



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: Jerry Pittman, St. Elizabeth

Custodial Care: Lori & Adam 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, August 6, 2017 The Transfiguration Of The Lord



After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Matthew 17:1~9



Mass Intentions

Aug. 5	4:30 pm	James & Rita Hughes by the Family
Aug. 6	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Aug. 7	7:30 am	Darrell Spencer by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Aug. 8	12:00 pm	Paul Hartrich by Hartrich Family
Aug. 9	7:30 am	Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buecklin
Aug. 10	7:30 am	Linda Russell by Ginger Osborne
Aug. 11	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Chas. & Judy
Aug. 12	4:30 pm	Eckert Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray
Aug. 13	7:30 am	by Monica Mann
	9:00 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
	10:30 am	Special Intentions For all parishioners by Fr. Flach

Holy Day of Obligation

The SACRED EUCHARIST will be celebrated on MON. AUG. 14, 2017 at 5 pm at OLOL's & 12 pm TUES. AUG. 15, 2017 at ST. ELIZABETH as well as 6 pm. This Eucharist fulfills your HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 12, 2017 ~ Sunday, August 13, 2017

Sat. Aug. 12, 2017 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Karen Sanders

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin, Kitty Platt

SERVERS: Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Lantz Griffin Family

Sun. Aug. 13, 2017 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Kurt & Anne Holscher

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Jacob Eckert

GIFTS: Ross Holscher Family

Sun. Aug. 13, 2017 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS: Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice

COMMUNION MIN: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Don Fitzmaurice Family

Sun. Aug. 13, 2017 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: Geraldo Rios, Miguel Vega

COMMUNION MIN: Mark Ghering, Phyllis Inboden

SERVERS: Anthony Tran, Kifer Stevens

GIFTS: Miguel Vega Family

Collection Counters: August, 2017: Don Brown, Jim & Maureen Hill



PSR Upcoming Meeting

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over & the start of school & PSR is just around the corner. In order to prepare for the upcoming PSR year, we will be having the following meeting on Aug. 9 at 6 pm. The parents of the 2017-18 Confirmation class & Confirmation candidates will be meeting and on August 16 at 6 pm, we will be having PSR registration and a parent informational meeting in the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth. AT THE AUGUST 16TH REGISTRATION MEETING, REGISTRATION FEES OF \$35.00 PER CHILD ARE DUE. There are several new policies to be discussed this year, so please make sure that you are in attendance at the registration meeting. Our opening mass for PSR will take place on Wed. Aug. 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Any questions, contact Courtney Ferris.

Thank You from Cali Rice –Choices Director

Please accept my deepest thanks, on behalf of our board, staff and especially our clients for participating in our Baby Bottle Blessings fundraiser. The total raised for your Baby Bottle Blessings event is \$1,082.73 (St Elizabeth) and \$316.12 (Our Lady). As of right now we have a total of \$11,579.24, for the Casey area. What a blessing you have been to us! Please share this total with your congregation to let them know what a difference they have made for us here at the center. As you know, the staff and volunteers of Choices strive to reach out with the compassion of our Lord to those who are in a crisis pregnancy situation. As we create an atmosphere of acceptance, encouragement and unconditional love, we have the opportunity to minister to those who have made bad choices and are broken in body, mind and spirit. God is using this ministry to offer hope to those who have no hope and to demonstrate real love instead of the counterfeit offered by the world! We are so grateful for your strong commitment to "Life" issues. Your sacrifice of time, your tireless efforts in fundraising, together with your love for the Lord, just blesses us beyond words! May the Lord continue to supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory!

Daily Mass Readings Aug. 7~ Aug. 11, 2017

Mon. Aug. 7th Reading 1~Nm.11:4B-15 Gospel Mt. 14:13-21

Tues. Aug. 8th Reading 1~Nm.12:1-13 Gospel Mt. 14:22-36

Wed. Aug. 9th Reading 1~Nm.13:1-2,25-14:1, 26A-29A, 34-35

Gospel Mt. 15:21-28 Thur. Aug. 10th Reading 1~2 Cor. 9:6-10

Gospel Jn. 12:24-26 Fri. Aug. 11th Reading 1~ Dt. 4:32-40

Gospel Mt. 16:24-28



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sherry Boswell, Lori Brown, Sharon Drake, Bonnie Field, Jamie Hartrich, Susan Hills, Deena Jones, Leona Kocher, Logan Inboden, Trent Matthews, Linda Russell, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Vickie Wilson, the men & women in armed forces.

