



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thursday from 8:00 am-4:00 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 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent



The Transfiguration of Jesus Matthew 17:1-17

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard *this*, they fell ^[e]face down to the ground and were terrified. ⁷ And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." ⁸ And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

Matthew 17:5~8



Mass Intentions

Mar. 7	4:30 pm	Beth Reed (Deceased) by Rosemary Halter
Mar. 8	7:30 am 9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Val Pescatore by Karla & Robert Birkofer
Mar. 9	10:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Mar. 10	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Mar. 11	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Mar. 12	7:30 am	Lambert Louis Flach Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Mar. 13	7:30 am	Charles & Judy Eckert by Jane Howard
Mar. 14	4:30 pm	Harriett Reed by Rosemary Halter
Mar. 15	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Donnal Fitzmaurice by Kaye Pescatore Patrick Goda (Birthday) (Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 14 ~ Sunday, March 15, 2020

Sat. Mar. 14, 2020 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin
USHERS: Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins
GIFTS: Randy Mullins Family

Sun. March 15, 2020 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Shari Eckert
USHERS: Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Mallory Mosbey
GIFTS: Eric Mosbey Family

Sun. March 15, 2020 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Bob Coffman
USHERS: Don Schmidt, Taylor Blank

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Eva Hermann
GIFTS: Don Schmidt, Taylor Blank

Sun. March 15, 2020 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Courtney Ferris
USHERS: Isabel Heidorn, Maddy Myers

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Joe Quick, David Staller
GIFTS: Scott Chapman Family

March Collection Counters: Marge Boatman, Scott & Valerie Chapman

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

MARCH DATES: MARCH 11, 18, 25, 2020 from 6:30~7:30 pm.



Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020

Scriptural Reflections ~ Second Sunday of Lent

At the Transfiguration, the disciples hear a voice that harkens back to Christ's baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Pope Francis said, "We, the disciples of Jesus, are called to be people who listen to his voice & take his words seriously. To listen to Jesus, we must be close to him & to follow him. When we listen to the Word of Jesus & carry it in our heart, this Word grows. The Word of Christ grows in us when we proclaim it, when we give it to others & this is what the Christian life is. It is a mission for the whole Church, for all the baptized." It was the grace of hearing God's voice that filled Abram with the conviction to go forth from the land of his kinsfolk to a completely unknown land. We can bear our hardships for the Gospel, because through the Transfiguration we have been given "the strength that comes from God." The grace we need in order to go where God directs us has been "made manifest through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus."

Spiritual Reading for the Second Sunday of Lent

It must be known that in Sacred Scripture the devout hearing & listening to Gospel teachings are called tabernacles, or tents. For if we analyze well the usefulness of tents, rightly they are compared to Gospel teachings. For when tents or tabernacles are pitched by soldiers, they are done for three reasons: The first reason is because of the heat of the sun, to keep cool. The second, against the gusting of the wind, for protection. Third, for shelter against the rain. All these benefits the Gospel gives to those who listen carefully, & this against a threefold defect. First, the Gospel cools & preserves us against the ardor of the flesh, which moves many into sins of lust. Some are tempted to avarice, others into other sins—these teachings, therefore, give cool shelter. Second, in this world there are many winds & storms & temptations of demons, but not inside the tent—i.e., of prayer & contemplation. For prayer & contemplation keep out the temptations or the devil. Third, there are great rains & floods, & these are the world, which offers many occasions for sinning. But enter the tent of the Gospel, & you will find there a remedy & so Isaiah says, For over all, his glory will be shelter & protection: shade from the parching heat of day, refuge & cover from storm & rain (Is 4:6)



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, Randy Hatten, Carolyn Kermicle (Angie Schutte), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Dorla Shook, Linda Sparks (Robb Sparks), Linda Stewart (Nolan Stewart), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.

Catholic Charities ~ Second Collections

Many SINCERE THANKS & GRATEFUL PRAYERS to all those parishioners who were so generous in contributing to the SECOND COLLECTION for the EFFINGHAM DEANERY CATHOLIC CHARITIES. Your special kindness to those in need is deeply appreciated. ST. ELIZABETH secured \$1,267.00 & OLOL's secured \$211.00.

