



# 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.

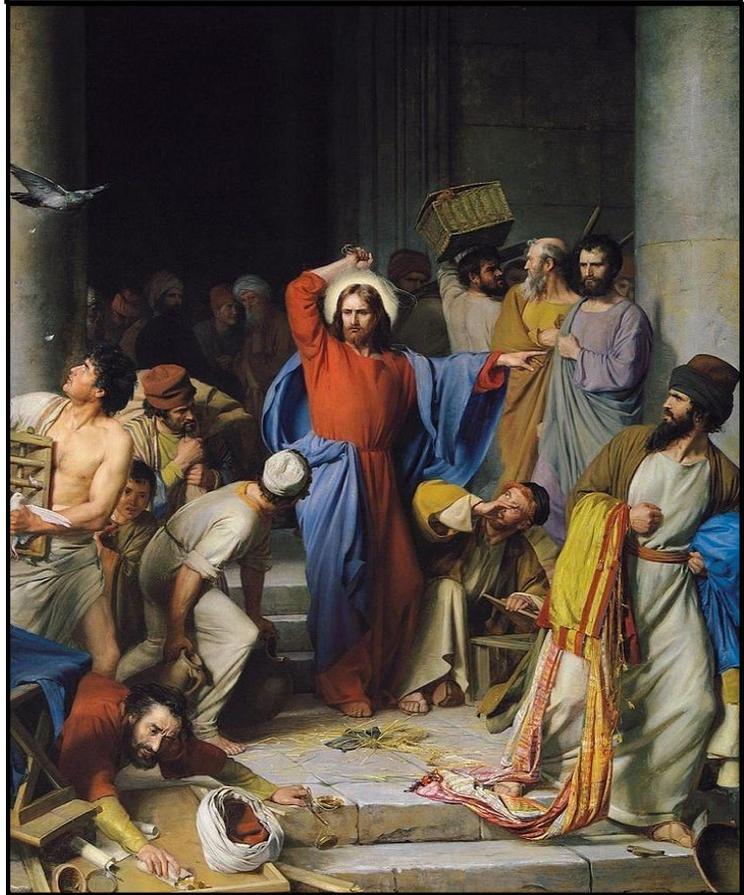
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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, March 4, 2018 Third Sunday in Lent



Story found in John 2:13-25

**When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep & the oxen, & poured out the changers' money & overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" John 2:15-16**



## Mass Intentions

Mar. 3	4:30 pm	Martha Tebbe by Ken & Carol Bergbower
Mar. 4	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Jeff Rich Family
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Mar. 5	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Chas. & Judy Eckert
Mar. 6	12:00 pm	Julie Maloy 40th Birthday by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 7	7:30 am	Ed Halter by Chas. & Judy Eckert
	6:30 pm	Special Intentions
Mar. 8	7:30 am	William Loy by Anne Loy
Mar. 9	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Mar. 10	4:30 pm	Vern Varenhorst by Ellen Rees
Mar. 11	7:30 am	Ray Halter by the Halter Family
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 10, 2018 ~ Sunday, March 11, 2018

Sat. March 10, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Logan Baird, Lukas Baird

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Eva Hermann, Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Terry Roche Family

Sun. March 11, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Linda Sikorski

USHERS: Dave Holscher, Tom Huss

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Jeff Rich Family

Sun. March 11, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Lori Davis

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Cameron Davis

GIFTS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

Sun. March 11, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Courtney Ferris

USHERS: Ken Deters, Chris Weber

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Emily Heidorn, Isabel Heidorn

GIFTS: George Bohman Family

Collection Counters: *March, 2018: Marge Boatman, Janet Hill, Chris Tylka*



## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Scott Chapman, Renee Craig, Ron Dhom, Todd Drake, Sandy Ellis, Marissa Rees, Karen Rickermann, Charlie Steagall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion Classes will be on Wednesday,  
March 7, 14, 21 & 28 from  
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



## Scriptural Reflections for the Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus "did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well." Fallen human nature always attempts to define the meaning of life with something we can measure. That is what the presence of the moneychangers at the Temple symbolizes. Their atrocious activity in this most sacred place betrays their bankrupt position toward the meaning of life. They prefer the riches of God over a relationship with God. But the commandments of the Lord "are more precious than a heap of purest gold." They save us from such foolishness and bless us with "the foolishness of God."

