



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18TH ANNUAL

CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS
SATURDAY, MAR. 2, 2019

6:00PM-MIDNIGHT

STONE RIDGE EVENT CENTER

\$30/TICKET

Tickets available at

St. Elizabeth Parish Office or from Committee

Members (Lindsey Watts, Brook Stewart,

Bob Coffman, or Emily Schutte.)



MENU

Grilled Smoked Sausage Kabobs

BBQ Pork Sliders on a Homemade Onion Bun

Mini Crab Stuffed White Fish

Mini Ham Loaf with Pineapple

Cajun Red Beans & Rice

Peel-n-Eat Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce

Variety of Cheese Balls

Crudites with Chipotle Ranch Dip

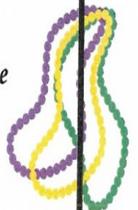
Fresh Fruit Kabobs

Dessert Tasting Bar

Tea/Lemonade/Cucumber Lime Water/Coffee

Kaye Holscher Catering

King Cake by Debbie Dix



BIG DIVVY TICKETS-\$25.00

Big Divvy Drawings announced at 9:00 p.m.

Big Divvy winners need not be present to win.

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS.

Feb. 16	4:30 pm	Terry Baird by Youth Group
Feb. 17	7:30 am	Jonathan Reynolds by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Feb. 18	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Feb. 19	12:00 pm	Terry Baird from Youth Group
Feb. 20	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 21	7:30 am	John & Gladys Rooney by Ann Loy
Feb. 22	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Carol Wong
Feb. 23	4:30 pm	Julie Maloy-new job by George & Jane Bohman
Feb. 24	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 23, 2019~Sunday, February 24, 2019

Sat. Feb. 23, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS:

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins

GIFTS: Steve Ezell Family

Sun. Feb. 24, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Jeff Hermann

GIFTS: Joe Hepner Family

Sun. Feb. 24, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS: Chris & Donna Keller

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Chris & Donna Keller Family

Sun. Feb. 24, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Courtney Ferris

USHERS: John Grimm, Jack Grimm

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings

GIFTS: Eric Schmidt Family

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

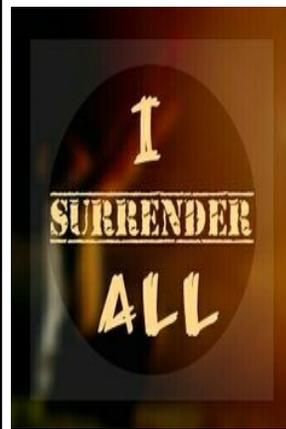
PSR News: Wednesday, February 20, 27, 2019.

Scriptural Reflections for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times



From a stretch of level ground, Jesus levels so many of our preconceptions. He declares blessed are the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the hated—all whose hearts cry out in longing and expectation for what can only be satisfied by God. Conversely, the rich, the complacent, the jocular, the popular are those whose hearts turn away from the Lord by indulging in finite things. Blessed are those who trust not in themselves, but in the Lord, refusing to be discouraged by their own fragility, limitations, and needs. Hope rests on a fact: 'Christ has been raised from the dead.'

Spiritual Reading for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



By surrender to God, I mean giving oneself up to God, to be transformed in Him. It is the cure for self that is the core of the whole thing; we require to be cured of self by being changed, as the bread & wine on the altar are changed, into Christ. In this surrender is, I believe, the cure for the torment of self, which is precisely what most psychological suffering is. It is the cure for the weakness that cannot carry the common burden of the world's sin; the cure for the fear that causes the will to wither before the challenge of life, the cure for the feebleness that makes the impact of natural beauty painful, the cure for the cowardice that causes the heart to contract & shrink before the challenge of love. When a saint surrenders himself wholly in this way, it is true that he will certainly accept whatever circumstances God allows for him. He may sometimes, because of his individual & unique vocation, go out to meet & welcome some of them. Such things as poverty, pain, bereavement, persecution—what you will—but he will not accept them or welcome them because he supposes them to be the essential things in his life, but because, compared to the joy, the power & the beauty of God, they will be almost nothing at all. They will be to him like leaves blown in the wind, the great wind of the Spirit of Love that sweeps the world like blown fire, setting it alight with his glory. For the saint the surrender to God is a tremendous fling of the heart, comparable to a leap into the fire of eternal Love, to burn with its heat, to take the radiance of its light, to dance in the dancing of its flames. For us it is a more secret thing, but none the less miraculous for that. **It means that we begin to be able to enjoy life, & gradually gain in strength of spirit until we can *enjoy everything*.**