Sunday, March 8, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Lent
From The Pastor: God's Chosen One

A mother of eight children was asked if she favored any of her children. She responded, "It depends on what they need at any given time." The Scripture readings for this Sunday are God's response to the same question. The Lenten readings continue to tell the story of God's collaboration with his chosen people and the rewards of blessings flowing from these interactions. Today, the beautiful tale of Abraham and Sarah unfolds for the Church's reflection. Abraham and Sarah are invited to leave their native country for a far distant land. God assures them that with the acceptance of this invitation many blessings will rain upon them and their descendants yet to come. In the Transfiguration, Jesus appears as his father's special envoy bringing redemption to all of God's people. The Second Letter to Timothy emphasizes that Christ's redemption brings life to everyone who is dead because of the sin of Adam and Eve. Lent is the season for God to demonstrate the depth of his favor. This is God's eternal plan realized now with Jesus' appearance. The free gift of salvation given from God through the generous obedience of his incarnate Son changed creation from alienation to holiness and death to immortality. During this second week of Lent, believers can see and reflect that Abraham, Sarah and Christ were all favored to serve others. Abraham and Sarah because they are the parents of a great nation; Jesus because he is the Son of God, destined to be the suffering servant who dies for others. The lesson God wants believers to learn is favor does not eliminate suffering, but wraps it in love. Christ's followers are favored sons and daughters called to serve. And this plan is God's favor for all his chosen people. No one can earn or merit this gift — even new disciples who have recently turned to Jesus are invited to live the Gospel as witnesses to the faith that Jesus has won for them without his counting the cost. Jesus gives this gift to all at their baptism inviting them to follow, much as his Father has done. "So, he blessed them [the people of Israel] that day" (Gn 48:20). Jesus Christ through his painful death and jubilant resurrection has handed a new destiny to creation. They must live well each present moment with generous gratitude for what God has given them through his love. God means what he says, "Everything I have is yours." Even sacrificing his Son's life.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church ~ Week ending Sun. Mar. 1, 2020

Envelopes \$1,934.00 Loose \$311.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$130.00
Church in Central/Eastern Europe \$120.00 Catholic Charities
\$1,267.00 Catholic Times \$15.00 Easter Flowers \$140.00 Ash
Wednesday \$738.35 Building Fund \$65.00 Spiritual Kiosk \$33.50
CCW \$10.00 3 online @ \$200.00 Deposit: \$4,963.85

Our Lady of Lourdes Church ~ Week ending Sun. Feb. 23, 2020

Envelopes \$680.00 Loose \$37.00 Easter Flowers \$40.00
Ash Wednesday \$250.00 Deposit: \$1,007.00

A Nice Round of Applause for a Job Well Done

Sincere & heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to all those who assisted in any way so that the 2020 MARDI GRAS EVENT would be the SUCCESS that it was. Each & every person involved in our 2020 Mardi Gras is so valuable & important & Father Flach & the 2020 COMMITTEE would like all of you to know that your dedicated help is deeply appreciated. Father Flach & the 2020 COMMITTEE are happy to report that the profit is: \$18,680.62. CONGRATULATIONS to CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS & their SUPPORTERS. We could not have done it without all of you. May God bless you for your help & faithful support.



Our First Reconciliation

THE FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE IS ON SUN. MAR. 15, 2020 at 11:30 am in St. Elizabeth Church. Our parish families are pleased & happy to offer SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS to our SECOND GRADE CHILDREN who are celebrating for the first time to the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. On the front page of the FIRST RECONCILIATION Program we read the words: WE COME TO ASK FORGIVENESS. May the grace & blessings that you will receive for the first time remain deep in your hearts so that you may always trust in God's merciful & everlasting forgiveness. We promise you continued prayers as you prepare to receive the SACRAMENTS of CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST. We congratulate ABBY DAVIS, ATLEE DECKARD, MIA DICKERSON, BRYNLEE MURRAY, ALLIE SCHMIDT, & KEELY STEWART.

