



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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, January 26, 2020 Third 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

Jan. 25	4:30 pm	Repose of the soul of Lillie Rose Myers
Jan. 26	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Donald Davis by Adam & Lori Davis Family 50th Wedding Anniversary George & Jane Bohman
Jan. 27	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Jan. 28	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Jan. 29	7:30 am	Marilyn Fehrenbacher From Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Jan. 30	7:30 am	Terry Baird from Youth Group
Jan. 31	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 1	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Feb. 2	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Donnal Fitzmaurice by Ron & Carolyn Kirts Francis Medina by Rito & Mario Medina



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 1 ~ Sunday, February 2, 2020

<u>Sat. February 1, 2020</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Celeste White		
USHERS: Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Clara Mullins		
GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family		
<u>Sun. February 2, 2020</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Linda Sikorski		
USHERS: Brad Schutte, Randy Schutte		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg		
GIFTS: Joe Hepner Family		
<u>Sun. February 2, 2020</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR: Chris Keller		
USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: Jeff Hermann		
GIFTS: Jerry & Sarah Ping		
<u>Sun. February 2, 2020</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR: Joe Quick		
USHERS: Charles & Kandice Richey		
COMMUNION MIN:		
SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings		
GIFTS: Charles & Kandice Richey		

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



Parish School of Religion

JANUARY DATES: WED. JANUARY 29, 2020 FEBRUARY DATES: FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6:30~7:30 pm.



Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: JANUARY 26, 2020 & FEBRUARY 2, 9 & 23, 2020 from 5:30~7:00 pm.

Scriptural Reflections for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to "be united in the same mind & in the same purpose" without any divisions among them. For there is no more irresistible witness to the truth of the Gospel than such unity in charity. No wonder that the first thing Jesus does when he moves to Capernaum is to seek out companions. In the unity that Simon, Andrew, James, & John experience through their friendship with Christ, they become certain that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Thanks to our communion in Christ, "anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress." To us enshrouded in the "land of gloom," Jesus Christ beckons, "Come after me."

Spiritual Reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

To show his debt of gratitude to the Baptist & his strict continuity with him, Jesus chooses as the first words of his public life the phrase that sums up verbatim the essence of the Forerunner's preaching: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. But now the word of preparation becomes the word of fulfillment. John's message has faithfully been transitive, because he pointed beyond himself to Jesus: "The Kingdom of Heaven has come near. & there you see it approaching in the form of Jesus of Nazareth." When Jesus himself repeats the same words, however, he speaks them as the Light that has dawned over every people, every individual squatting helplessly in the darkness. Jesus' words are the auditory component of the real fact that the Son of God is living among men. Verse 13 says literally "he made his home in Capernaum." By so doing, the Son of God has reopened the gates of paradise for those who would drink of that light, that water of eternal life. Christ Jesus among us is the walking Kingdom of Heaven. The angels who came to serve him after the temptations knew as much: they had no need of metanoia. "Repentance" means, not only to forsake our old sinful ways, since this would be a merely moral change: repentance means to put on a new attitude because we recognize the compellingly royal presence of God before us. This entails a change of vision, a change of home, a change of lover. Our constant prayer to the Father must be: "Teach us to be hungry for this living & true Bread!" Such hunger is the prime fruit of metanoia. Our very heart must churn until all we know is Jesus, whom the Father loves above all things & in adoring whom the angels find their joy.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary 1970 ~ 2020



Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is honored to offer to GEORGE & JANE BOHMAN our sincere CONGRATULATIONS on their 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. The model of marital love that you have exemplified in your 50 years of married life speaks to us of God's enduring & everlasting love. In your marriage is the design of God's Presence. We are grateful to God for the graces & blessings that you share with St. Elizabeth Parish through your marital covenant & dedication. THANK YOU & may God bless you with good health, peace & contentment. CONGRATULATIONS!