It seems today's readings were chosen to remind us that the world we see today is not God's original idea. God's idea was to call the Garden of Eden paradise, where Creator and the created might communicate freely and intimately. Because of our first parents' bad choices, time has moved from paradise to where the world is today. Belief flows fervently from our hearts and lips when bills are paid, food is plentiful and everyone in the family is healthy and well. Indeed, when life's needs are met, thanks for our blessings roll abundantly from our lips and hearts. However, when life crashes, it certainly is more difficult to feel God's blessings and love. In fact, followers seem more eager to blame God for these adversities rather than to trust in God's promises and faithful love. Here is an example of the kind of trust Jesus looks for in each of us. A small town suffering from drought decided to make the following Sunday a day of prayer for rain. On that day, every person came, but only one person, a little girl, carried an umbrella. Now that's trust in the power of God's love, isn't it? When bad days happen, faith and trust in Christ's saving works become thorns piercing us with each step taken. The Lord can seem far away and blind to what's happening. However, today's readings show us that the direct opposite is happening. In the readings from Jeremiah and Luke's Gospel, God is saying to believers, through rich natural imagery, that he knows life has bumps, twists and turns that cause havoc in the lives of believers. The readings want us to realize God is mindful and present when life's waters become troubled and wild. In these difficult moments, the Lord becomes compassionate, caring and concerned at our pain and distress, and he immediately assists. He wants every Christian to know this and to continue to believe and trust in his Son's words that he wants no one to perish. Paul adds that recalling Christ's resurrection instills the hope we need to remain strong through every ordeal. It shows the depth of Jesus' commitment. The Resurrection provides the hope we need to rise up and move forward through every obstacle. Resurrection should be the goal of us all, and it resides in every believers' future.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting



Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council will meet on Tues. Feb. 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

First Friday Mass



The First Friday Mass will be held at OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH at 5:00 pm on FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019.

Lenten Bible Study



As you know, our FIRST SESSION will be held on MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Payment for the resource can be submitted at that time. We will be discussing Chapter One. God bless you.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

The Holy & Sacred Season of Lent



The Holy & Sacred Season of Lent begins with the publication of the LENTEN CALENDAR of EVENTS which is being published on a separate sheet enclosed in this bulletin. The publication of this sheet is to be of help to you so that you may have knowledge of these holy & sacred events. Than you & God bless you.

The Most Holy & Sacred Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 6, 2019 to Easter Sunday-Sunday, April 21, 2019. As we begin this holy & 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 & a day of universal fast, penance & abstinence within the Catholic Church. On this particular day of Prayer, Penance & Fasting, the Blessed Ashes will be placed upon our forehead in the Sign of the Cross to express our willingness & sincere desire during the remaining forty days of Lent to enter into the true spirit of this season of conversion. 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 fasting, the Spirit of Reconciliation & the Spirit of Almsgiving. To symbolize our sincere desire to begin this Holy & Sacred Season of Lent & to help us prepare our hearts & souls for the Spirit of Lent.

Daily Reflections for Lent

The Holy & Sacred Season of Lent begins on ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019. To help us spend a few moments in private prayer & penance during this holy season, a spiritual guide, a prayer book entitled DAILY REFLECTIONS for LENT is being given to you. The LENTEN SEASON is a spiritual time which helps us to look into our hearts & souls to determine how we are able to love God more deeply. The Lenten Scripture readings challenge us to observe our own attitudes, words, & actions. Our prayer, fasting & penance shows us the ever-present Christ who helps us find our way to God. May this spiritual resource DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT be a helpful tool for you to stay close to Jesus in prayer, sacrifice, fasting & almsgiving. God bless you. This resource will be distributed February 23 & February 24, 2019. Thank you.

