



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



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### PASTORAL STAFF

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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 3, 2019 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in: Luke 4:21~30



**Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Luke 4: 25~26**



## Mass Intentions

Feb. 2	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Feb. 3	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Feb. 4	7:30 am	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Feb. 5	12:00 pm	Terry Baird by Youth Group
Feb. 6	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 7	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 8	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Feb. 9	4:30 pm	Larry Mitchell by Carol Wong
Feb. 10	7:30 am	Bev Turkal by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions



## Parish School of Religion

PSR News: Wednesday, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019 6:30-7:30 pm



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 9~Sunday, February 10, 2019

Sat. Feb. 9, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Lily Ann Mullins

GIFTS: Don Biernbaum Family

Sun. Feb. 10, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Dave Holscher, Tom Huss

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Randy Schutte Family

Sun. Feb. 10, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Chris Keller

USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Jeff Hermann

GIFTS: Bob & Kourtney Coffman Family

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

LECTOR: Sam Quick

USHERS: John Birkofer, Jaime Escobedo

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ian Schmidt, Owen Schmidt

GIFTS: Ted Staller Family

February Collection Counters: Don Brown, Josh & Roselene Quick

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

## February Meetings

St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council. The February Meeting for St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council ~ The February meeting for Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



## Eucharistic Adoration

As active, faithful, and devoted Roman Catholics, we believe in the CONSECRATED REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the sacred words of the CONSECRATION prayed by the Priest, the Bread and Wine are not simply a sign, symbol or representation, but become the TRUE, AUTHENTIC, and REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST. This transformation of the Bread and Wine into the BODY & BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST occurs at every Eucharist. Not only do we believe in this, we also believe in a solemn prayer called EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. When EUCHARISTIC ADORATION takes place, the priest places the CONSECRATED BODY OF CHRIST contained in the LUNA from the TABERNACLE into the MONSTRANCE and the MONSTRANCE is placed upon the Altar of Sacrifice in the Sanctuary for all to honor, adore, and praise. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION takes place every WEDNESDAY MORNING in ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. The Sacred Eucharist is celebrated at 7:30 A.M. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 8:00 A.M. The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are prayed after Exposition, and then there is time for personal and private prayer. At 10:00 A.M., Father Flach blesses those who are present with the Sacred Monstrance with BENEDECTION. I thought it might be helpful for you for me to explain some information about EUCHARISTIC ADORATION so that you might consider participating in this Sacred Prayer. Thank you and God bless you.

### Scriptural Reflections for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people who hear Jesus preach in the synagogue are amazed at his gracious words. Yet they insist on measuring him according to their own subpar standards. But "when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away," & the perfect has come in Jesus Christ. The prophetic words of Christ enable us to know fully, even as we are fully known by God from the first moment he formed us in the womb. Though the furious people of Nazareth try to kill him, Christ safely passes through the midst of them, giving us this assurance: They will fight against you but will not prevail, for I am with you to deliver you. "Love never fails."

## Crawford County Catholic Pictorial Directory

Progress is being made on the FINAL SET-UP for the Pictorial Directory 2019 to be published. Now that we have secured the pictures of the Liturgical Ministers, we can finalize the layout and send it to the publishers. Thank you for your patience in this regard. God bless you.



## Prayer Requests

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

Walt Disney was fired from the Kansas City Star newspaper because, his editor said, he lacked imagination and had no good ideas. But he never let that rejection stop him. Today's readings tell a similar tale of how to remain faithful in the face of hurtful rejection. First, a troubled Jeremiah, sensing difficulties and frightening consequences, answers Yahweh's call. Encouraging him, Yahweh says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you ... a prophet to the nations I appointed you." And God added: "But ... gird your loins; stand up and tell them. ... Be not crushed." Jeremiah, reassured by these words from God, knew no other way than to accept the invitation to serve his Lord and God. Yahweh promises to sustain Jeremiah with the strength of a "fortified city, iron pillar, brass wall. ... They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Yahweh will look after Jeremiah. Jeremiah received a strongly negative reaction to his message from the sovereigns, religious officials and the masses. But Jeremiah had God's mighty strength and power, which guaranteed his ultimate vindication. In the Gospel, Jesus c o n f r o n t s s i m i l a r negative responses from his townspeople. After reading from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue, Jesus states, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Luke tells us Jesus receives a response "filled with fury." This reaction arose from the fact that Jesus is a local boy known for his carpentry workmanship with his father, Joseph, and not for prophecy. Jesus highlights this, saying, "Amen I say to you; no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Yet, Jesus is the Messiah. He is God's messenger bringing hope to his people. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, who ignites the spirit of freedom in their hearts and souls. He brings light into their earthly journey, brightening the roadway from sin to salvation. This is the Good News for which they have waited, and Jesus brings it. True, he recently performed a miracle in Capernaum, but what he announced today is the true long-awaited message that God sends to his Chosen People. St. Paul describes this message as the lasting quality of love. It outlasts all other gifts, for God is love, and Jesus has come to share it. And unlike the treatment of Jeremiah, the Chosen People make their first attempt

