



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**



Story found in John 20:19-31

27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus *said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed."

John 20:27~29

Apr. 27	4:30 pm	Mary Longnecker by Chris Tylka
Apr. 28	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 29	7:30 am	Henrietta Stein by George & Jane Bohman
Apr. 30	12:00 pm	Mette Family by Jane Mette
May 1	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 2	7:30 am	Harry & Marie Bohman (Anniversary) (Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman
May 3	7:30 am	Calberta Goda-14th Birthday
First Friday Mass OLOL	5:00 pm	by George & Jane Bohman Ron Dhom
May 4	4:30 pm	Mary Longnecker by Chris Tylka & Janet Hill
May 5	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Mildred Schmidt
	10:30 am	by Bob & Kourtney Coffman Family Max Dunlap by Patty Dnnlap



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 4 ~ Sunday, May 5, 2019

Sat. May 4, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Geri Ezell
USHERS: Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins
COMMUNION MIN: Susan Goodwine, Karen Sanders
SERVERS: Abby Mullins
GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family

Sun. May 5, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Mike Uptmor
USHERS: Dave Holscher, Tom Huss
COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert
SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg
GIFTS: Jim Eckert Family

Sun. May 5, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR: Lori Davis
USHERS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars
COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey
SERVERS: Eva Hermann
GIFTS: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

Sun. May 5, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Roselene Quick
USHERS: Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell
COMMUNION MIN: Mark Ghering, Matthew Hartrich
SERVERS: Evan Ferris, David Staller
GIFTS: Ted Staller Family

April Collection Counters:

Kaye Holscher, Karen Reinoehl, Linda Rich

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



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

Pastoral Council

St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting



St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.



First Friday Mass

The FIRST FRIDAY MASS for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH will be celebrated on FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 at 5:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Our Lady of Lourdes News

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY



During the month of MAY, the Rosary will be prayed at 8:30 am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Stained Glass Windows



In the near future, the stained glass windows in the Church will be examined and repaired and new protective coverings will be installed. In gratitude for your faithful financial support which allows these projects to be completed. God bless you.

Easter Flowers Memorial



If you were unable to receive a copy of the 2019 Easter Flower Memorials, Father Flach has several copies if you would like one. Thank you & God bless you.

Scriptural Reflections for the Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy



"Mercy is heartfelt sympathy for another's distress, impelling us to succor him if we can. For mercy takes its name—*isericordia*— from denoting a person's compassionate heart for another's unhappiness" (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Divine mercy is God's refusal to leave us in our fallen condition: Jesus enters the "locked doors" of our hearts, banishing fear and sin and saying "Peace be with you." "He showed them his hands and his side": Jesus shows us his wounds so that we will not be afraid to show him ours. Finally, Jesus gave the disciples the Holy Spirit so they could be his agents of mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." Thousands of years later, we continue to receive Christ's mercy in confession.

A Spotlight on the Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH has four main parts commonly called pillars & are titled:

- PILLAR ONE ~ THE PROFESSION OF FAITH
- PILLAR TWO ~ THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY
- PILLAR THREE ~ LIFE IN CHRIST
- PILLAR FOUR – CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Future articles in the bulletins under this title will seek or clarify the relationship of Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition, & the Catholic Church so we are able to more fully embrace & live our faith.

We live in curious, troubled times. Rather than enjoying this relatively peaceful & prosperous era in our nation, citizens feel unsettled. We're at odds with one another, & we distrust political & religious leaders. Looking for stability & reason, we turn to original documents like the Constitution & the Bible to steady our way forward. As Americans, we count on our governments to legislate, interpret, & execute just laws. As people of faith, we sense the need for similar authority in the interpretation & application of Scripture to our lives. For Catholics, living biblical truths can seem especially daunting when non-Catholic loved ones co-workers assert that so much of our faith lies outside the teachings of Jesus Christ. Instead of growing defensive or, worse, intimidated by challenges to our beliefs & practices, let's begin this new year looking back through salvation history to understand the timeline of our faith. Realizing that communities of believers were growing & thriving long before the Bible was compiled & circulated, our focus shifts from defending the particulars of our faith to understanding the relationship of Scripture, Catholic Tradition, & the Church. We start with this pivotal moment Jesus had with the Twelve: He said to them; "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh & blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, & upon this rock I will build my church, & the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; & whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." MATTHEW 16:15-19. If this familiar passage is read too quickly, its many truths can fly by: Jesus' divinity, the necessity of divine revelation, the acknowledgment of Simon Peter's foundational leadership, Jesus' establishment of a church, the promise that the people of God will prevail over the designs of Satan, & finally, the human authority bestowed by Christ on earth to bind & loose in heaven. If these truths seem a lot to digest, take heart. The disciples themselves seem slow to understand Jesus' words in general & their commission in particular. Traumatized & confused by Jesus' suffering & death, even after the glory of his resurrection, they remain hidden & reluctant to preach the good news, much less establish communities of faith. Only after Pentecost, when the disciples receive the Holy Spirit & begin to preach openly in a variety of languages, is the Church born. Just as Jesus promised, they accomplish mighty works, & the number of believers grows rapidly as thousands hear the gospel & are baptized into the faith. Throughout the Acts of the Apostles, the Church grows in the face of persecution. As the faith spread to non-Jews, Jesus' disciples (followers), now apostles (teachers with authority), come together in Jerusalem to determine how Jewish new Christians must be (see Acts 15). The early Church leaders are preaching, baptizing,

A Spotlight on the Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church continued....

getting imprisoned, making doctrinal decisions, & forming communities of faith in cities throughout the ancient world...all before a word of the New Testament is penned. When Paul does begin to write to local churches, he encourages believers to remain steadfast in preserving the entirety of the faith: Therefore, brothers, stand firm & hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours. To be continued.....

