



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



## CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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### Reverend Father James A. Flach, Pastor

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Office Manager: Halena Estep

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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, February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Crawford County Catholics 19th Annual

# Mardi Gras

Saturday, February 22, 2020

6:00PM-11:00PM

Stoney Ridge Event Center

\$30/Ticket

Hosted by St. Elizabeth's and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.  
Contact the Parish Office for more information 618.544.7526.

#### Menu

Grilled Smoked Sausage Kabobs

BBQ Pork Sliders on a Homemade Onion Bun

Mini Crab Stuffed White Fish

Stroganoff Meatballs

Peel-n-Eat Shrimp

Variety of Cheese Balls

Crudites w/ Chipotle Ranch Dip

Fresh Fruit Kabobs

Dessert Tasting Bar

Kaye Holscher Catering

#### Big Divvy Tickets-\$25.00

Drawing announced at 9:00pm.

Winners need not be present to win.

#### Silent Auction

#### Bottle Pull

#### Basket Auction

Proceeds will benefit Crawford County Catholics.



## Mass Intentions

Feb. 15	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Feb. 16	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Val Pescatore by Kaye Pescatore
	10:30 am	Francis Medina by Mark & Cindy Grimm
Feb. 17	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Carol Wong
Feb. 18	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Feb. 19	7:30 am	Special Intentions Chris & Aimee Weber
Feb. 20	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Feb. 21	7:30 am	Patricia Burger by Ellen Rees
Feb. 22	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Feb. 23	7:30 am	Mrs. Paul (Rita) Holscher by Jeff & Linda Rich
	9:00 am	Brian Wilson by Wilson Brothers
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 22 ~ Sunday, February 23, 2020

<u>Sat. February 22, 2020</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Geri Ezell	
USHERS:	Mark & Cindy Grimm	
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS:	Aleigha Mullins, Lily Ann Mullins	
GIFTS:	Mark Grimm Family	
<u>Sun. February 23, 2020</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Dave Holscher	
USHERS:	Angel Avila, Travis Rich	
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS:	Nathaniel Arkenberg	
GIFTS:	Randy Schutte Family	
<u>Sun. February 23, 2020</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Keith Wirey	
USHERS:	Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson	
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS:	Ava Patchett	
GIFTS:	Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson	
<u>Sun. February 23, 2020</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Roselene Quick	
USHERS:	Jacob & Jessica Blankenbeker	
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS:	Brady York, Cody York	
GIFTS:	Charles Richey Family	

February Collection Counters: Don Brown, Susan Goodwine, Mary Ann Griffin

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## Parish School of Religion

FEBRUARY DATES: WED. FEBRUARY 19, 26, 2020.  
MARCH DATES: WED. MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm.



## Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: FEBRUARY DATES: February 23, 2020. MARCH DATES: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020 from 5:30~7:00 pm.

## Scriptural Reflections ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



How God loves our freedom! As if singing a hymn, he says through Sirach: "If you choose you can keep the commandments. If you trust in God, you too shall live. To whichever you choose, fire or water, stretch forth your hand!" This is the righteousness that "surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees." "God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden," has revealed it to us. "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." We long to be counted among them, even to the point of tearing out our right eye, cutting off our right hand. For heaven must be rife with one-eyed, one-armed saints who reconciled with offending brothers and sisters...who refused to let lust master them. We stretch forth our one remaining hand to the fire of the Holy Spirit, to the water of our baptism, letting our Yes mean Yes.

