



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Custodial Care: Jerry Pittman, St. Elizabeth

Custodial Care: Lori Davis, 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

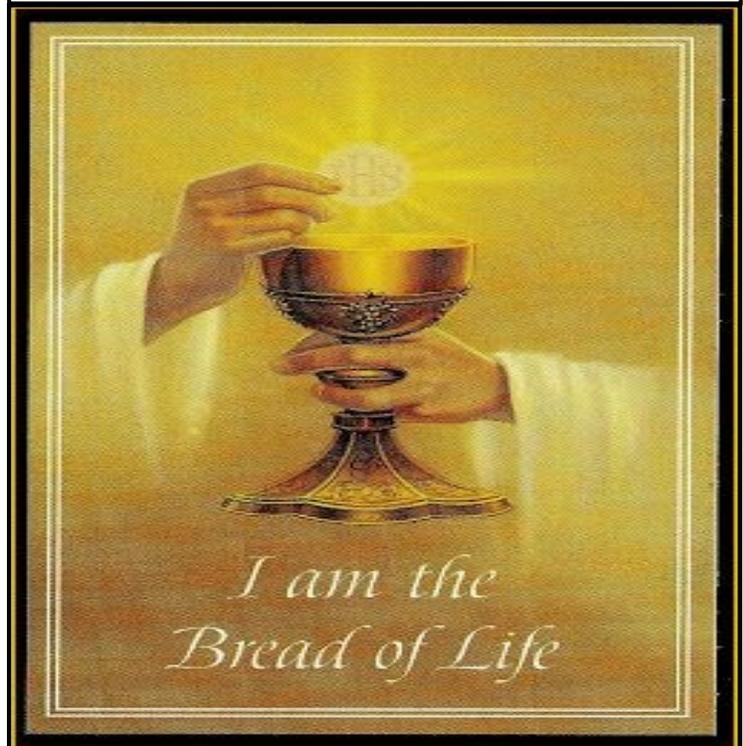
If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sunday, January 27, 2019 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in: Luke 4:14-21



**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He has anointed me to
bring glad tidings to the poor. He
has sent me to proclaim liberty to
the captives and recovery of sight
to the blind, to let the oppressed go
free, and to proclaim a year
acceptable to the Lord.**

Luke 4:18-19



Mass Intentions

Jan. 26	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Jan. 27	7:30 am	Arlene & Clarence Schutte Wedding Anniversary ~ 63 yrs.
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 28	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Jan. 29	12:00 pm	Terry Baird by Youth Group
Jan. 30	7:30 am	Jim Loy (Birth) by Ann Loy
Jan. 31	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Feb. 1	7:30 am	Special Intentions
First Friday Mass	5:00 pm	Special 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



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 2~Sunday, February 3, 2019

Sat. Feb. 2, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family

Sun. Feb. 3, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFTS: Travis Rich Family

Sun. Feb. 3, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Bob Coffman

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Cameron Davis

GIFTS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

Sun. Feb. 3, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: Jacob & Jessica Blankenbeker

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: David Staller, Cody York

GIFTS: Joel York Family

January Collection Counters:

Josh & Roselene Quick, Rhonda Stone

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

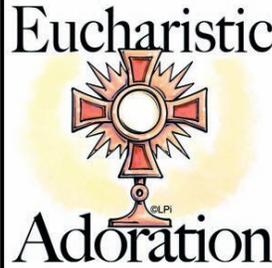
PSR News: February PSR CLASSES: Wednesday, February 6,13,20,27, 2019 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

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 BENECTION. 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.

Spiritual Reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Luke writes his Gospel so that the reader will "realize the certainty of the teachings" received. That certainty flows from the man in the synagogue who reads the scroll of Isaiah and promises that he will bring glad tidings to the poor; that he will proclaim liberty to captives; that he will give recovery of sight to the blind; that he will let the oppressed go free. Only God can work such wonders; that is why rejoicing in the Lord in our midst must be our strength. As the eyes of all those assembled in the synagogue looked intently at Jesus, they began to become the

First Friday Mass

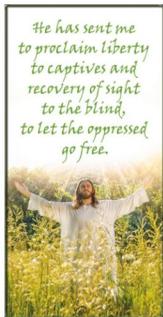


**FIRST
FRIDAY**

The FIRST FRIDAY MASS is scheduled for FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019 at 5:00 pm in Our

Lady of Lourdes Church.

Jesuit Father Greg Boyle spoke on campus recently about his book "Barking to the Choir" (Simon & Schuster, \$26). Father G., as he is known, spoke for nearly an hour to a spellbound crowd. Jesus, on the other hand, in today's reading, kept his "homily" to a single sentence. But what the two speeches had in common was their boldness and their willingness to challenge the listeners. In one bold stroke, Jesus made clear to anyone willing to hear what his ministry was going to be about: preaching, healing and delivering the oppressed. For those seeking a Messiah, this was not the model that all had in mind. They had hoped to hear that he was going to lead a revolution and chase out the hated Romans. Father Boyle, founder and CEO of Homeboy Industries, which has become the largest gang rehabilitation program in the world, offered an equally startling and challenging message. He argued that the Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us all to "radical kinship." He calmly and matter-of-factly offered observations such as, "When we go to the margins and stand with the despised and neglected, the margins begin to disappear." As for the "fulfilled in your hearing" part, he drew on 30 years' worth of touching personal stories about reaching across chasms of difference and discovering instead a common humanity. He also brought along Charnyce, who testified about the ways in which Father G. and the Homeboys programs are continuing to change her life. Father G. does not consider his life



and work to be exceptional. I feel sure that if I were to point out to him that not very many people choose, as he did, to wade into the war zones of East Los Angeles 30 years ago and to engage gang members. With respect, honesty and love, he would answer, "But they could." I came away newly convicted that the Gospel is remarkably simple. It just isn't easy. But I also found myself thinking, after listening to Father Boyle: Maybe it isn't so crazy. Maybe it really could work. In fact, maybe it has. Like Jesus said in that synagogue at Nazareth, all we have to do is "bring glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, & let the oppressed go free."

