



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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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 9, 2020 Fifth 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

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| Feb. 8 | 4:30 pm | Julie & Jim Maloy Anniversary by George & Jane Bohman |
| Feb. 9 | 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Val Pescatore by Kay Pescatore Ralph F. Miller by Rosemary Halter |
| Feb. 10 | 7:30 am | Jane Brown by George Brown |
| Feb. 11 | 12:00 pm | Mark Bishop by Dave & Eileen Cooper |
| Feb. 12 | 7:30 am | Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family |
| Feb. 13 | 7:30 am | Patrick Goda (Death) by George & Jane Bohman |
| Feb. 14 | 7:30 am | Special Intentions |
| Feb. 15 | 4:30 pm | Special Intentions |
| Feb. 16 | 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Val Pescatore by Kaye Pescatore Francis Medina by Mark & Cindy Grimm |



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 15 ~ Sunday, February 16, 2020

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| <u>Sat. February 15, 2020</u> | <u>4:30 pm</u> | St. Elizabeth |
| LECTOR: | Patti Buercklin | |
| USHERS: | Ken Bergbower, Horacio Solis | |
| COMMUNION MIN: | | |
| SERVERS: | Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins | |
| GIFTS: | Mark Grimm Family | |
| <u>Sun. February 16, 2020</u> | <u>7:30 am</u> | St. Elizabeth |
| LECTOR: | Linda Sikorski | |
| USHERS: | Dave Holscher, Tom Huss | |
| COMMUNION MIN: | | |
| SERVERS: | Eva Hermann | |
| GIFTS: | Travis Rich Family | |
| <u>Sun. February 16, 2020</u> | <u>9:00 am</u> | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| LECTOR: | Anita Kocher | |
| USHERS: | Chris & Donna Keller | |
| COMMUNION MIN: | | |
| SERVERS: | Emma Davis | |
| GIFTS: | Chris & Donna Keller | |
| <u>Sun. February 16, 2020</u> | <u>10:30 am</u> | St. Elizabeth |
| LECTOR: | Cydnee Weber | |
| USHERS: | Callie Dickerson, Isabel Heidorn | |
| COMMUNION MIN: | | |
| SERVERS: | Maddy Myers, Noah Myers | |
| GIFTS: | Jacob Blankenbeker Family | |

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



Parish School of Religion

FEBRUARY DATES: WED. FEBRUARY 12, 19, 26, 2020 from 6:30~7:30 pm.



Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: FEBRUARY DATES: February 9, 23, 2020 from 5:30~7:00 pm.

Scriptural Reflections for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today the Prophet Isaiah speaks to people steeped in anguish—those "in the darkness," stuck in "the gloom." His advice? "Bestow your bread on the hungry." His point: No matter how bleak our present state, the fact is, "you are the salt of the earth." In other words, despite crushing distress, we always have bread to share with the hungry. So, too, we are "the light of the world," and our "light shall break forth like the dawn" as we "satisfy the afflicted." "Then light shall rise for you in the darkness"; our wound "shall quickly be healed." Which is why we make our own Saint Paul's stunning resolve "to know nothing except Jesus Christ crucified." For actively sharing in the misery of