Sunday, January 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
From The Pastor: Conversion Of The Heart

Jesus' long-awaited public moment has finally arrived. The prayers, preparation and perhaps the panic moments Jesus silently suffered or secretly shared with his mother are all behind him. He is off to Galilee to begin announcing the salvation message. On a heavily traveled sea road from Damascus to the Mediterranean, Jesus, whom John the Baptist recently proclaimed Messiah, begins his public ministry. Jesus, the Son of God, is the bright light sent to dispel centuries of darkness and gloom and to establish in its place a new and long era of joy and enlightenment. Distant Galilee, highlighted in prophecies, is home to many Jews and Gentiles alike. It is here that Jesus' first words are calling everyone to admit their sinfulness and appeal to God's mercy. It is a genuine call for change. Jesus wants a radical conversion, the shedding of nonbelief and structuring of every heart in a deep-rooted acceptance of faith. This is the new manna from heaven, which God the Father sent him to preach. "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand," inaugurates a new era leading to salvation. These few words state the message needed for a radical conversion of God's chosen people. These are the first few steps of their pilgrimage ending, hopefully, with the last few steps before the heavenly gates. Jesus understands that this conversion he offers is ongoing. This change of heart needed to follow him takes time and has challenges. Jesus is really thinking of the cross he will bear and those his followers will bear. He wants them to be ready. Jesus' recommendation is to remain loyal and steadfast, and to trust in his promises when the time comes to stand up for Christ. Discipleship is a call to growth. Baptized followers need to feed their faith with prayer, timely strengthening and periodic reviews. Paul says it best in his letters to the Corinthians. He strongly encourages them to adhere to the cross for inspiration, knowledge and courage. It may be a "stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles" (1 Cor 1:23), but for followers of Jesus, it is the wisdom of our Christian life.

February Meetings ~ Pastoral Council

ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

February First Friday Mass

The FEBRUARY FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated at OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Our Lady Of Lourdes Finance Council

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



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, 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.

Daily Mass Readings



Mon. Jan. 27, 2022 ~ 2 Sm. 5:1-7, 10
Gospel Mk. 3:22-30
Tues. Jan. 28, 2022 ~ 2
Sm. 6:12B-15, 17-19
Gospel Mk. 3:31-35
Wed. Jan. 29, 2022 ~ 2 Sm. 7:4-17
Gospel Mk. 4:1-20
Thurs. Jan. 30, 2022 ~ 2 Sm. 7:18-19, 24-29
Gospel Mk. 4:21-25
Fri. Jan. 31, 2020 ~ 2 Sm. 11:1-4A, 5-10A, 13-17
Gospel Mk. 4:26-34

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.

Mardi Gras News



We are in high hopes that you are making plans to attend the 19th Annual Crawford County Catholics MARDI GRAS celebration on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 at STONEY RIDGE from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. In addition to all of the festivities of last year, we are adding this year a BOTTLE PULL & a BASKET RAFFLE. DINNER TICKETS are available either at the Parish Center Office or from some of the Committee Members: BOB & KOURTNEY COFFMAN, CHRIS & DONNA KELLER, & LINDSAY WATTS. The cost of the Dinner Ticket remains the same as last year which is \$30.00. Tables can be reserved by either calling the Parish Center or contacting one of the Dinner Ticket Sellers. We believe we have an enjoyable & delightful evening planned with KAYE HOLSCHER CATERING, SILENT AUCTION, BIG DIVVY DRAWING, & DANCING. Please check your calendars & we hope to see you at the 19th ANNUAL CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS MARDI GRAS on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. If you purchase a BIG DIVVY TICKET, you have a chance to win the GRAND PRIZE OF \$7,000.00 as well as other large money prizes. Only 1,000 tickets are sold so you have a good chance to win something. BUY YOUR BIG DIVVY TICKET & start out the New Year with GOOD LUCK!