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.

Church 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.



2019 Crawford County Catholic Pictorial Directory



There have been several inquiries about when the Pictorial Directory will be ready. There were a number of revisions that had to take place before it could be published but it is now back at the printers & hopefully, you will receive your copy.

Thank you for your patience in this matter & God bless you.



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Apr. 29, 2019 Acts 4:23~31 Gospel Jn. 3:1~8
 Tues. Apr. 30, 2019 Acts 4:32~37 Gospel Jn. 3:7B~15
 Wed. May 1, 2019 Acts 5:17~26 Gospel Jn. 3:16~21
 Thurs. May 2, 2019 Acts 5:27~33 Gospel Jn. 3:31~36
 Fri. May 3, 2019 1 Cor. 15:1~8 Gospel Jn. 14:6~14

Scriptural Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter ~

One [sister], when she learned about my close relationship with the Lord Jesus, told me that I must be deluding myself. She told me that the Lord Jesus associates in this way only with the saints and not with sinful souls "like you, Sister!" After that, it was as if I mistrusted Jesus. In one of my morning talks with him I said, "Jesus, are you not an illusion?" Jesus answered me, "My love deceives no one." On one occasion I was reflecting on the Holy Trinity, on the essence of God. I absolutely wanted to know and fathom who God is.... In an instant my spirit was caught up into what seemed to be the next world. I saw an inaccessible light, and in this light, what appeared like three sources of light which I could not understand. And out of that light came words in the form of lightning which encircled heaven and earth.... Suddenly, from this sea of inaccessible light came our dearly beloved Savior, unutterably beautiful with his shining wounds. And from this light came a voice which said, 'Who God is in his essence, no one will fathom, neither the mind of angels nor of man.' Jesus said to me, "Get to know God by contemplating his attributes." A moment later, he traced the sign of the cross with his hand and vanished. Once I was summoned to the judgment [seat] of God. I stood alone before the Lord. Jesus appeared such as we know him during his Passion. After a moment, his wounds disappeared except for five, those in his hands, his feet and his side. Jesus said... "You will go back to earth, and there you will suffer much, but not for long; you will accomplish my will and my desires, and a faithful servant of mine will help you to do this. Now, rest your head on my bosom, on my heart, and draw from it strength and power for these sufferings because you will find neither relief nor help nor comfort anywhere else. Know that you will have much, much to suffer, but don't let this frighten you; I am with you."



Rest In Peace

Rest in peace, Donnal Fitzmaurice. Donnal was the husband of Sharon & Father of Gary & Janelle Hoke. In God's Love we pray that He will grant him a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that their families will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.



Give Central On-line Donations

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

April 28, 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Easter ~
 Divine Mercy Sunday

If President Abraham Lincoln were in the Upper Room overhearing the dialogue between Thomas the Apostle and the risen Jesus, he may have given this advice to Thomas: "To believe in the things you can see and touch is no belief at all; but to believe in the unseen is a triumph and a blessing." What a great entrance into our readings today. The mention of Doubting Thomas, the chosen apostle who came into their fold after Jesus' appearance, introduces the whispered rumor that Jesus did not rise from the dead. His resurrection is a deception circulated by the apostles to keep Jesus' name in the minds of those who believed. We hear Thomas reacting strongly to Jesus' appearance during his absence and wanting "to put my hand into his side or I will not believe." If he did not utter these words, it may seem that his followers never believed because they saw Jesus first. But after he touches his wounds, Thomas' words to Jesus — "My Lord and my God!" — sound throughout history. And Jesus' response of rebuke echoes as a declaration of belief: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." This is important for the growth of the early Church, because once the generation who knew and saw Jesus passed, the believing community's testimony came from the Holy Spirit, the written testimony it inspired, and faith. As the Acts of the Apostles testifies, the Church in Jerusalem enjoyed abundant growth. It was an exciting time for these budding leaders and the seedling believers. These fledgling apostles were highly respected, zealous preachers inspiring their audiences to listen to their message. The early apostles faced a tremendous uphill struggle, but their numbers increased rapidly, gaining many followers who had never seen Jesus of Nazareth nor had known anything about him before meeting the apostles. The doubts in the Resurrection lessened as the Good News continued to spread. Followers signed on because of the preached word and their openness to the Holy Spirit's promptings. However, in time this enthusiasm waned, and faith lessened, as it does today. Since those early days, the Church has seen many changes and new beginnings. But even that is ok, because Jesus Christ, who said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe," is the same then, today and forever.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, April 21, 2019
 Envelopes \$3,684.00 Loose \$754.02
 Building Fund \$15.00
 Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$20.00
 Easter Flower Offering \$50.00 Easter Offering \$125.00
 Good Friday/Holy Land \$295.00 Holy Thursday \$393.00
 Operation Rice Bowl \$25.00 Palm Sunday \$20.00
 Seminarians \$335.00 5 online @\$410.00
 Deposit: \$6,126.02

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, April 14, 2019
 Envelopes \$720.00 Loose \$74.00
 Operation Rice Bowl \$189.00
 Building Fund \$70.00
 Deposit \$1,053.00