Spiritual Reading for the Gospel of St. Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (4:21). Of the many passages our Lord might have chosen, what is significant about this one (Is 61:1-2)? Jesus is the anointed one—"Messiah" and "Christ" means anointed; he has more than human power—the Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he provides a summary of his mission—an end to the poverty, captivity, and blindness of sin (Lk 7:22). Jesus fulfills what the Old Testament hoped for: He makes us acceptable to God. Cornelius a Lapide, S.J.: "The time of Christianity is a year of jubilee to those who obey Christ and accept his liberty—a year of grace, mercy, peace, remission, liberality, and salvation, in which, after God's long anger against us, we are restored to his grace, his favor, his heirship, his glory, and all the former blessings which we had in Paradise in the state of innocence." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" (4:22). Saint John Chrysostom: "When our Lord came to Nazareth, he refrains from miracles...but he sets before them his teaching, no less wonderful than his miracles. For there was a certain ineffable grace in our Savior's words." And yet: "Nazareth would be a place of humiliation for him, a training ground for

Golgotha. Nazareth was in Galilee...a despised region in the eyes of the more cultured people... God chooses the foolish things of the world to confound the self-wise and proud... Worldly wisdom comes from where we expect it, in the bestsellers, the standard brands and the universities. Divine wisdom comes from the unsuspected quarters, which the world holds in derision" (Venerable Fulton Sheen). How could his hearers be so surprised, though he had lived among them for thirty years (Lk 3:23; Mt 7:28)? What does this suggest about hidden acts of prayer and sacrifice for the Christian life? He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" -And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place" (4:23-24). Jesus' perfect holiness as the Son of God means he needs no cure. But because he truly shares in our human nature—he has made us his own native place—he is our cure. Still, his own accept him not (Jn 1:10-11). Why? Saint John Chrysostom cites envy. Saint Gregory the Great: "From envy are born hatred, detraction, calumny, joy caused by the misfortune of a neighbor, and displeasure caused by his prosperity." We counter envy by meditating on God's goodness; by acts of gratitude, humility, and fraternal charity; by seeking meekness and kindness. "Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian" (4:25-27). Are you ever tempted to think that Jesus' promises are for other special people? People who are saintly? In referring to non-Israelites, Jesus shows that Divine love, not our worthiness, comes first (Lk 5:31; 1 Jn 4:10; 1 Cor 4:7; Jn 6:44). The miracle for the poor widow (1 Kgs 17:1-16) confirms that we don't make ourselves good for God to love us; Naaman's cleansing (2 Kgs 5:1-14) shows how God infuses his love into our

Marian Seminar ~ Feb. 17, 2019

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Pastoral Council of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes invites you to a Marian Seminar on February 17, 2019 in the Parish Center from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. In the history of the Catholic faith, the Blessed Virgin Mary has a very special role. She seeks for us to come to her. Those who come to her at their hour of need are welcomed with a Holy Mother's love, compassion and care. The Blessed Virgin Mary is gentleness itself to all who turn to her, save one: To Lucifer, the devil, she is an implacable foe. *Queen of Heaven, Mary's Battle for Souls* is the story of the battle between the angel who said "no" to God, and the Blessed Mother who said "yes." It is a battle that has flared through history to the current day. *Queen of Heaven* is an encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary as you have never before experienced. Accompany the Blessed Virgin Mary from her Immaculate Conception through her Assumption and beyond. You won't want to miss this beautiful and inspiring story of the Blessed Virgin Mary's presence in history and of her special place in the life of her Son, Jesus.

A light lunch will be served. In case of inclement weather, the Marian Seminar will be rescheduled.