Spiritual Reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church was founded for the purpose of spreading the Kingdom of Christ throughout the earth for the glory of God the Father, to enable all men to share in his saving redemption, and that through them the whole world might enter into a relationship with Christ... In the Church there is a diversity of ministry but a oneness of mission. Christ conferred on the Apostles and their successors the duty of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in his name and power. But the laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world. They exercise the apostolate in fact by their activity directed to the evangelization and sanctification of men and to the penetrating and perfecting of the temporal order through the spirit of the Gospel. In this way, their temporal activity openly bears witness to Christ and promotes the salvation of men. Since the laity, in accordance with their state of life, live in the midst of the world and its concerns, they are called by God to exercise their apostolate in the world like leaven, with the ardor of the spirit of Christ. The laity derive the right and duty to the apostolate from their union with Christ the head; incorporated into Christ's Mystical Body through baptism and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit through confirmation, they are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord himself not only that they may offer spiritual sacrifices in everything they do but also that they may witness to Christ throughout the world. The sacraments, especially the most Holy Eucharist, communicate and nourish that charity which is the soul of the entire apostolate. Such a life requires a continual exercise of faith, hope, and charity. Only by the light of faith and by meditation on the word of God can one always and everywhere recognize God, in whom we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). ... The very testimony of their Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have the power to draw men to belief and to God; for the Lord says, even so let your light shine before men in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Many people rightly associate St. Benedict and his Rule with hospitality — and rightly so, since the guest is to be treated "as Christ himself!" For centuries, monasteries have been known for their hospitality. A close companion to respecting the sanctity of community and its guests is the restraint of speech, especially "murmuring." This particular vice comes up over and over in the Rule as a way of safeguarding charity. Obviously, Benedict must have had numerous dealings with brethren continually given to gossip, insults or complaints — anything that willfully tears up the Body of Christ. After all, communities will not flourish if oppression, false accusation and "malicious speech" (Is 58:9) are not removed from our midst. Both Isaiah and Benedict are on the same wavelength when it comes to community building and its dismantling. Read one way, this "Second Isaiah" and his program for reconstructing a shattered Israel in exile becomes a sacred paradigm for any parish community; the prophet gets to the heart of what matters in the community. I would bet that any pastor worth his salt (I will get to this word in a minute) has traced his finger on the values articulated in Isaiah's text and tried to instill these virtues in his parish: sharing goods with others, providing shelter for those in need, caring for the homeless, loyalty and faithfulness to the parish community. The Lord is found in the midst of this Christian hospitality and surrender to the good of the whole. Good pastoring focuses on others to discover their own gifted resources for the sake of the human family. From Jesus' perspective, we help others to name the grace — their inner light — in a world that may tell them otherwise. The salt of the earth lay buried and awaits unearthing, Parishioners who feel that someone has named grace within them are remarkably energized for the sake of the Gospel because they have discovered the light of Christ given to them at baptism. (And the use of salt in the older rite.) Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the assembly alight when proclaiming God's word on Sunday, knowing that you have lit the fire of faith, hope and love within each one of these hearers? That would be quite a blaze; it gives light to all in God's house. Let's not confuse coming to the fullness of grace, purchased by Christ and his cross, with a pep talk. As Paul tells us in the second reading, the power of God will emerge out of weakness, not from power so it is the ones who may seem the most unlikely of people who will shine before others, once more disclosing the gift of the faith community to bring forth what was hidden even in the light of day.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM in OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH.

Breakfast Our Lady of Lourdes March 1, 2020

Our Lady of Lourdes are 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.



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Feb. 10, 2020—1 Kgs. 8:1-7, 9-13 Gospel Mk. 6:53-56
Tues. Feb. 11, 2020—1 Kgs. 8:22-23, 27-30 Gospel Mk. 7:1-13
Wed. Feb. 12, 2020—1 Kgs. 10:1-10 Gospel Mk. 7:14-23
Thurs. Feb. 13, 2020—1 Kgs. 11:4-13 Gospel Mk. 7:24-30
Fri. Feb. 14, 2020—1 Kgs. 11:29-32; 12:19 Gospel Mk. 7:31-37

