



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

207 E. Walnut, Robinson, IL 62454

Phone Number: (618) 544-7526

Fax Number: (618) 544-9327

E-mail: crawford_catholics@rocketmail.com

Web Site: www.crawfordcountycatholics.com

Join us on Facebook! Search for "Crawford County Catholics"

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, April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**



Story found in Luke 24:1~12

But at daybreak on the first day of the week they took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.

Luke 24:1~5

| | | |
|---------|----------|---|
| Apr. 20 | 6:00 pm | Easter Vigil-Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina |
| Apr. 21 | 7:30 am | Karlene Frese by Pete Frese |
| | 9:00 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| | 10:30 am | Special Intentions |
| Apr. 22 | 7:30 am | Jane Brown by George Brown |
| Apr. 23 | 12:00 pm | Terry Baird by Mike & Jona Uptmor |
| Apr. 24 | 7:30 am | Joe Stein (Death) by George & Jane Bohman |
| Apr. 25 | 7:30 am | Harry Wong by Carol Wong |
| Apr. 26 | 7:30 am | Special Intentions |
| Apr. 27 | 4:30 pm | Mary Longnecker by Chris Tylka & Janet Hill |
| Apr. 28 | 7:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| | 9:00 am | Special Intentions |
| | 10:30 am | Special Intentions |

April Dates: Wednesday, April 24, 2019

May Dates: Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019

**Scriptural Reflections for the Easter Sunday of the
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS**



Rising with Peter

Because Christ is Risen. Peter ran to the tomb (Lk 24:12). What thoughts crossed Peter's mind and stirred his heart as he ran to the tomb? The Gospel tells us that the eleven, including Peter, had not believed the testimony of the women, their Easter proclamation. Quite the contrary, these words seemed to them an idle tale. Thus there was doubt in Peter's heart, together with many other worries: sadness at the death of the beloved Master and disillusionment for having denied him three times during his Passion. There is, however, something which signals a change in him: after listening to the women and refusing to believe them, Peter rose. He did not remain sedentary in thought; he did not stay at home as the others did. He did not succumb to the somber atmosphere of those days, nor was he overwhelmed by his doubts. He was not consumed by remorse. ... He was looking for Jesus, not himself.. And so, he got up, just as he was, and ran towards the tomb from where he would return amazed. This marked the beginning of Peter's resurrection, the resurrection of his heart. Without giving in to sadness or darkness, he made room for hope: he allowed the light of God to enter into his heart, without smothering it. The women too, who had gone out early in the morning to perform a work of mercy, taking the perfumed ointments to the tomb, had the same experience. They were frightened and bowed their faces, and yet they were deeply affected by the words of the angel: Why do you seek the living among the dead?.. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord—each of us knows what they are—so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancor and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish.... May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the center of our lives.

**SPIRITUAL READING for EASTER SUNDAY of the
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS**



"Jesus is risen from the dead! This message resounds in the Church & the world over, along with the singing of the Alleluia.... He remained two days in the tomb; but his death contained God's love in all its power, released and made manifest on the third day, the day we celebrate today: the Easter of Christ the Lord.... The words heard by the women at the tomb are also addressed to us: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the Resurrection" (Pope Francis). Christ has made good on all he promised. He is truly risen, as he said.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 27 ~ Sunday, April 28, 2019

Sat. Apr. 27, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

- LECTOR:** Celeste White
- USHERS:** Jack & Carol Watts
- COMMUNION MIN:** Phil & Kayla Blank
- SERVERS:** Abby Mullins
- GIFTS:** Don Biernbaum Family

Sun. Apr. 28, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

- LECTOR:** Dave Holscher
- USHERS:** Jeff Rich, Tom Huss
- COMMUNION MIN:** Jane Bohman, Mike Dorn
- SERVERS:** Nathaniel Arkenberg
- GIFTS:** Jeff Rich Family

Sun. Apr. 28, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

- LECTOR:** Chris Keller
- USHERS:** Don Schmidt, Janel Hoke
- COMMUNION MIN:** None
- SERVERS:** Jeff Hermann
- GIFTS:** Don Schmidt, Janel Hoke

Sun. Apr. 28, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

- LECTOR:** Courtney Ferris
- USHERS:** Levi Dickerson
Anthony O'Dell
- COMMUNION MIN:** Valerie Chapman, Missy York
- SERVERS:** Korbin Rawlings
Sicily Rawlings
- GIFTS:** Brendan Grimm Family