In Massachusetts, Catholic Charities was forced to stop finding adoptive homes for foster children because it 'could not place children with same-sex partners. The federal government has asserted that religious individuals forfeit all their religious liberty rights when they open a business to earn a living. Legislation has been considered to force religious institutions to collect & report information about immigrants to whom they minister. Despite conscience protections in federal & New Jersey state law, nurses in the Same Day Surgery Unit of a large Newark hospital were stunned when supervisors told them of a policy c h a n g e : They would have to assist in abortions. Nurse Beryl Ngoje explained: "I couldn't do what they were asking me to do. You go against what you believe, what are you? What's left? Just a shell of what you are." When more than a dozen nurses objected to the policy in writing, they were told they could be transferred out or even fired for refusing to comply. Fortunately, their lawyers won an injunction halting their mandatory abortion training & eventually convinced the hospital to agree to a court-approved settlement that protected the nurses' religious convictions against taking part in abortions & allowed them to keep their jobs without fear of reprisal. Each of these measures is in its own way, an attack on religious diversity, & an effort to use the coercive power of government to control or punish religious activities. When governments force people & institutions to give their religious beliefs, everyone loses. The religious believers & situations suffer because they are put to an impossible choice: give up your religion, or close your doors & stop earning a living or serving those in need. In a liberal end diverse nation, that type of ultimatum is almost never acceptable. The proper course - as George Washington demonstrated with the Quakers - is to find ways to accommodate religious objections: so that people of all faiths are welcome. It is not only religious believers who suffer when liberty is trampled. The people sewed by religious individuals & institutions also suffer from these the tried to force all pharmacists to sell abortion-inducing drugs. Although the state claimed the rule was needed because religious objectors were interfering with access to the drugs, it eventually had to admit that no one ever, had been unable to get the drug because of a religious objector. But the law still had a very real impact on access to healthcare - it caused at least one pharmacy to close, some pharmacists to leave the state. & presumably others not to join the profession - all at a time when the state had a well-documented shortage of pharmacists. By objectors & pursuing government- enforced conformity without exceptions. the state made health care less available for everyone. The same is true in the context of the HHS contraceptive/ abortifacient mandate. Many religious people can in good conscience provide insurance coverage for "abortion-inducing drugs. Yet the government is pressuring these people with the threat of enormous fines – sometimes more than a million dollars each day - for the sin of providing health coverage that excludes abortion drugs. As a society, we should not accept a government's decision to pressure people in this to give up their religion. Particularly in troubled economic times, we should welcome & thank job creators, & 'we should work around religious differences rather than drive employers out of the public square. Our history attests to the great benefits we all reap when religious people & institutions are free to bring their religious values into the public square did in the abortion movement. the Civil Rights & the labor movement. Having a" benefitted from these blessings of religious liberty, we have a common duty as Catholics & Americans to consider what we can do to ensure that we secure" those blessings not just "to ourselves" but our Posterity." Possibilities abound. such as ourselves & our families, contacting elected fives, praying, voting & talking to our neighbors about why religious freedom is worth protecting. In short, we must remember that our religious diversity is a

ty is a strength, & that religious differences should be accepted & accommodated, not stamped out by the government.

Our Lady of Lourdes News



Our Parish Family of Our Lady Of Lourdes Church is happy to welcome ELIZABETH RENEE DAVIS into the Catholic Church & Christian Community through the oils & waters of the Sacrament of Baptism. As you begin your Baptismal journey into eternal love & eternal life with GOD, we promise that we

will be by your side to lead & guide you with our constant prayers, good example, & God's Love. ELIZABETH received the oils & waters of BAPTISM on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes. She is the daughter of Adam & Lori Davis.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, January 19, 2020

Envelopes \$1,724.00 Loose \$390.00
 First Offering \$10.00 Solemnity of Mary \$10.00
 Catholic Times \$80.00 Building Fund \$10.00
 Online thru Give Central ~ 5 @ \$400.00
 Deposit \$2,624.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, January 12, 2020

Envelopes \$655.00 Loose \$124.00
 Building Fund \$27.00 Catholic Times \$213.00
 Henry Fred Kirts Funeral Dinner \$40.00
 Deposit: \$1,059.00

Online Donations thru Give Central

Give Central can be assessed on the Church website.
www.crawfordcountycatholics.com

Parish Office Hours



I wanted to inform you that the Parish Office will be closed from MONDAY, JANUARY 27 ~ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020. I know that it is difficult coming to the

Parish Center to take care of something thinking that it is open so I just wanted to give you this information. Thank you for your patience & as well, if you are in need of Father Flach for any reason, simply call the Parish Office at 618-544-7526.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass