



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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**Reverend Father James A. Flach, Pastor**

### PASTORAL STAFF

Office Manager: Halena Estep

Director of Religious Education: Courtney Ferris

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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, March 17, 2019  
Second Sunday of Lent**

Story found in Lk. 9:28b-36



**About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, & James & went up to the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance & his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses & Elijah, who appeared in glory & spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.  
Luke 9:28~31**



## Mass Intentions

Mar. 16	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Mar. 17	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Patrick Goda (Birthday)(Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman
Mar. 18	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Mar. 19	12:00 pm	Terry Baird by Youth Group
Mar. 20	7:30 am	Mette Family by Jane Howard
Mar. 21	7:30 am	Eugene & Zita Reis by Ed & Linda Reis
Mar. 22	7:30 am	Ron Lowery Family by Jane Howard
Mar. 23	4:30 pm	Bernard & Clare Mette & Family by Jack & Carol Watts
Mar. 24	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Francis Medina by Steve & Geri Ezell



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 23~Sunday, March 24, 2019

Sat. Mar. 23, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Celeste White

USHERS: Jack & Carol Watts

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins

GIFTS: Jack Watts Family

Sun. Mar. 24, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor

USHERS: Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Brad Schutte Family

Sun. Mar. 24, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Chris Keller

USHERS: Jerry & Sarah Ping

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Cameron Davis

GIFTS: Adam & Lori Davis Family

Sun. Mar. 24, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Courtney Ferris

USHERS: Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Maddy Myers, Lauren Staller

GIFTS: Bob Birkofer Family

March Collection Counters: Marge Boatman, Scott & Valerie Chapman

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**



## Parish School of Religion

PSR News: March Dates: Wednesday, March 20 & 27, 2019.

### Our First Reconciliation

The **FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE** is on **SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019**. Our Parish families are pleased & happy to offer **SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS** to our **SECOND GRADE CHILDREN** who are celebrating for the first time the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. On the front page of our **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 our continued prayers as you prepare to receive the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST**.

We **CONGRATULATE:**

Natalie Arkenberg

Owen Bonhert

Karmyn Coffman

Sophia Escobedo

Sophie Huddleston

Ella Mosbey

Logan Mueller

Maddy Ortega

Ana Ortega

Bryson Osborne

Tenley Pinnell

Ellianna Schutte

Giselle Solis



### LENTEN EVENTS



Mon. March 18, 2019 ~

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Lenten Bible Study

Wed. March 20, 2019 ~ 7:30 am—

Sacred Eucharist

8:00 am—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am—Stations of the Cross

6:45 pm—P.S.R. Confessions—Grade 6

Friday, March 22, 2019 ~ 7:30 am—Sacred Eucharist

4:00 pm— 7:00 pm—Fish Fry—St. Elizabeth Parish

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

Sunday, March 24, 2019 ~ 11:30 am—Stations of the Cross

### Catholic Charities Second Collection

Many **SINCERE THANKS** to all those parishioners who participated in contributing to the **SECOND COLLECTION** for **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. St. Elizabeth's collected \$1,326.93 & Our Lady of Lourdes collected \$422.00. May God bless you.

## March 17, 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Lent ~ From the Pastor

The 1943 biopic "The Song of Bernadette" recounts the story of St. Bernadette Soubirous and her visions of Our Lady, which would transform the small French village of Lourdes into an international site of pilgrimage and miraculous healing. The script is historically accurate for the most part in its depiction of an illiterate teenage girl from a poor family who has to persuade the Church and the world that her extraordinary revelations are not rooted in delusion or in a cynical ploy for fame and fortune, but are, in fact, genuine. After entering the convent, Bernadette encounters further skepticism from her former catechism teacher, Sister Vauzous. The older nun already has prejudged the sickly young woman as a malingerer and a fake. Jealous of the attention Bernadette receives, she subjects the younger nun to emotional abuse, arguing that she (Sister Vauzous) has suffered more than Bernadette and demanding a sign that the young woman's claims are authentic. Bernadette quietly reveals that she has been living for some time in excruciating pain caused by tuberculosis of the bone without ever complaining or even mentioning it. The older nun realizes her error, begs forgiveness and becomes Bernadette's caregiver as the latter's death draws near. Peter, James and John did not face the land of skeptical resistance that Bernadette encountered until they began preaching openly after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. This was because they opted not to tell anyone of the vision they had seen at the Transfiguration (see Mt 17:9). Still, it is a safe bet that Peter, James and John never forgot their experience on the mountaintop; and the memory of it no doubt proved helpful when they later encountered the Risen Christ. Only then could they understand that "he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself" (Phil 3:21). The Transfiguration makes that our hope as well.