Ramblin' Rose

The Ramblin' Rose Bus, operated through Catholic Charities, will be at St. Elizabeth Thurs. Aug. 10, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30



The feast of the Transfiguration goes back at least to the ninth century. It was made a universal Roman feast (dated Aug. 6) in 1456. The account of the

Transfiguration in Matthew occurs after Peter wins praise for correctly identifying Jesus as "the Christ, the son of the living God." When Peter's moment of insight is followed by Jesus predicting his own suffering, death & resurrection, Peter objects in horror, & Jesus chastises him, "Get behind me, Satan!" This week's Gospel follows that account; perhaps, therefore, the Transfiguration was meant to reassure Jesus' disciples & to prepare them for his passion. Matthew draws parallels between Jesus' experience & that of Moses (see Exodus 24), underscoring Matthew's identification of Jesus as the new Moses, the new lawgiver. In fact, Moses himself appears (representing the Law), together with Elijah (representing the prophets), & they converse with Jesus as their equal. Peter, ever practical, wants to build tents & stay for a while. We all know that experience, don't we? We have an uplifting retreat or a particularly restful & enjoyable vacation, & we wish we could make it last forever. Perhaps we also have known moments of wonder & awe in God's presence that have caused us to fall prostrate in holy fear. In those moments we rely on the gentle touch of Jesus, who lifts us up & bids us not be afraid. Writing for CatholicMom.com, Susan Handle Terbay recalls a transfiguration experience she had while working at a hospice care center where a close friend of hers became a cancer patient. "I would stop in & sit with her, & we talked about our children. One day when I stopped by with holy Communion she grabbed my hand before I was able to start our routine of prayer & sharing the host. She looked into my eyes and said, 'Sue, I'm so happy.' When she grabbed my hand her face began to glow, & as she spoke her words she 'transfigured' in front of my eyes & she was no longer a frail, gaunt woman but a lovely woman whose eyes revealed peace & deep contentment &, yes, love. "I walked out of that room changed. Later when doing radio interviews ... I shared this story often, & every time someone would say, 'Well, she was under heavy medication, of course she felt happy, of course she changed.' My answer was always she transfigured before me not me before her! She saw something knew something. I could not see or realize. My friend gave me a glimpse of her soul, & it was breathtaking." Terbay concludes: "So often we get caught up in the drama & the overload of everyday life, & we forget what life is ~a gift. Maybe today we can take a moment & see the soul of another & be awed at the beauty & see what God sees?"

In Sincere Gratitude

Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is **SINCERELY GRATEFUL TO JACK STANLEY** for his devotion & faithful service as the **SACRISTIAN** in our Church. His reverence & dedication to preparing the altar for the **SACRED EUCHARIST**, cleansing the sacred vessels, preparing for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, serving at Mass, helping in Church in any way reveal Jack's deep & strong faith. His loyalty to his responsibilities as **SACRISTIAN** was taken very seriously & his outstanding service is noteworthy as we express our **SINCERE THANKS to JACK** for his many years of service. At this time, Jack has decided to step aside from this role & as he concludes his responsibilities, we offer our sincere prayers that God will continue to bless him & his loved ones with good health & peace. **THANK YOU, JACK, & GOD BLESS YOU!**

Embracing the Icon Of Love

In our Roman Catholic faith, the **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** shares in the redemptive role with her **SON, JESUS CHRIST**, to draw us closer in love to **GOD, OUR FATHER**. All of the members of our parish families are invited to participate in a study session class entitled **EMBRACING THE ICON OF LOVE** in which we will invite the **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** to be our teacher and model as we enter into the Sacred Mysteries contained in the miraculous icon of **OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**. Just exactly what is an **ICON**? An **ICON** is a sacred painting which functions as a window into the spiritual world, bringing us closer to the divine mystery and helps us to strengthen our faith as we meditate on them. An **ICON** is placed inside a church for the veneration of the faithful. After an **ICON** serves its role as a special place for prayers and petitions, it becomes a sacred space. The **ICON of OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP** is one of the best loved and most well-known of all

ICONS. With the excellent resource entitled **EMBRACING THE ICON OF LOVE** by Bro Daniel Korn, CSsR the class will explore the messages within the **OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP ICON** which will help us to deepen our understanding of the Incarnation, suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. Through the guided meditations on the five key elements of the **ICON** and questions for personal reflection, hopefully those who participate will be directed on the path toward deeper understanding and prayerful devotion with **OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP** as your guide. Father Flach will be the instructor for our class and the classes

will be held on the following dates:

- MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The fee for the resource is Fifteen Dollars . Please call the Parish Office to register by **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017** so that the resource may be ordered for you. It is my prayer that many from our parishes will find this spiritual opportunity helpful so that the beautiful **ICON of OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP** may be an instrument of special grace that flows into the hearts and souls of those who experience a sacred presence as they pray before it.