Daily Mass Readings



Mon. Feb. 18, 2019
First Reading-Gn. 4:1-15,25
Gospel-Mk. 8:11-13
Tues. Feb. 19, 2019 First Reading
Gn. 6:5-8;7:1-5,10
Gospel-Mk. 8:14-21
Wed. Feb. 20, 2019 First Reading-Gn. 8:6-13,20-22
Gospel-Mk. 8:22-26
Thurs. Feb. 21, 2019 First Reading-Gn. 9:1-13
Gospel-Mk. 8:27-33
Fri. Feb. 22, 2019 First Reading-1 Pt. 5:1-4
Gospel-Mt. 16:13-19

The Place Of God In Our Hearts

Of course, the Bible describes many other "interventions" from the Lord: the exodus from Egypt, for example, or any one of Jesus' miracles or the conversion of St. Paul. We could identify God's interventions in our own lives as well. But the four events above stand out because of their effect on the whole of creation. You could say, in fact, that the first two (creation and the coming of Christ) form brackets around the era of preparation in God's plan, and the second two (Pentecost and the Second Coming) form brackets around the era of the fulfillment of his plan. So, let's explore each of these interventions to see what they have to teach us.

Creation.

At the heart of the Story of creation is the truth that love begets love, just as a husband and wife have children as a sign of their love for each other, God's love also bears wondrous fruit. His love is always bursting with life and creativity and we are the result of that love. From the very first moment of creation, God wanted to share his love with a people who would welcome him into their hearts, and we are that people, We believe that God created men and women in a unique way—with the ability to choose him, to love him, and to become like him, As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Man is the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake, and he alone is called to share by knowledge and love, in God's own life" (CCC, 356). When he created us, God gave each of us our own unique set of gifts and talents. God wants us to use these gifts to build a world that reflects his glory. He is inviting us to join him in the act of creating a world marked by justice, peace, and mercy The wonder, of our creation reveals God as a loving Father Who delights in sharing his love with his people. It also tells us that we are children of God of members of his family, and a people he can call his own. We can become co-creators with him as we build a home here on earth that is worthy of our generous and good Father.

†The Incarnation.

We the story of the Garden of Eden. Our first parents fell into sin by trying to become gods in their own right, Now, in order for us to fulfill the plan that God intended, the power of sin had to be destroyed. The rift between God and his people had to be healed. It's important to see that even when we were lost and enslaved to sin, God never stopped loving us. He still wanted us to be with him. He remained committed to his original plan. In fact, he loved us so much that he sent his only Son to save us where we had disobeyed God, Jesus surrendered himself to the Father's will (John 5:30; Luke 22:42). On the cross, he died to sin and ransomed us from the power of sin (Romans 6:10; 1 Peter 1:18-19), by rising from the dead, he revealed his power over death itself. Once again, the way to God was opened. Through the Incarnation, God made it clear that our sin hadn't deterred him. He never abandoned us. By highlighting this central even of Jesus coming to die for us, the Panorama proves God's Love for us. To be continued.....



Give Central

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.

18th Annual Mardi Gras 2019

The 18th ANNUAL CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS MARDI GRAS event will take place on SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 at STONEY RIDGE. The Committee of BOB and KOURTNEY COFFMAN JOE SCHUTTE, STEWART and EMILY SCUHTTE, JIM and BROOK STEWART, LINDSAY WATTS are already busy with making preparations for this festive and enjoyable evening. The Buffet Dinner was delicious last year and will again be catered by Kaye Holscher's Catering and will be served from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. There will be music and dancing. The Silent Auction which was a great success last year will be taking place during the event. DINNER TICKETS are priced at \$30.00 per person & are available at the Parish Center or from the following Committee Members.

Bob & Kourtney Coffman, Emily Schutte, Brook Stewart & Lindsay Watts. Table Reservations are again being accepted.

We are excited about the 2019 CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS MARDI GRAS on MARCH 2, 2019 and we will be looking forward to seeing you there.



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, February 10, 2019

Envelopes \$2,332.00 Loose \$339.00 Building Fund \$30.00
Church in Latin America \$5.00 Catholic Times \$35.00

5 online @\$485.00

Deposit: \$3,226.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, February 3, 2019

Envelopes \$945.00 Loose \$125.00
Building Fund \$115.00 Catholic Times \$15.00

Easter Flower Offering \$10.00

Edith Smith Food Pantry \$58.00

Deposit: \$1,268.00

Prayer Requests



Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Gerald Bierman (Clarence Schutte), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris, (Kathleen Pescatore), Nancy Ping, Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.



Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the soul of Mark Stone. Mark was the brother of Tony & Susan Madlem. In God's Love we pray that He will grant Mark a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that his family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss. Please remember to pray for the soul of Brian Wagner. Brian was the nephew of Carol Wong. In God's Love we pray that He will grant him a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that his family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.