Sincere & Heartfelt Congrats & Thanks to Raffle Sellers/Winners

Many sincere and heartfelt THANKS to all those individuals who either sold or purchased the BIG DIVVY RAFFLE TICKETS for the 2020 MARDI GRAS held on SAT. FEB. 22, 2020 at Stoney Ridge. All of your hard work & sincere efforts are deeply appreciated. Once again as in 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020 we are happy to report that ALL ONE THOUSAND TICKETS WERE SOLD with a profit of \$14,800.00 just from this part of the Crawford County Mardi Gras event. WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB! SPECIAL THANKS to TERRY ROCHE who coordinated this important part of our Mardi Gras. We are deeply grateful to TERRY for providing such dedication & assistance from start to finish. THANK YOU, TERRY, & GOD BLESS YOU. The 2020 RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS ARE: First Place Winner-Marge Iberg-\$7,000.00, Second Place Winner-Celeste White-\$1,500.00, Third Place Winner-Harry Davis-\$500.00, Fourth Place Winner-Rex Knecht-\$400.00, Fifth Place Winner-Ira May-\$300.00, Sixth Place Winner-Denise Huddleston-\$200.00 & Seventh Place Winner-Timothy McDonald-\$100.00. A thousand THANK-YOUS to all who helped in any way to make our 19th Annual 2020 MARDI GRAS event the SUCCESS it was. So many parishioners & others helped out in countless ways. Our 2020 MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE of: NATHAN AUCK, BOB & KOURTNEY COFFMAN, CHRIS & DONNA KELLER, JEFF MUELLER, JOE SCHUTTE & LINDSAY WATTS are to be recognized for their outstanding dedication & help. SPECIAL THANKS FOR SERVING ON THE 2020 COMMITTEE! Your support along with the help of all who were involved secured a profitable fundraiser. Fr. Flach is extremely pleased with the efforts of the 2020 COMMITTEE & for all the preparations involving planning & coordination from advertising, selling Raffle tickets, beautifully decorating Stoney Ridge, to receiving donations for the Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, Bottle Pull, to cleaning up are all deeply appreciated. THANK YOU & MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN MANY WAYS. Since we are acknowledging all of those who helped in any way in the 2020 MARDI GRAS, we want to take this special opportunity to express our SINCERE THANKS & DEEP APPRECIATION to TERRY ROCHE who for the past FIFTEEN YEARS, from 2005 to 2020 has coordinated THE BIG DIVVY RAFFLE. This part of the MARDI GRAS is such an important & necessary fundraiser & takes a great amount of hard work, dedication, & patience. From getting the tickets printed, distributed, collected, recorded, & balanced amounts to pulling out the lucky winner, TERRY has helped us in such a tremendous way. THANK YOU, TERRY. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HELP US FOR THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS! God bless you.

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) 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 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, offering, works of mercy, service of neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, & above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear.



Lenten Events

WED. MAR. 11, 2020 ~ 7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

8:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

FRI. MAR. 13, 2020 ~ Fish Fry 4:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm

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

SUN. MAR. 15, 2020 ~ 11:30 am ~ Stations of the Cross

Lenten Confessions

This holy and sacred Season of Lent a time of spiritual reflections as we reach into our hearts for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Suffering and Death. This holy season of LENT 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. 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: each SATURDAY from 3:00~3:45 PM SUNDAY-MARCH 22, 2020 1:00~2:00 PM OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2020~4:00 pm ~4:45 pm

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, make decisions, & 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, & how you treat others. Our philosophies form over time & 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 daily with things that are holy, true & pure, things that will build up our faith. He urges us to act like 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 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 & 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.



St. Elizabeth Finance Council

ST. ELIZABETH FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on **TUES. MAR. 10, 2020** at 6:00 PM in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Mar. 9, 2020 ~ Dn. 9:4B-10 Gospel Lk. 6:36-38 ~ **Tues. Mar. 10, 2020** ~ Is. 1:10, 16-20 Gospel Mt. 23:1-12 ~ **Wed. Mar. 11, 2020** ~ Jer. 18:18-20 Gospel Mt. 20:17-28 ~ **Thurs. Mar. 12, 2020** ~ Jer. 17:5-10 Gospel Lk. 16:19-31 ~ **Fri. Mar. 13, 2020** Gn. 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A Gospel Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46