February 2, 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus taught, he spoke with authority. His teachings are the words of the one who is Truth in person. That is why we should assimilate his words anew: Let us take them in one by one, to the point where they penetrate our very being, become part of us, and change our way of thinking, making "new" persons of us. This is the most profound, deeply-rooted, & effective change necessary for our world today.... When in worrisome & painful moments I have nourished myself with the Word of God, & my soul has felt fulfilled & then I realized that this communion with Jesus through his Word is possible at all times, & therefore I can always be nourished on him. This experience filled me with joy. The Gospel is in fact not only a book of consolations to take refuge in & seek answers from in moments of suffering. It has something to say for even basic circumstance; it contains the basic laws of life. Jesus' words are not just to be read but consumed by the soul, & thus they make us in every moment similar to him. When this happens, life's daily events (sufferings or joys, ordinary or extraordinary things) lose their rank of importance or even fall into oblivion, while what really matters is only Christ, who with his Word fills them & brings them to life.

**Spiritual Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saint Paul's "hymn to love" in the 13th chapter of his First Letter to the Corinthians is one of the most magnificent passages in the literature of the world. Saint Thomas Aquinas clarified that love is willing the good of the other. It is desiring, not one's own good by means of another (the typical move of clever sinners), but the good of the other *as other*. It is to escape from the black hole of egotistic preoccupation & to want, really want, what is best for one's neighbor. Once we understand this, Saint Paul's words become especially luminous. The one who loves is patient," precisely because he's not concerned about his own boredom or frustration. He's willing to wait. The one who loves is not "jealous," for she positively rejoices in the achievements of the other. The one who loves does not "brood over iniquity," for he looks to the future good of his friend, & not his own wounded past. The one who loves "bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things" for her own discomfort & the achievement of her own plans are not of paramount importance, but what will benefit the one she loves. In describing love, Saint Paul is not merely expatiating on a sublime human achievement. Instead, he is telling us, ultimately, what God is like, for God is love. Precisely because God is perfect, he has no self-interest. He has, quite literally, nothing to gain & therefore, every move that he makes vis-a-vis creation is an act of love, willing the good of the other. When we act in accord with love, we are not simply being ethically upright. Rather, we are becoming partakers of the divine nature.

**Daily Mass Readings**

- Mon. Feb. 4, 2019 Heb. 11:32-40  
Gospel Mk. 5:1-20
- Tues. Feb. 5, 2019 Heb. 12:1-4  
Gospel Mk. 5:21-43
- Wed. Feb. 6, 2019 Heb. 12:4-7, 11-15  
Gospel Mk. 6:1-6
- Thur. Feb. 7, 2019 Heb. 12:18-19, 21-24  
Gospel Mk. 6:7-13
- Fri. Feb. 8, 2019 Heb. 13:1-8  
Gospel Mk. 6:14-29

**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. 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. 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.



**Weekly Offerings**

St. Elizabeth Offerings for the week of January 27, 2019 & Our Lady of Lourdes for week of Sunday, January 20, 2019 will be published in the Sunday, February 10, 2019 bulletin.

**Lenten Bible Study~The Gift of Repentance  
God's Call For A Change of Heart**

As the holy & sacred season of LENT approaches, you are being invited to experience a spiritual conversion of your heart in an enriching & inspiring BIBLE STUDY entitled THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE. In the New Testament, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear these words: "GOD HAS GIVEN THE REPENTANCE THAT LEADS TO LIFE." (Acts 11:18). In this Lenten Bible Study, we will receive God's call for a CHANGE OF HEART. During the holy & sacred season of Lent, we ask for God's grace to help us to honestly accept the fact that we are all sinners and how often we are weighed down by our sins. The sorrow over our sins that initiates the process of repentance leads not to losing heart, but to a CHANGE OF HEART. Coming to a realization of ourselves as sinners put us within the range of hearing God speaking to us in our conscience by listening to His Sacred Word in Scripture. In this Lenten Bible Study, we are able to ponder six passages from the Bible. The first two are accounts of people going through a process of repentance The third, a prayer, bring us inside the experience. These first three are from the Old Testament. Then from the New Testament are three passages focused on Jesus: on His call to a change of heart & life, on His death & resurrection as the way for us to experience this change, & on his friendship with us. The first three readings spur us on to reflect on our own experience of recognizing our sins, taking action against them, & beginning the journey of return to God. The second three direct our attention to Jesus as teacher, healer, & Savior. Jesus calls us to grow in love beyond anything that is easy or comfortable for us & enables us to do it by nourishing us with Himself. The DATES & TIMES of the LENTEN BIBLE STUDY are at St. Elizabeth Parish Center from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm as follows: MONDAY, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019 & MONDAY, APRIL 1, & 8, 2019. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REGISTER by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 by calling the Parish Office at 544—7526 so that a resource may be ordered for you. Thank you and God bless you.