



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Custodial Care: Lori Davis,

Our Lady of Lourdes

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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

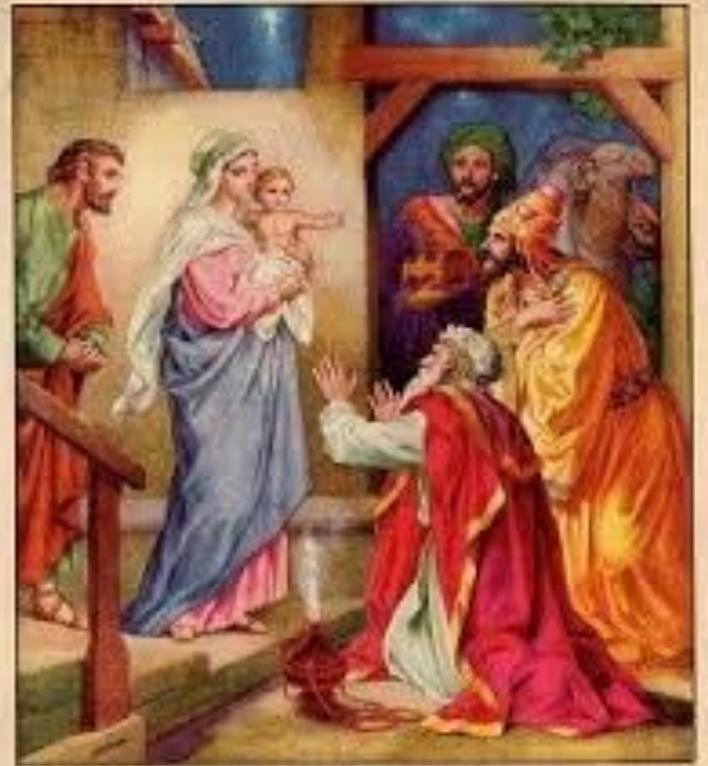
If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

Sunday, January 6, 2019 The Epiphany Of The Lord

Story found in: Matthew 2:1~12



THE VISIT OF THE WISEMEN

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, & on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves & did him homage. Then they opened their treasure & offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, & myrrh.

Matthew 2:10~11

Jan. 5	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Jan. 6	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Linda Schaefer by Karen Sanders
Jan. 7	7:30 am	Harry Bohman (Death) by George & Jane Bohman
Jan. 8	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Jan. 9	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Jan. 10	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 11	7:30 am	Lillie Ireland by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Jan. 12	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Jan. 13	7:30 am	Terry Baird by Crawford County Youth Group
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 12 ~ Sunday, January 13, 2019

Sat. Jan. 12, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Mark & Cindy Grimm

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Lily Ann Mullins

GIFTS: Lisa Baird Family

Sun. Jan. 13, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Dave Holscher, Tom Huss

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey

GIFTS: Garrett Rich Family

Sun. Jan. 13, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS: Frank & Ann Schalasky

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: Frank & Ann Schalasky

Sun. Jan. 13, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Emily Ferris, Lauren Staller

GIFTS: Scott Rawlings Family

January Collection Counters:

Rhonda Stone, Josh & Roselene Quick

PSR News: JAN. PSR CLASSES: Wednesday,
January 16, 23, & 30.

In Sincere Gratitude



Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is sincerely grateful to all those who helped to prepare for the music for our Christmas Masses. We are well aware of the amount of time that it took to prepare & we are so grateful for your devotion & dedication. The music was simply BEAUTIFUL! One song from beginning to end, more beautiful than the next. We want you to know that all of your sincere efforts helped us to appreciate the holiness & spirit of Christmas. Many thank for a job well done. We are happy to say THANK YOU to the following parishioners: Christmas Eve Musicians 2018 Music Director-

Chris Jansen ~ Choir Director-Jill Jansen ~ Choir Director

- Mike Emmerich~Choir Members: Jacob Blankenbeker ~

Xavier Brown ~ Kandle Dart ~ Larry Dix ~

Mike Emmerich ~Susan Emmerich ~ Marian Hatfield

~ Jeff Hermann ~ Jill Jansen ~ Sarah Laski ~

Ginger Osborne ~ Ian Quick ~ Jessie Quick ~ Joe Quick ~

Josh Quick ~ Roselene Quick ~ Sam Quick ~ Barb Shimer

~ Lindsey Watts ~ Keyboardists: ~Chris Jansen

Josh Quick ~ Instrumentalists: ~ Jessie Quick-Flute ~

Chris Jansen-Trumpet ~ Sam Quick-Trumpet ~

Xavier Brown-Horn and Trumpet ~ Jeff Hermann-Horn ~

Joe Quick-Euphonium ~Josh Quick-Tuba

Christmas Day Musicians ~ Organist ~ Jeff Mueller

Cantor ~ Teresa Gower ~Children's Choir Directors ~

Teresa Gower ~ Sarah Staller ~ Children's Choir Members:

Ella Buntin, Halle Gower, Eva Hermann, Jared Hermann,

Mallory Mosbey, Abby Mullins, Sicily Rawlings,

Lauren Staller, Anthony Tran.