## Spiritual Reading for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was not satisfied with destroying sin & meriting only a sufficient amount of grace for our salvation. He did much more & he himself declared it, I have come that they may have life, & may have it more abundantly (Jn 10:10). This plenitude of life is the plenitude of grace, the supernatural life which causes sanctity to blossom. Sanctity is not reserved for a few; Jesus, by his Incarnation & by his death on the cross, merited the means of salvation & sanctification for all who believe in him. He, the All-holy, came to sanctify us, & has taught us, Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect (Mt 5:48). Jesus did not give this precept to a chosen group of persons, nor did he reserve it for his Apostles & close friends; he proclaimed it to the multitude who were following him. Saint Paul received his message & announced it to the Gentiles, this is the will of God, your sanctification (1 Thes 4:3) & in our times the Church has repeated it strongly & on many occasions to the modern world: "Christ has called the whole human race to the lofty heights of sanctity. There are some who say that sanctity is not everyone's vocation; on the contrary, it is everyone's vocation, & all are called to it. ... Jesus Christ has given himself as an example for all to imitate." And elsewhere: "Let no one believe that sanctity belongs to a few chosen people, while the rest of humanity can limit itself to a lesser degree of virtue. Jesus comes not only to save me, but to sanctify me. He is calling me to sanctity & has merited for me all the graces I need to attain it."



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees) Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris, Carolyn Kermicle (Angie Schutte), Monica Mann (Sherri Murray-Thomas), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Linda Stewart (Nolan Stewart), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.

Sunday, February 16, 2020 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
From The Pastor: Listening For The Kingdom

We are in the midst of what we call the Sermon on the Mount, which forms part of the first discourse (Chapters 5-7) in Matthew's Gospel. It was much easier to hear last week's encouraging words on being salt of the earth and light of the world than the present passage for this week, one that can be as challenging to the hearers in the assembly as it is to the preacher. I think that the first reading sets the tone for the entire selection of readings today: "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live." Sirach makes it very clear that what faces us is a choice. Sometimes we will make good choices and sometimes we will opt for unwise decisions — or ones that are not clearly thought through. What is of paramount importance to understand is that God has given us the interior freedom to choose, having been instructed in what the Lord deems as best for us, meaning the commandments as invitations to the fullness of life. In this regard, the Sermon on the Mount really becomes its own homily today, one that certainly needs a contemporary preaching lens, to be sure. But in a certain sense, Jesus' long exposition of how to be perfected by God in righteousness speaks for itself, as long as we have ears to hear. Jesus really wants to ramp up what is at stake in all our principal vices and virtues, whether they be conflicts, envy, divorce or solemn commitments. Do we just want to get by, or allow God to remake us into virtue? Perhaps the bottom line is going to be how we choose because that is going to make all the difference between living a mediocre existence or one that is single-minded in pursuit of the Holy One. The important choices we make should never be easy; they involve prayer and discernment. To undergo such self-scrutiny and place one's self in God's providence understands what Paul tells the Corinthians — namely, that "the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." That Spirit's probe has already begun with the proclamation of the Gospel. When the word is deeply heard, the challenge Jesus puts on the table cannot but confront our innermost struggles with God, our neighbor and

### Our Lady of Lourdes Breakfast



Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting BREAKFAST in the Parish Hall on Sunday, March 1, 2020 after the 9:00 am Mass. They will be offering: scrambled eggs, sausage links & patties, biscuits & gravy & pancakes, sweet-breads, & cookies. Both Parishes are invited. A free-will donation would be appreciated.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Friday Mass

Due to the St. Elizabeth Fish Fry on FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020, there will be NO FIRST FRIDAY MASS in March at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Instead, Father Flach will be celebrating the Eucharist on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Thank you & God bless you.

### Pastoral Council



St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on TUES. MAR. 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM in Our Lady of Lourdes

### St. Elizabeth Finance Council



ST. ELIZABETH FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.



## Lenten Events

### ST. ELIZABETH ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

7:30 AM ~ SACRED EUCHARIST ~ IMPOSITION OF THE BLESSED ASHES

8:00 AM ~ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

10:00 AM ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10:30 AM ~ BENEDICTION

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

4:00 PM ~ SACRED EUCHARIST ~ IMPOSITION OF THE BLESSED ASHES

ST. ELIZABETH

6:30 PM ~ SACRED EUCHARIST ~ IMPOSITION OF THE BLESSED ASHES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

7:30 AM ~ SACRED EUCHARIST ~ ST. ELIZABETH

5:00 PM ~ SACRED EUCHARIST ~

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

5:30 PM ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 ~ ST. ELIZABETH ~

11:30 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## The HOLY & SACRED SEASON OF LENT

