of believing how much our
faithful Father loves each and every one of us personally,

April Parish Meetings

St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council Meeting
will be on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of
Lourdes. Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting will be
on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm in OLOL's Church.



Sun. April 1, 2018 ~ The Sacred Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus~Easter Sunday ~From the



The Resurrection accounts in the New Testament make one thing abundantly clear: Something extraordinary & powerful happened to Jesus on the first Easter morning. The tomb is empty; Jesus' battered body is no where to be found; & the cloth that had covered Jesus' head is "rolled up in a separate place." Odd that grave robbers would take the time to tidy up. After today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins to reveal to his friends the reality & the mystery of his resurrection. He appears first to Mary Magdalene and later to his disciples. Clearly what he has experienced is no mere resuscitation. His divine nature, all but totally veiled on Good Friday, now shines forth unambiguously in the Risen Christ. What difference does that make for others? Well, for starters, it effects a remarkable change in Peter. From his failure to "understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead," & from hiding behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews," Peter quickly becomes the bold & fearless preacher of the Good News whom we hear in today's reading from Acts. We never will grasp fully the mystery of the Resurrection, but like Peter we can allow it to transform us. We are not promised exemption from suffering & pain, but his resurrection assures us that God has the final word, & it is one of transformation, light & new life. One of the most striking transformations in the natural world is that of a caterpillar into a butterfly. While scientists have gathered some information about what takes place in the cocoon, they have found it very difficult to observe the process while it is happening. Attempting to open the cocoon at critical moments usually aborts the transformation. So, at its deepest level, the process remains hidden & mysterious. But having seen the result, caterpillars everywhere fearlessly proceed to spin their own cocoons in hope & trust. It is a bit like that for us with the Resurrection. Having seen it happen for Jesus, who trusted his Father in the face of pain & death, we can hope that the same will happen for us one day.

Fish Fry News



THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. Many heartfelt & sincere THANKS to all of those parishioners who helped in any way for the successes of our 3 FISH FRIES. Your hard work & sincere effort to cooperate & pitch in wherever you are needed is truly appreciated. We simply could not have achieved the success we did this year without EACH OF YOU helping as much as you did. For all of you a GREAT BIG THANK YOU. Our count for each Fish Fry is as follows:



March 9, 2018 ~ 943 dinners
March 16, 2018 ~ 853 dinners
March 23, 2018 ~ 923 dinners.

We served a total of 2,719 dinners for 3 evenings. These are the HIGHEST NUMBERS for our fish fry. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE! When all our expenses are accounted, I will publish the profit. Thank you & God bless you.

Our Lady of Lourdes News

The parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes is pleased and honored to be able to express our deep and sincere GRATITUDE to the WILSON FAMILY for their kind and generous donation of the new PASCHAL CANDLE STAND in the sanctuary of our parish Church. This new Paschal Candle Stand matches the candles that are on the Altar of Sacrifice in the sanctuary. The WILSON FAMILY have donated this gift to the parish IN LOVING MEMORY of their Aunt and Uncle GENE and NANCY HUBER. This Sacred and blessed Paschal Candle Stand compliments the beauty and grace of the sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. As we express our APPRECIATION and GRATITUDE to the WILSON FAMILY, it is our sincere prayer that through this beautiful gift, you are able to be assured that your loved ones are forever in the presence of God in the Kingdom of Heaven surrounded by God's eternal light and love. May God bless the WILSON FAMILY with His richest blessings of good health and peace.

Baptism of Thao-Nguyen-Tran



Our Parish family of St. Elizabeth is happy & pleased to WELCOME THAO-NGUYEN-TRAN into the Catholic Church & the Christian Community through the oils & waters of the Sacrament of Baptism. After her study & preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism, Thao will begin her Baptismal journey into eternal love & eternal life with God. As you do so, we promise that we will be by your side to lead & guide you with our constant prayers, good example, & God's Love. Thao received the oils & waters of BAPTISM on March 24, 2018. Her sponsor was her husband Khai-Tuan-Tran. SINCERE & HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS to THAO & her family, Khai & Anthony. We are happy to welcome you to ST.

First Friday of the Month Mass at OLOL's



Our Lady of Lourdes FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be on FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018 at 5:00 PM.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Todd Drake, Sandy Ellis, Jennifer Pierce, Marissa Rees, Charlie Steagall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.