### Lenten Prayer for Conversion of Heart

Sovereign Maker of all things, God of covenant & grace. Every creature knows Your Power. Quakes with fear before Your Face. But Your Mercy far exceeds. What our minds can comprehend; deep compassion stays Your Hand. Chastening not, though we offend. You have promised to forgive contrite sinners who repent; so, I come with humbled heart. By Your Word made confident. I have sinned, Lord, I have sinned, Well, I know my wickedness. Yet, I make this prayer to You; Lord, forgive me, heal, & bless. Let me not be lost in sin, Banished to eternal night; God, who hears the penitent. Let Your Goodness show Your Might. Though, I be unworthy, Lord. Your Great Mercy, I will claim, till I reach the hosts above, who forever praise Your Name.

### Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Mar. 18, 2019 ~ Dn. 9:4B-10

Gospel Lk. 6:36-38

Tues. Mar. 19, 2019 ~ 2 Sm. 7:4-5A, 12-14A,16

Reading 2-Rom.4:13,16-18,22

Gospel Mt. 1:16,18-21,24A or Lk. 2:41-51A

Wed. Mar. 20, 2019 ~ Jer. 18:18-20

Gospel Mt. 20:17-28

Thurs. Mar. 21, 2019 ~ Jer. 17:5-10

Gospel Lk. 16:19-31

Fri. Mar. 22, 2019 ~ Gn. 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A

Gospel Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46

## Why Do We Fast During Lent?

FASTING is a traditional form of penance & helps us to develop willpower & temperance. Limiting the quantity of food or drink is sometimes recommended as a way of cleansing the body & when penitential, helps cleanse our souls- By creating hunger for that which is denied, we are reminded of the reason why we are fasting. We also fast to sympathize with those who are hungry or poor. Fasting helps to make us more loving & compassionate.

### Spiritual Reading for the Second Sunday Of Lent

It must be known that in Sacred Scripture the devout hearing and 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, and this against a threefold defect. First, the Gospel cools and 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 and storms and temptations of demons, but not inside the tent—i.e., of prayer and contemplation. For prayer and contemplation keep out the temptations of the devil. Third, there are great rains and floods, and these are the world, which offers many occasions for sinning. But enter the tent of the Gospel and you will find there a remedy. And so Isaiah says, For over all, his glory will be shelter and protection: shade from the parching

### Scriptural Reflections for the SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

As Abram looks up into the night sky & sees the radiant stars, God promises him that his descendants will be just as countless. This moves Abram to put his faith in the Lord. As Peter, John, & James look up to the mountaintop & see the transfigured Jesus radiating like a star, God makes a promise: "This is my chosen Son." The Father asks us to put our faith in Christ: "Listen to him." Let us fall silent in faith-filled adoration, gazing at Jesus alone. For the transfiguration that we witness is destined to transfigure us: "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

### Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Gerald Bierman (Clarence Schutte), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris & Valentine Pescatore, (Kathleen Pescatore), Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

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

Sincere and heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to all those who assisted in any way so that the 2019 MARDI GRAS would be the SUCCESS that it was! Each and every person involved in our 2019 MARDI GRAS is so valuable and important and Father Flach and the 2019 Committee would like all of you to know that your dedicated help is deeply appreciated. Father Flach and the 2019 Committee are happy to report that the profit is \$20,428.00. 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 and faithful support.