April 21, 2019 ~ Easter Sunday of the Lord Jesus' Resurrection~ From The Pastor

CHRIST IS RISEN



What a difference a day makes! This is a perfect phrase to explain the momentous happenings on the first Easter morning. Jesus' tomb stands empty, saying quietly, "Jesus is alive!" The disciples are ecstatic. On this momentous day, God in heaven has affirmed every deed

Jesus Christ did and every word he uttered while on earth. His son's life ends in victory & not defeat. Redemption is secure for God's created people, & the crown of salvation is theirs. The rolled-away stone demonstrates to the world that our sinned & stained creation, where Adam & Eve's descendants wallowed in shame, is only a memory. God reclaims his people. All is good again; all is very good again. The risen Jesus frees the Holy Spirit to roam, dispersing gifts of joy, love, hope & peace. Why? Because each person's destiny is changed. Through the risen Jesus, all creation shares a similar destiny. Like Jesus, they, too, will rise again on the last day. They will join those who died before them, because Jesus has kept his promise to his followers. Paul comments in Colossians that Easter handed to Jesus' followers a divine household, a new vision & eternal truths to shape their thoughts. However, Easter's event does not mean Jesus' followers live solely for the next world. His cannot be further from the truth. Believers live now because Christ restored hope to their suffering world. Their task now is to share it with those around them, & Jesus left behind a detailed list. These are the disheartened, marginalized, chronically ill, those who are poor & all those we meet by chance who need their spirits & souls nurtured. Indeed, the breeze from Easter opens the door to the banquet hall of God's abundance. Jesus wants believers from every age to share this wealth. Each believer works to refresh hope & spread joy. Alleluias keep heads lifted high & faith illuminated. They are the words of Easter bliss that made Easter different then & now.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Gerald Bierman (Clarence Schutte), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris & Valentine Pescatore, (Kathleen Pescatore), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Joe Thompson (Geri Ezell), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

An Easter 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



**1 Cross
+ 3 Nails
4 Given**

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 superabundantly 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 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 &

y o u r s



A Prayer for Easter

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven & voices raise sing (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, Amen.

Christ is Risen

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

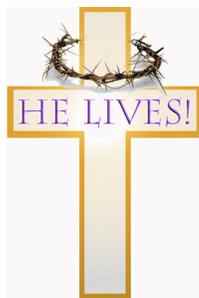
return from death. This is the defeat. This is the path of defeat, the path towards the sepulcher. But the Angel says to them, He is not here, he is Risen. It is the first announcement: "He is Risen." And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper 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, 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

j u s t u s e d & 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 p e b b l e , a c - quire 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!"**



Parish Picnic ~ May 5, 2019



In just two short weeks it will be time for our annual Parish Picnic. This year's picnic will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2019, from 11:30-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will begin with a meal of hamburgers, hotdogs and pork tenderloins catered by Kay Holscher's Catering. We are asking that parishioners please bring a side or a dessert to share. The "Pie Baking Competition" will also be making a return with prizes being awarded in two divisions: Adult and Youth. We will also have a cornhole tournament, bingo and lawn games for the kids. "White Elephant" prizes are being collected for bingo and can be brought the day of the picnic. Please make plans to attend this year's picnic and enjoy some wonderful food and the company of your Parish family.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, April 14, 2019

Envelopes \$ 1,632.00 Loose \$363.00

Building Fund \$10.00 Spiritual Kiosk \$51.00

Palm Sunday \$835.00 Easter Flowers \$50.00

4 online @ \$285.00

Deposit: \$3,226.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, April 7, 2019

Envelopes \$777.00 Loose \$101.00

Operation Rice Bowl \$43.00

Edith Smith Food Pantry \$36.00

Building Fund \$45.00

Deposit \$1,002.00



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Apr. 22, 2019 First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33
Gospel Mt. 28:8-15

Tues. Apr. 23, 2019 First Reading Acts 2:36-41
Gospel John 20:11-18

Wed. Apr. 24, 2019 First Reading Acts 3:1-10
Gospel Lk. 24:13-35

Thurs. Apr. 25, 2019 First Reading Acts 3:11-26
Gospel Lk. 24:35-48

Fri. Apr. 26, 2019 First Reading Acts 4:1-12
Gospel Jn. 21:1-14

Please remember to
attend weekly Mass