Daily Mass Readings ~ April 2 ~ 6, 2018

Mon. Apr. 2, 2018 ~ Acts 2:14, 22~33 Gospel Mt. 28:8~15.
Tues. Apr. 3, 2018 ~ Acts 2:36~41 Gospel Jn. 20:11~18
Wed. Apr. 4, 2018 ~ Acts 3:1~10 Gospel Lk. 24:13~35
Thurs. Apr. 5, 2018 Acts 3:11~26 ~ Gospel Lk. 24:35~48
Fri. Apr. 6, 2018 Acts 4:1~12 Gospel Jn. 21:1~14

Christ is Risen



Today the Church repeats, sings, shouts: "Jesus is Risen!" But why is this? Peter, John, the women went to the sepulcher & it was empty. He was not there. They went away with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: the Teacher, their Teacher, the One whom they loved so much, had been put to death; he is dead & there is no return from death. This is the defeat. This is the path of defeat, the path towards the sepulcher. But the Angel says to them, *He is not here, he is Risen.*

It is the first announcement: "He is Risen." And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper Room the entire day because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. The Church does not cease to say before our losses, our closed & fearful hearts: "Stop, the Lord is Risen." But if the Lord is Risen, why is it that these things happen? Why is it that there is so much adversity: illness, human trafficking, human slavery, war, destruction, mutilation, vengeance, hatred? Where is the Lord then? Yesterday, I phoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated young man, an engineer, & while talking to him, to give him a sign of faith, I said: "There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the cross. God did this to his Son, & there is no other explanation." And he answered: "Yes, but he asked his Son & the Son said 'yes.' I was not asked if I wanted this." This moves us. None of us is asked: "Are you happy with what is happening in the world? Are you willing to carry this cross further?" And the cross goes forth & faith in Jesus comes down from it. Today, the Church continues to say: "Stop. Jesus is Risen." And this is not a fantasy. The Resurrection of Christ is not a celebration with many flowers. This is beautiful, but this is not it. It is something more. It is the mystery of the discarded stone which becomes the foundation of our existence. Christ is Risen. This is what it means.

In this throwaway culture where what is not needed is just used & disposed of, where what is not needed is thrown away, that stone—Jesus the source of life is discarded. And with faith in the Risen Christ, we too, pebbles on this earth of pain, tragedy, acquire meaning amid so many calamities. The sense to look beyond, the sense to say: "Look, there is no wall; there is a horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross with this ambivalence. Look ahead, do not close within yourself. You pebble, acquire meaning in life because you are a pebble near that rock, that stone which the evil of sin discarded." What does the Church tell us today before so many tragedies? Simply this: the discarded stone is not really discarded. The pebbles which believe and stick to that stone are not discarded. They have meaning & it is with this sentiment that the Church

repeats from the bottom of her heart: "Christ is Risen." Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies, & with simplicity, with a humble voice, without

flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, "I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen & I have put a wager on it." Brothers & sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: "Christ is Risen!"



On Line Donations System

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website. Click on Donate button and you can donate to whatever collection you would like to. Thank you for using this service.



An Easter Prayer & Message

Heavenly Father & God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive & has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death, You raise us with Him & renew Your Gift of Life within us, increase in our minds & hearts the risen life we share with Christ & help us to grow as Your people toward the fullness of eternal life with You. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AN EASTER MESSAGE:

I often ask myself if I would give to another the same mercy that our Savior, Jesus of Nazareth, had given the multitudes who mocked & condemned Him during His Passion & on Calvary so long ago. The Triduum (meaning "three begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, & concludes with the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. The season of Lent, the "Spring" of the Spirit, is the perfect time to renew our lives in Christ as well as look forward to the Paschal Feast. Our faith teaches us that by His death, Jesus freed us from sin, & by His Resurrection, He opened for us the way to Eternal Life. As members of the Church, we believe that through Baptism, we are freed from sin & reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the church & made shares in her mission," (Catechism of the Catholic church 1213), Christ "makes amends super-abundantly for the disobedience of Adam" (CC 411) & as the unblemished Lamb, sacrificed for sin, gained for us Redemption. As we are forgiven, so must we forgive, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Rom 5:20). Many people need the reassurance of God's undying love for them now. Together, united in the Church, we can bring Christ's message to those who may not yet have heard what goodness the Gospel message can bring to our lives. It's not always easy to be in solidarity since the world today, like that of Jesus' time, is filled with pride, anger, envy, jealousy, greed, gluttony, lust, sloth - which is spiritual-laziness — unforgiveness, anxiety, & fear. The serpent is still out there, tempting us to sin. In spite of all this, we must strive to build upon our strengths as we recognize our weakness, believing that, as followers of Christ, we are saved by the power of Divine Mercy. During this sacred Easter time, please don't pass up the chance to tell the special people in your life that you love them, forgive them, or want to support them with prayers. It is now our inheritance to be apostles for Christ! May our Merciful Lord bestow upon you & yours countless Easter Blessings! CHRIST IS RISEN



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, March 25, 2018

Envelopes \$3,747.00 Loose \$379.80

Easter Flowers \$65.00

Harry Wong Memorial \$20.00

Holy Land \$10.00

Holy Thursday \$10.00

Catholic Relief Services \$20.00

Palm Sunday \$847.00

Votive Candles Offering \$168.75

Deposit \$5,267.55

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, March 18, 2018

Envelopes \$545.00 Loose \$126.00

Operation Rice Bowl \$137.00

Deposit \$808.00