## Lenten Activities

Mon. Mar. 5, 2018 ~ Lenten Bible Study ~ 6:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm

Wed Mar. 7, 2018 ~ 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

8:00 am ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am ~ Stations of the Cross ~ 10:30 am ~ Benediction

6:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross ~ 6:30 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist

7:00 pm ~ P.S.R. Confessions

Fri. Mar. 9, 2018 ~ 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

4:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm ~ Fish Fry

5:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Sun. Mar. 11, 2018 ~ Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

9:00 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

10:00 am ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm ~ Holy Hours

1:00 pm ~ Lenten Confessions 2:00 pm ~ Benediction

## LENTEN CONFESSIONS



This holy and sacred Season of LENT is a time of spiritual reflections as we reach our hearts for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Suffering and Death. This holy Season of LENT is a perfect opportunity to consider those choices and decisions that we have freely made in which we have

turned away from God seeking our own desires and will. In the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION we receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness so that we are enabled to begin anew our relationship of love with God our Father.

The LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE is as follows:

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

10:00 A.M. – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 – HOLY HOURS

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 PM - CONFESSIONS

2:00 P.M. – BENEDICTION

### ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

1:00 PM – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – HOLY HOURS

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM CONFESSIONS

3:00 PM – BENEDICTION



Jesus continually told his listeners he came to fulfill the Law and not abolish it. In our readings, Jesus explains how. Yahweh spoke the Ten Commandments directly to Moses so that the Chosen People could have balance and order for their lives. Living the commandments became the

proper way for each Israelite to show gratitude to God for his guidance and protection. Then Jesus expanded these laws, adding his Father's love and mercy. He does this through his preaching, especially his Sermon on the Mount. But more powerfully by his death on the cross. As Paul explains, this crucified God, Jesus Christ, shows the new standard for what serving others really means. Jesus turned what seemed like weakness into power, strength and wisdom. From his cross, Jesus shows what doing for others means. God, through his incarnate son, sets forth the new norm for his new covenant. God keeps his part of the covenant when he delivers his chosen people for a third time from yet another catastrophe. God has already delivered them from their bondage by the Egyptians. Later, God released them from the chains of their long exile in Persia. Now, from the cross, Jesus provides the greatest act of love and freedom: Jesus, the Messiah, frees his chosen ones from sin and the clutches of death. Jesus' act of self-giving brings the comforting gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus at the Temple shows he is the spirit-filled Messiah bringing a new approach to worship. He purifies this Temple, explaining that worship is not tied to a place but is a relationship with God joined with other believers. Jesus knew that in times of tragedy and loss we would need a strong faith. On Oct. 2, 2017, newspaper columnist Michael Gerson wrote in The Washington Post about how we need to pray following the mass shooting in Las Vegas. His words are a beautiful reflection on Jesus' great act of love: "The Christian faith involves a whisper from beyond time that death, while horrible, is not final — that the affirmations of the creeds and the inscriptions on tombstones are not lies. And for many, this hope is a barrier against despair." From the cross, Jesus is the hope that no one perish and all will gain strength!

### St. Elizabeth & OLOL Pastoral Council



There will be the Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

### St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting



There will be the Finance Council Meeting for St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm.



### Fish Fry News

The DATES for the ST. ELIZABETH FISH FRY are FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 16, & 23, 2018 from 4:00 ~ 7:00 PM.