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help



O Mother of Perpetual Help,- grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name,- which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary; let thy name-henceforth be -ever on my- lips; Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on Thee, for, in-all my needs; in all my temptations I shall never cease to call on Thee, ever repeating Thy sacred name, Mary, Mary. O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce Thy sacred name, or even only think of Thee. I thank God for having given Thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing Thy name: let my love for Thee prompt me ever to Hail Thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. Recite Nine hail Marys.

THE SOLEMN FEAST DAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

It will be helpful to us to focus spiritually on this important feast of the Blessed Virgin and upon her devotion and humility revealed in her simple life of obedience, love, and service as it intertwines with each of our lives in our faith journey into the Kingdom of Heaven. Each time we gather in prayer to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we listen to a Gospel reading and this particular reference shares with us that even though she was also the Mother of God and Jesus, Mary remained simple, reverent, detached, and humble. In the same situation as the Blessed Virgin, any of us would be frightened and timid. But Mary trusted in God so much so that the trust in God was far stronger than any fright or fear. As we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on this feast which marks her entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven to dwell with God, Her Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we recognize her simplicity as humility when she announces the sacred and beautiful words of the age old prayer, the MAGNIFICAT, the exact same words of our Gospel. Even in the sacred, holy, yet mysterious surroundings of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary could respond in a spirit of love, fidelity, and simplicity because her life was completely and totally centered upon GOD alone. The most important question that lies before us on this special feast that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary is often recognized in the various mysteries of our human lives, those moments of pain, heartache, suffering, trials, hardships as well as those experiences of joy, peace, and happiness and they help us to strive to respond as the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY did in her very own life.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN INTO

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION is an invitation to trust in God and also to imitate Mary in what she herself said: "Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; I put myself at the Lord's disposal." This is the lesson: one should travel on one's own road; one should give life and not take it. And precisely in this way each one is on the journey of love which is the loss of self, but this losing of oneself is in fact the only way to truly find oneself, to find true life. Let us look at Mary, taken up into Heaven. Let us be encouraged to celebrate the joyful feast with faith: God wins. Faith, which seems weak, is the true force of the world. Love is stronger than hate. And let us say with Elizabeth: Blessed are you among women. Let us pray to you with all the Church: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. — Pope Benedict XVI from Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2007.

Mass Intentions

One of the most heart-warming & beautiful ways for us in the Roman Catholic faith to remember & honor not only our loved ones who have gone before us, but those who are still with us to offer a Mass for them. The graces that are received from this Eucharist can comfort & console you as well as offer guidance & direction. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact the Parish Office at 544-7526.

Finance Council Meeting at St. Elizabeth



The Finance Council will be at St. Elizabeth on Tues. Aug. 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Scriptural Reflection for the Transfiguration of the



Christ's Tabor radiance is a kind of mirror in which we glimpse the glory that God wills to give his friends. The resplendence of the Transfiguration reveals the fullness of life destined to be ours. The Transfiguration invites us to configuration. As we peer into the glory that pours from every pore of the transfigured Christ, we cast off everything unworthy of our personal relationship with the Infinite, & we take on the luster of the Son of God Jesus gazes back at us with a luminous look of love that makes us desire to live his transparent beauty to be luminaries.. Silently from Tabor's splendor, the Savior begs: "Become what you behold!"

Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, July 30, 2017

Envelopes \$ 1,477.00 Loose \$253.00

2 Online @ \$80.00 Retired Priests \$25.00
Deposit \$1,835.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, July 23, 2017

Envelopes \$325.00 Loose \$42.00

Deposit \$367.00



Give Central Online Donations

St. Elizabeth has an online donations system called Give Central. All monies come directly to St. Elizabeth.

The Radiance of God

Light is symbolic of one of the great longings of human life. Again & again we find ourselves benighted, sunk in deep gloom, without light to guide us. How could we even desire light if it were not for the eternal gift of grace which gives our spirit a vague intuition that darkness is not its natural and final state, that even in the darkest hour there is something to be hoped for, a state of fulfillment to which the spirit must aspire? God created human beings as light-endowed, radiant beings, & as such sent us forth in the world; but we have blinded ourselves to this truth. Only a faint inkling of it remains. We are never more soul-sick than when we become confused and find ourselves helpless to cope with a situation. That is the primary meaning of the prayer "Send Thy Radiant Light"—it is a despairing Cry for divine help to dispel our self-imposed, sinful darkness, wiping the dreams & the fear from our eyes so that they may see again. But there is also another imperative need for light in our lives; God's radiance dazzles us. We get presentiments & glimpses but they are transitory & usually lead nowhere. Those who are dedicated & prepared pray for divine light, which will heighten their perception & raise them to realization of that fullness they have hitherto only dimly guessed at. Once a person has arrived at this stage he knows what the strength of God is even in the darkest and most hopeless situations of his life.