We would also like to acknowledge our GRATITUDE to Alex Hermann who played the piano & to Lori Davis who cantored for the Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. May God bless you with

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting



St. Elizabeth Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Erica Adams. Erica was the niece of Patti Buercklin. In God's Love we pray that He will grant ERICA ADAMS a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that her family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

In his book "Breakthrough: A Journey from Desperation to Hope" (Ave Maria Press, 2018), Father Rob Galea describes a happy, faith-filled early childhood. But in his high school years, "things got dark," & he began to become a "gentile" of sorts—a stranger to God. He was bullied at school, & he also lost two grandparents in a very short period of time. Soon enough, his self-esteem was wrecked, & he became convinced that he was worthless. He began sneaking out at night, going to clubs & listening to heavy metal. His new rebellious streak estranged him from his father. He began to smoke & drink heavily, & he became addicted to shoplifting for "the adrenaline rush." All this at the ripe old age of 14. He then began to hang around some rough older kids, & eventually he told a careless, unflattering lie about one of them. He was soon huddled in his room, fearing for his life or, at the least, serious physical harm. "Barely 17 years old," he recalls, "& I had lost all hope." Feeling alone & isolated, he considered suicide. When his grandmother mentioned a nearby Catholic youth group, Rob shocked (& delighted!) his mother by asking if he could go. "I observed everything. I saw the joy & tranquility in the eyes of the young people there, & it reminded me of my childhood," he said. "I did not quite understand what was going on ... but I wanted more of ... the soothing peace instilled in me that day." Back home, he recounts: "I locked the door of my bedroom, sat on one of the chairs & tapped the other, saying, 'Jesus, sit down. I want to talk to you!' ... & I was, just for a few moments, able to believe that someone was listening to me, & it made all the difference." The prodigal son had a genuine epiphany — a lived experience of God's presence and love mediated by an ordinary human event. This was like what happened to Paul on the road to Damascus & this was how the Magi came to be guided by a star & to recognize a true kind of hidden beneath the outward appearance of a poor human infant born in a stable. The mystery of the Incarnation invites us to open our eyes & ears & to watch & listen for our own epiphanies wherever we are.



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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

"The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey. It was as though they had always been waiting for that star" (Pope Benedict XVI). Our response to the Father's offer of salvation is that of the Magi: "To offer gold is to proclaim Christ's kingship, to offer incense is to adore his Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his mortality" (Saint Odilo of Cluny). Creation responds as well: "When the king of heaven was born, the heavens knew that he was God because they immediately sent forth a star; the sea knew him because it allowed him to walk upon it; the earth knew him because it trembled when he died; the sun knew him because it hid the rays of its light" (Saint Gregory the Great). The manifestation of the Son of God to the world begs belief from us, by which we will be led home by another way.

Spiritual Reading for the Sacred Feast of the Epiphany 01-06-19



Today you have appeared to the inhabited world, and your light, O Lord, has been signed upon us, who, with knowledge, sing your praise, "You have come, you have appeared, the unapproachable Light." In Galilee of the nations, in the country of Zavalon and the land of Naphthalim, as the prophet said, a great light has shone—Christ. For the darkened, a shining beam has appeared, blazing out

Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Liturgy

The Solemnity of Mary as the Mother of God, celebrated on Jan. 1, is the celebration of the doctrine taught at the Council of Ephesus in 431 that the Word united flesh 'to himself from his mother's womb & is said to have undergone begetting in the flesh in order to take to himself flesh of his own' (Denzinger H, No. 251). Mary, therefore, is truly, the Theotokos, the Mother of God, not certainly because the nature of the Word or his divinity had the origin of its being from the holy Virgin, but because from her was generated his holy body, animated by a rational soul, a body hypostatically united to the Word; & thus it is said that (the Word) was begotten according to the flesh (Denzinger-H, No. 251). The Solemnity of Mary as Mother of God highlights her 'close & indissoluble bond' with Jesus in the history of salvation. After the solemn definition of as Theotokos or birth-giver of God at Ephesus in 431, a solemn feast celebrating Mary as Mother of God began in the East. In the Byzantine Church, it was (& still is) celebrated on Dec. 26, the day after Christmas as the 'Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos.' (Synaxis is a liturgi gathering or assembly). By the fifth century, the West celebrated the feast in Rome on the Sunday before Christmas, though it was celebrated in Spain on Dec. 18 & in France on Jan. 18. In the Middle Ages Jan. 1 became the feast of Jesus' circumcision. In (1751, Pope Benedict XIV established the feast of Mary's divine maternity the first Sunday of May for Portugal & other countries. In 1914 the feast was moved to Oct. 11. In 1931, to commemorate the 15th centenary of the Council of Ephesus of 431, the feast was extended to the entire Latin rite. In the liturgical reform of 1970, Pope Paul VI moved the feast back to the Octave of Christmas as it was originally celebrated in Rome. Its date was fixed for Jan. 1, & it was elevated to the highest liturgical rank of solemnity. The decision of pope Paul VI to move the celebration of Mary's divine maternity to the Octave of Christmas was a way to emphasize the essential, vital, providential bond' that united Mary to Jesus. The solemnity of Mary as Mother of God reminds us that we cannot understand Jesus without His Mother. The Incarnation took place through Mary's free cooperation with God's providential plan, which is why Mary is united to Christ 'by a close and indissoluble bond' (Lumen Gentium, No. 53). In his "Treatise on True Devotion to Mary, ' St. Louis de Montfort (d.1716) exclaims: Lord you are always with Mary, & Mary is always with You' (No. 63). Mary, though, is not only united to Jesus, she is also united to us as our most beloved mother' (Lumen Gen. No. 53) & 'our Mother in the order of grace' (No. 61). In honoring Mary as the Mother of God, we give glory to God who humbled himself to share our humanity, becoming incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Spiritual Reading for the Sacred Feast of the Epiphany 01-06-19 cont.

of Bethlehem, or rather, out of Mary—the Lord, the sun of justice, has made his rays dawn on the whole inhabited world. Therefore let us all, Adam's naked children, put him on that we may be kept warm; for as a covering for the naked and a light for the darkened you have come, you have appeared, the unapproachable Light. God did not despise the one who was robbed by trickery in Paradise and lost the garment woven by God, for he came towards him calling to the disobedient once again with his holy voice, "Adam, where are you? From now on, do not hide from me; I want to see you. Though you are naked, though you are poor, do not be ashamed, for I have become like you. Though you desired it you did not become a god, but now, by my own will, I have become flesh. Draw near me then and recognize me, that you may say, 'You have come, you have appeared, the unapproachable Light.'"

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. In advance. **THANK YOU!** Terry Roche, Big Divvy Chair

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Jan. 7, 2019 1 Jn. 3:22-4:6 Gospel Mt.4:12-17,23-25
Tues. Jan. 8, 2019 1 Jn. 4:7-10 Gospel Mk. 6:34-44
Wed. Jan. 9, 2019 1 Jn. 4:11-18 Gospel Mk. 6:45-52
Thurs. Jan. 10, 2019 1 Jn. 4:19, 5:4 Gospel Lk. 4:14-22
Fri. Jan. 11, 2019 1 Jn. 5:5-13 Gospel Lk. 5:12-16



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.

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 each and are available at the Parish Center or from one of the Committee Members. 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.

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, 2018, 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.

Catholic Times

In your JANUARY Offeratory Envelope Packet, there is an envelope marked CATHOLIC TIMES. If you are able to provide payment for this collection, it would be deeply appreciated from our parishes. The balance for the bill sent to the parishes from the Diocese has to be paid from the General Account. Any assistance you are able to provide again is appreciated. Thank you & God bless you.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, December 30, 2018

Envelopes \$ 1,942.00 Loose \$ 254.00

Votive Candles \$152.50 Dependent Child \$75.00

Retired Priest \$20.00 Christmas Offering \$15.00 5 @ \$435.00

online Solemnity of Mary \$20.00 First Offering \$20.00

Deposit: \$2,933.50

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending Sunday, December 23, 2018

Christmas Offering \$300.00 Dependent Children \$130.00 Loose

\$121.00 Deposit: \$551.00

Monday, December 24, 2018

Envelopes \$730.00 Loose \$84.00 Building Fund \$50.00

Dependent Children \$30.00 Retirement Fund \$193.00

Christmas Offering \$85.00 Deposit: \$1,172.00

Kiosk Corner Protecting Innocence:
Parenting Your Kids, & the Internet

Matt Fradd, a best-selling Catholic author, presents new data to show how the changes in the types and accessibility of pornography being promoted today make it far more dangerous and harmful than ever before. Matt draws from a wealth of experience to guide parents in taking decisive action to protect their children, and he empowers adults with specific wording to effectively address this sensitive topic with children of all ages before they encounter pornography or after they've been exposed to it. Parishioner Comments This talk is extremely relevant to the problems we see in our culture today. The science behind everything was very interesting. Pete — Greenwood Village, CO I am so glad this information was put into a talk. It contains very good practical advice on how to protect your family and what to do if your family has already been exposed to pornography. Jenny - Wisconsin