### Daily Mass Readings

**Mon. Mar. 5, 2018** First Reading 2 Kgs. 5:1-15AB  
Gospel Lk. 4:24-30

**Tues. Mar. 6, 2018** First Reading Dn. 3:25, 34-43  
Gospel Mt. 18:21-35

**Wed. Mar. 7, 2018** First Reading Dt. 4:1, 5-9  
Gospel Mt. 5:17-19

**Thur. Mar. 8, 2018** First Reading Jer. 7:23-28  
Gospel Lk. 11:14-23

**Fri. Mar. 9, 2018** First Reading Hos. 14:2-10  
Gospel Mk. 12:28-34

Each grace our Lord gives us is a new bond of love, uniting us with him. It is something of himself that we receive. In truth, he makes us a present of himself in all his gifts. By communicating his purity to us, in a certain sense he imparts to us his own purity just as an object reflected in a mirror is also in the mirror in a special way. The sharing of the very purity of Jesus is realized most perfectly in the transforming union. Through that mysterious union the soul can exclaim with Saint Paul: With Christ I hang upon the cross, and yet I am alive; or rather, not I; it is Christ that lives in me. This is equivalent to saying: "I do not have my own purity, but I am clothed with that of Jesus. The Father sees me in his Son's virtue, and so do souls." Rightly did Saint Paul say: The one bread makes us one body, for this purity of Jesus that clothes souls unites them among themselves & makes them all one in Christ, one single mystical body. This is the Communion of Saints, this ebb and flow of Jesus' holiness in all the members of his mystical body. They are waves which descend from heaven to earth, from earth to purgatory & to heaven. The Church, "all spotless & fair," adorned with the purity of Jesus, is so beautiful; its center, the divine heart, spreads purity throughout the entire mystical body, as the heart in a living organism pumps the life-giving blood throughout the system as God placed on Jesus the guilt of us all, so he placed on him all our graces; rather, our graces are more his than our iniquities. O wonderful exchange! We deposit our faults in Jesus' heart; he reciprocates with his graces, erasing our iniquities.

### A Nice Round of Applause for a Job Well Done



Sincere CONGRATULATIONS to all those who helped in any way to make the 2018 MARDI GRAS a SUCCESS! All of your dedicated help is deeply appreciated. Father Flach & the 2018 Committee are happy to report that the profit is \$23,001.00. CONGRATULATIONS TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS and their supporters. We could not have done it without all of you. May God bless you for your help & faithful

### The Holy & Sacred Season of Lent: Receiving Our Inheritance: The Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent

Just before he sent Joshua & the Israelites into the Promised Land, God commanded them to be strong & brave. (Joshua 1:6). He wanted them to know that while he did promise them a home for themselves, the Israelites had to cooperate with him in order to receive this inheritance. In a similar way, God calls each of us to be strong & courageous so that we can experience the freedom that Jesus won for us on the cross. He has already defeated sin & now He calls us to stand firm in faith. He calls us to trust that as we stay close to Him in obedience, all the grace of our redemption will flow into our hearts like a rushing river. This is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so important. Whenever we turn to God & confess our sins, he washes us clean so that we can continue to move forward into the "Promised Land" He has given us. The following examination of conscience, while not exhaustive, is meant to help you identify those areas in your life where you may have put aside the call to be strong in the Lord. Prayerfully consider the question below & ask the Holy Spirit to point out where you need repentance. As you do, know that God loves to forgive us & empower us to take hold of all the promises He has given us. Love for God (Mark 12:28-30) John 14:23-24). In what ways do I put God first, above all else? Are there areas in my life where I need to seek His will for me, even when the calling is difficult?



## Lenten Confessions

As we prepare our hearts praying in earnest for the spirit of conversion during these Lenten holy days of fasting, discipline, & sacrifice, why would you not want to receive the gift of our Loving Father's faithful mercy & forgiveness. Through this special, necessary, & important Sacrament, we are invited to live the life of CONVERSION & the willingness to permit ourselves to be freed of the past burdens of sinfulness, grudges, & pain. May God touch your heart & inspire you to participate in the Sacrament of Confession. Prayer: "May Your Mercy, Lord, be upon us; as we put our hope in You." Psalm 33:22. "BLESS me, Father. What Makes For A Good Confession?"