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 bulletin 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. In this Sunday's bulletin, we are examining the FOURTH PILLAR of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: CHRISTIAN PRAYER ~ When his disciples asked him how to pray, Jesus taught them a summary of the gospel commonly known as the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. It begins with, "Our Father who art in heaven." We can only refer to God as our Father when we approach him through his only Son. In Jesus, sinners on earth are reconciled to the perfection of heaven through his suffering, death, and resurrection. When baptized into this paschal mystery, we miraculously gain access to his Father, who graciously adopts us as his own. Stirred by the Holy Spirit, we call him Father and are likewise duty-bound to regard each other as brothers and sisters. It is with profound humility, gratitude, and trust that we enter into divine and fraternal communion, remembering that we are to become like "little children" to enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:9—13, Matthew 18:3, CCC 2759-2802). The rest of the Lord's Prayer consists of seven petitions or blessings. The first three consider the holiness of God: "Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." These desires echo the truth proclaimed in heaven: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3). Throughout salvation history, God calls the faithful to live that reality, to be holy because he is holy. While only Christ shares fully in the holiness of the Father, whenever we do God's will and participate in the coming of the kingdom, we echo Mary's Magnificat: "The Mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Luke 1:49, CCC 2803-27). From the manna in the desert to the Eucharist at Mass, God delights in providing for our physical and spiritual needs. "Give us this day our daily bread" reiterates the childlike disposition—the asking and the thanking the faithful are called to have in regard to the Father. As his children, we must also do our part to alleviate physical and spiritual hunger in our midst. Jesus teaches us that our Father provides for both the just and the unjust, and we are called to love one another in the same way (Matthew 5:45, CCC 2828 37). One of the recurring themes in Jesus' parables is our natural unworthiness before God. From the Prodigal Son (Luke 15) to the Pharisee and tax collector (Luke 18), Jesus confirms that God welcomes a humble, contrite heart (Psalm 51). It is the pre-condition for receiving and extending the mercy of God, the twofold action we recognize when we pray, "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." When we fail to live in that merciful exchange, we are unfaithful stewards who condemn ourselves (Matthew 18). Like every preceding petition, forgiveness flows from the Father through the saving work of his Son in the Holy Spirit. Frequent reception of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and reconciliation, roots us in that divine love that overpowers the painful effect of any sin (CCC 2838-45). Knowing our propensity to go astray, we implore the Father to help stay on the right path: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." As throughout the entire prayer, we implore God's help for ourselves, our loved ones, and the entire world. We pray for daily discernment, to walk the narrow way with a hope that is born in the precious blood of Jesus

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& awaits fulfillment upon his return for final judgment (Matthew 7:13, CCC 2846-54). In the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is followed by the Final Doxology: "For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen." In this last powerful line, we return to and affirm the beginning of the prayer, now emboldened by all that we have recalled throughout the phrases that Jesus himself gave us. This is the prayer we invoke before we extend the sign of Christ's peace to one another and share the feast of his sacrificial love: precious food for our journey. The Our Father is a most fitting way to end our journey through the Catechism, as it provides a road map for our pilgrimage home.

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 JANUARY 4, 2020, for ST. ELIZABETH PARISH, the TOTAL PLEDGED is \$18,860.00 with the TOTAL PAID of \$16,810.00. As of JANUARY 4, 2020 for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, the TOTAL PLEDGED is \$3,069.00 with the TOTAL PAID of \$2,653.00. May God bless you abundantly with His Graces for your kind & generous responses.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, January 26, 2020

Envelopes \$2,467.00 Loose \$423.00 First Offering \$10.00
Catholic Times \$30.00 Harry Wong Food Memorial \$20.00 Votive
Candles \$132.00 Church in Latin America \$230.00
3 online @ \$175.00 Deposit \$3,487.00

Week ending Sunday, February 2, 2020

Envelopes \$2,779.00 Loose \$297.00 Building Fund \$220.00
Catholic Times \$15.00 Church in Latin America \$25.00
4 online @ \$275.00
Deposit: \$3,611.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, January 19, 2020

Envelopes \$770.00 Loose \$96.00 Catholic Times \$45.00
Deposit: \$911.00

Week ending Sunday, January 26, 2020

Envelopes \$947.00 Loose \$75.00 Building Fund \$20.00
Church in Latin America \$95.00 Deposit: \$1,137.00

Victim Assistance

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation number at 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact Il. Dept. of Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

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 virtues 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.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers, Jaures Boyd, Mark Boyd, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees) Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris, Randy Hatten, 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.