THE HOLY & SACRED SEASON OF LENT. THE LENTEN SEASON begins ON ASH WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH of FEBRUARY, 2020. LENT is an amazing & fruitful spiritual season. It begins with ASH WEDNESDAY & leads on a forty day pilgrimage towards the FEAST OF EASTER. Along the way, LENT invites us to remember that what it is all about is the love of God & neighbor, the only source of ultimate meaning & purpose. The SPIRIT OF LENT invited us to "UNSELF OURSELVES" & that is the purpose of the traditional discipline of Fasting & abstinence. That is to UNSELF OURSELVES & TO BECOME MORE ORIENTED TO THE LOVE OF GOD & NEIGHBOR. That is what we want to help each other to do during the holy sacred of LENT ~ to help each other to cultivate the SPIRIT OF LENT in our hearts & souls.

### Lent Practices ~ Almsgiving

Cultivating a spirituality of abundance might seem contrary to Lent. Yet, it is helpful to remember that everything is a gift from God—our lives, relationships, talents, our deepest identity is that we are beloved by God. When we believe this, we are freed from trying to measure our worth by another means. We come to realize the beauty of enough: We have enough, we are enough with all our imperfections. As a result, we can let go & give. This is almsgiving. "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He Looks. Compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. You are the hands, with which He blesses the world. St. Teresa of Avila.

### Fish Fry News



The DATES for the ST. ELIZABETH FISH FRY DATES ARE: FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 13, & 20, 2020. We are sincerely grateful for all of the faithful & dedicated help that we have had in the past years & we appreciate all of our parishioners & others working so well together. IF you have not been able to help in the past & would like to participate & help, please feel welcome to give us a helping hand because it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you & God bless you. MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR: March 6, 13, 20, 2020 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

## Lenten Prayer ~ Stations of the Cross

During this Holy and Sacred Season of Lent we are invited to participate in an uplifting and enriching LENTEN PRAYER called the STATIONS OF THE CROSS. The STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed THREE times each week in our two parishes. WEDNESDAYS - 10:00 A.M. - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH FRIDAYS - 5:30 P.M. OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH. SUNDAYS 11:30 A.M. - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH. Please give serious consideration to your participating in the STATIONS OF THE CROSS this HOLY SEASON OF LENT. This LENTEN SEASON we are using the STATIONS OF THE CROSS by ST. ALPHONSUS - 'THE WAY OF MERCY' As you can see from the LENTEN SCHEDULE distributed in last Sunday's Bulletin our LENTEN PARISH MISSION focused on the WAY OF DIVINE MERCY so using this resource for our LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS is appropriate. PRAYER OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. My Lord Jesus Christ, you willingly walked this painful journey to your death on the Cross with unconditional love for each one of us, & I, how often have I ungratefully abandoned you. But now I love you with my whole soul, & because I love you I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus, pardon me, & permit me to accompany you on this journey. You are going to die for love of me, & it my wish also, my dearest Redeemer, to die for love of you. My Jesus, in your love I wish to live. In your love I wish to die.

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL supports our parishes & diocese in carrying out the GOSPEL MISSION of the Catholic Church in forming disciples of JESUS CHRIST. The theme of the 2019 appeal is "TOGETHER IN MISSION". Each of us by our common Baptism into Christ Jesus is called to be active participants in working to form ourselves into DISCIPLES who are willing with the grace of God to labor TOGETHER IN MISSION". As we strive to be able to serve with one another in the spirit of MISSION may we continue to receive the gift of God's Grace by generously supporting this year's appeal. As always, your deep & sincere generosity is greatly appreciated as we strive together to fulfill the goal for: ST. ELIZABETH PARISH \$33,773.00 & OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH - \$7,153.00. As of FEBRUARY 12, 2020, for ST. ELIZABETH PARISH, the TOTAL PLEDGED is \$18,860.00 with the TOTAL PAID of \$17,635.00. As of FEBRUARY 12, 2020 for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, the TOTAL PLEDGED is \$3,069.00 with the TOTAL PAID of \$2796.00. May God bless you abundantly with His Graces for your kind & generous responses.

## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, February 9, 2020

Envelopes \$2,212.00 Loose \$281.00 Building Fund \$5.00  
Church in Latin America \$20.00 First Offering \$10.00  
Catholic Times \$70.00 6 online @ \$550.00 Deposit: \$3,148.00

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, February 2, 2020

Envelopes \$860.00 Loose \$121.00 Building Fund \$90.00  
Edith Smith Food Pantry \$42.00 Votive Candles \$83.00  
Deposit: \$1,196.00

## Online Donations thru Give Central

Give Central can be assessed on the Church website.  
[www.crawfordcountycatholics.com](http://www.crawfordcountycatholics.com)

## The Most Holy & Sacred Season of Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 to EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020. As we begin this holy and penitential season of the Church Year, the Season of LENT, we are invited to enter into the Spirit of Sacred Time through the ancient tradition of receiving the BLESSED ASHES upon our foreheads. ASH WEDNESDAY is the first day of the Lenten Season as well as a day of universal fast, penance and abstinence. On this particular day of PRAYER, PENANCE, and FASTING, the Blessed Ashes will be placed upon our foreheads in the SIGN OF THE CROSS to express our willingness and sincere desire during the remaining forty days of Lent to enter into the true spirit through the gifts of God's grace, we will strive to receive into our hearts & souls the Christian values the important symbols of the Spirit of Lent, the Spirit of Discipline, the Spirit of Sacrifice, the Spirit of Penance, the Spirit of the Fasting, the Spirit of Reconciliation, & the Spirit of Almsgiving. May God's grace help us during the Season of Lent to prepare our hearts & souls for CONVERSION.

## Catholic Charities ~ Second Collection

There will be a SECOND COLLECTION in both of our parishes on FEBRUARY 29, 2020 and MARCH 1, 2020 during the Sunday Eucharist. When making a donation to CATHOLIC CHARITIES, please make the check payable to either ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH or OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH and the amount of the collections will be forwarded to CATHOLIC CHARITIES. Thank you for your dedicated generosity TO THIS IMPORTANT SERVICE and MINISTRY of the CATHOLIC CHURCH for the Effingham Deanery. Listed below is information about the involvement of CATHOLIC CHARITIES in CRAWFORD COUNTY. Thank you and God bless you. Poverty has a face & a voice in Crawford County. Who are your brothers & sisters? What are their needs? \$100.00 helps a family pay their rent or utility bill for one month. \$26.00 helps provide new basic school supplies for a child at the start of a school year. \$40.00 helps an individual with a medication copay or helps pay the cost of 1-3 emergency medications. \$65.00 helps provide meals from the pantry for a family of 4. \$85.00 helps provide meals from the mobile food pantry for a family of 4. \$65.00 helps a client receive free or low cost medication for a year. In Crawford County: 546 people received food through the pantry & mobile pantry programs for an average of 21,840 lbs. of food. 17 households were helped with rent, utility, and/or propane assistance impacting the lives of 45 people. 28 people received needed medications for a total of \$7331.00. 224 children received new school supplies through Ramblin' Rose. In total: Catholic Charities served 79,797 people in 2017-2018 through all our services. Catholic Charities provided food for 31,841 men, women, & children. Catholic Charities gave away \$120,000 in clothing, household items, school supplies, baby items. Catholic Charities obtained for free medications for our clients to the cost of \$737,000.



## Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Feb. 17, 2020 Jas. 1:1-11 Gospel Mk. 8:11-13 Tues. Feb. 18, 2020 Jas. 1:12-18 Gospel Mk. 8:14-21 Wed. Feb. 19, 2020 Jas. 1:19-27 Gospel Mk. 8:22-26 Thurs. Feb. 20, 2020 Jas. 2:1-9 Gospel Mk. 8:27-33 Fri. Feb. 21, 2020 Jas. 2:14-24, 26 Gospel Mk. 8:34-9:1



## Rest In Peace

Rest in Peace, Dean J. Brown. He was the Father of Joel & Missy York. In God's Love we pray that he will grant Dean J. Brown a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that his family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.