- 1. Contrition.** Contrition is a sorrow for the soul & detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again. The reception of this Sacrament ought to be prepared for by an examination of conscience made in the light of the Word of God. The passages best suited to this can be found in The Ten Commandments, the moral catechesis of the Gospels & the apostolic Letters, such as the Sermon on the Mount & the apostolic teachings.
- 2. The Confession of Sins.** Confession to a priest is an essential part of the Sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret.. Without being strictly necessary, confessions of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ & progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this Sacrament the gift of the Father's Mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as He is merciful.
- 3. Satisfaction.** Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused. Raised up from sin, the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: He must "make satisfaction for" or expiate his sins. This satisfaction is also called "penance". The penance the confessor imposes must into account the penitent's personal situation & must seek his spiritual good. ...It can consist of a prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, & above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear.

## Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, February 25, 2018

Envelopes \$1,735.00 Loose \$300.00 CCW \$30.00

Building Fund \$22.05 Easter Flowers \$505.00

Operation Rice Bowl \$75.00 Ash Wednesday \$25.00

Harry Wong Memorial \$20.00 Central & Eastern Europe \$20.00

Votive Candles \$122.50 Online 2 @\$85.00 Deposit \$2,939.55

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending Sunday, February 18, 2018

Envelopes \$805.00 Loose \$104.00 Building Fund \$10.00

Ash Wednesday \$110.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$97.00

Central & Eastern Europe \$80.00 Easter Flowers \$25.00

Deposit \$1,231.00

## Rest in Peace



Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of DORIS PRIER, mother of Carol Ryan. Please pray that God will grant her a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of God & that her family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

## Think About These Things. An Exam of Conscience For Lent

We all have philosophies, or approaches to life that guide how we use our time, how we make decisions and how we interact with those around us. You can probably see yours reflected in how you try to raise your children, what you spend your money on, and how you treat others. Our philosophies form overtime through personal experiences, & they're often influenced — for better or worse — by the world around us. Perhaps we never even deliberately stated our philosophies; we simply picked them up as we went along. In his Letter to the Philippians, St. Paul presents an inspired philosophy of life. He urges us to fill our minds & hearts only with things that are holy, true and pure— things that will build up our faith. He urges us to act like a holding on to the ways of God & letting go of everything that's opposed to Him. In other words, Paul calls to take the spiritual lessons that Jesus taught & put them into practice so that we can shape our philosophies around Jesus. This Lent, as you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God is inviting you to reflect on your philosophy of life. Are there areas in your life where you haven't held on to the way Jesus lived? Maybe in the way you treat your family members or coworkers, or maybe like how much time you set aside for daily prayer. Are there any areas where worldly thinking guide your decisions more than the call to holiness does? Using this passage from Philippians 4, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your examination. Ask him to show you how you can become more like Jesus. As you bring these areas into the light of Christ, you will come to experience more and more of God's lasting, perfect peace. **A LENTEN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.** Whatever is true...Are there areas in which I'm not being honest with myself & the Lord? Are there ways in which I have been dishonest with those closest to me? Am I trying to hide some sin from the Lord? Am I avoiding my need to deal with a relationship that has been wounded? Whatever is honorable...Am I using my gifts & talents for God's glory? Do my goals in life, especially my goals for my relationships, reflect gospel values? Or are they based more on life-centered, worldly ambitions? Do I speak to other people, & about them, in a way that is respectful & straightforward? What is just... Have I treated anyone unfairly? Have I engaged in improper deals at work or been untrue to a friend or family. Have I focused more on flaws of the people around than on their gifts & blessings? Am I trying my best to care for the poor & the unfortunate? Whatever is pure...have I guarded my mind & my eyes against lust? Have I acted impurely, either with someone else/myself? Am I treating my husband or wife with honor & respect? What is lovely, whatever is gracious. Are there ways in which my witness to the gospel is tarnished whether by speech or my actions? Am I modest in my dress & appearance? Or am I overly concerned with how I look before others? Have I become caught up in grudges & resentments against someone else? Is there someone I need to forgive? Keep on doing what you have learned, received, heard & seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. Phil. 4: 8-9.

## Rest in Peace



Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of MARY LOU (MARILU) FEHRENBACHER, wife of Albert Fehrenbacher & mother of Scott & Valerie Chapman. Marilu was a long time parishioner of St. Elizabeth Parish. Please pray that God will grant her a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of God & that her family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.