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the soul of Carl E. Veach. Carl was the brother of David & Jeannie Veach. In God's Love we pray that He will grant CARL E. VEACH a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven and that his family will receive comfort and peace in their sorrow and loss.

Financial Statements

If you would like to receive your 2018 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENT, the document is prepared & can be picked up at the Parish Office.

Parish Office

During the week of JANUARY 28 ~ JANUARY 31, 2019, the PARISH OFFICE will only be opened in the morning from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. It will be closed in the afternoon that week. Thank you for your consideration and understanding. God bless you.

JANUARY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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 and 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 and 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 and life, on His death and resurrection as the way for us to experience this change, and 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, and beginning the journey of return to God. The second three direct our attention to Jesus as teacher, healer, and Savior. Jesus calls us to grow in love beyond anything that is easy or comfortable for us and 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.

Spiritual Reflections for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church has, therefore, in common with the Word Incarnate the aim, the obligation and the function of teaching all men the truth, of governing and directing them a right, of offering to God the pleasing and acceptable sacrifice. Thus the society founded by the divine Redeemer, whether in her doctrine & government, or in the sacrifice and sacraments instituted by him, or finally, in the ministry, which he has confided to her charge with the outpouring of his prayer and the shedding of his blood, has no other goal or purpose than to increase ever in strength and unity. This result is, in fact, achieved when Christ lives and thrives, as it were, in the hearts of men, & when men's hearts in turn are fashioned and expanded as though by Christ. This makes it possible for the sacred Temple, where the divine Majesty receives the acceptable worship which his law prescribes, to increase and prosper day by day in this land of exile of earth. Along with the Church, therefore, her divine Founder is present at every liturgical function: Christ is present at the august sacrifice of the altar both in the person of his minister and above all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments, infusing into them the power which makes them ready instruments of sanctification. He is present, finally, in prayer of praise and petition we direct to God, as it is written: Where there are two or three gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them.

The Big Divvy

It's once again that time of year...time for the Big Divvy Mega Raffle. The Big Divvy has the potential to generate between \$13,000~\$14,000 for our parishes. Funds generated from the Mega Raffle have helped our Parishes in many ways: religious education, audio/video system in the Hall, our carillon, church insulation & many others. The prizes will be the same as last year. First prize is \$7,000.00 2nd Prize-\$1,500.00, 3rd Prize-\$500.00, 4th Prize-\$400.00, 5th Prize-300.00, 6th Prize-\$200.00 & 7th Prize-\$100.00. Grand prize winners will be drawn at 9:00 pm at the Stoney Ridge on March 2, 2019. The Seller of the winning ticket will win \$100.00 & the individual selling the most tickets will win \$100.00. Tickets are \$25.00 each & we will sell only 1000 tickets so your odds of winning are 1 out of 1000...much better than the lottery! You may pick up tickets to sell from either Terry Roche or from the Parish Office. Our Committee needs to be our entire Parish, so we hope that you will all help in the endeavor. WE NEED NEW SELLERS! Let's make this a great project, have fun & help our Parishes in the process. THANK YOU! Terry Roche, Big Divvy Chair

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

As you are aware, the theme of the 2018~2019 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is 'IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.' Gratitude is an attitude & response that is integral to the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. God blesses us in so many ways & one way for us to express our gratitude to God is our participation in supporting our parishes goal for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. With the gift of God's grace, may we continue to become intentional disciples through our gift to the ACSA. As of January 3, 2019, the goal for St. Elizabeth is \$38,376.00 with the total pledged of \$17,285.00 & the total paid of \$16,360.00. As of January 3, 2019, the goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$8,112.00 with the total pledged of \$3,768.00 & the total paid of \$3,143.00. Your deep & sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill our parish goals. Thank you & God bless you.

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.

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.



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.



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth

Week Ending Sunday, January 20, 2019
 Envelopes \$1,607.00 Loose \$191.97 First Offering \$20.00
 Catholic Times \$60.00
 4 online @ \$285.00
 Deposit: \$2,163.97

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, January 13, 2019
 Envelopes \$550.00 Loose \$74.00
 Solemnity of Mary \$100.00
 Catholic Times \$180.00
 Mass Offering Ron Dhom \$10.00
 Deposit: \$914.00



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Jan. 28, 2019 ~ First Reading ~ Heb. 9:15,24-28
 Second Reading ~ 2 Tm. 1:10 Gospel Mk. 3:22-30
 Tues. Jan. 29, 2019 ~
 First Reading ~ Heb. 10:1-10 Gospel Mk. 3:31-35
 Wed. Jan. 30, 2019 ~
 First Reading ~ Heb. 10:11-18 Gospel Mk. 4:1-20
 Thurs. Jan. 31, 2019 ~
 First Reading ~ Heb. 10:19-25 Gospel Mk. 4:21-25
 Fri. Feb. 1, 2019 ~
 First Reading ~ Heb. 10:32-39 Gospel Mk. 4:26-34