### Weekly Offerings

#### St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, March 10, 2019

Envelopes \$2,627.00 Loose \$395.00 Easter Flowers \$45.00

Catholic Charities \$1,226.93 Ash Wednesday \$560.00

Operation Rice Bowl \$105.00 Central & Eastern Europe \$80.00

Building Fund \$145.00 4 online @\$385.00 Deposit: \$ 5,568.93

#### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, February 24, 2019

Envelopes \$897.00 Loose \$80.00 Spiritual Kiosk \$7.00

Easter Flowers \$170.00 Deposit: \$1,154.00

### Our Lenten Journey of Healing

Each year, the Church, in her wisdom offers us Lent, a season for healing & renewal. Our spiritual ancestors, the Israelites, struggled through the desert for forty years. On this difficult journey, they gained new insights about themselves & the God who journeyed with them. When they reached the Promised Land, their heart was full of both painful & joyful memories. Some Christians have long been praying variations of the Way of the Cross in Jesus' memory during Lent. By embracing your memories, you are opening your heart to healing. There will be memories of feeling alive, loved, safe & cared for, successful, excited, hopeful, noble & good. There will be painful memories of feeling neglected, ridiculed, unloved, misunderstood, ignored, rejected. You will remember moments of failure, sinfulness, ignorance, confusion. All of these memories are part of your own life history. Your willingness to receive your wounds is a way of owning a truth that can become an instrument of healing for you. Sometimes we grumble about past wounds & choose to remain victims. It is easy to blame our present unhappiness on others. Our Hebrew ancestors had similar problems. In the book of Numbers we see the people losing patience with Yahweh & Moses. They forgot about the blessings of the past. Fiery serpents came upon the people & bit them. When Moses interceded for them, Yahweh told him to make a replica of a serpent & raise it on a pole. Anyone who was bitten was to look upon it & be healed. (Numbers 21:6). To experience healing they were to look upon that which was the cause of their wounding. During this season of renewal, you, too, are being asked to look upon what has wounded you & receive healing. You are to raise the banner of life, honoring both the wounds & the blessings. In using your memories for your prayer, you are trying to integrate them into your life. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so, too, Jesus has been raised upon the Cross that, through your belief in Him, you may know eternal life. As you pray with your memories, you, too, will be lifted upon the cross of your own life. The other side of that cross, however, is Easter glory. May you be filled with the hope of that glory as you walk the way of the cross of your life to the promised land of your true self.

### Nationally Touring Divine Mercy Drama Coming to St. Elizabeth

The Mother of Mercy Messengers (MOMM) brings the message of St. Faustina & Divine Mercy to Robinson with "Tell All Souls About My Mercy" on April 2 and April 3, 2019: Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm Presentation and Holy Hour for USA Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 - 7:45 pm Religious Ed/ Family Program Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation each evening 5:00 to 5:45 pm. Garnering rave reviews from thousands of people, coast to coast, the Mother of Mercy Messengers brings its dramatic presentation "Tell All Souls About My Mercy" to St. Elizabeth Church. Much more than a normal night out at the theater, or an evening of prayer, the husband and wife Jesus, I trust in You team, Dave and Joan Maroney, presents a compelling mix of music, lights, and sound to convey the message of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, and the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska. Presented within the sacredness of the church, the program progresses from an emotional drama to a deep prayerful experience as Our Lord is solemnly placed on the altar for a time of Eucharistic Adoration. During this segment, prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina are recited and there is time for silent contemplation. The Chaplet of Mercy is prayed for the sick and dying as well as for the intentions of all gathered. MOMM is an outreach apostolate of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary based in Stockbridge, Massachusetts at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy; however, Dave and Joan live and operate their ministry in the Texas Hill Country outside San Antonio. Their mission is to bring the Divine Mercy message to families, parishes, and communities through inspiring programs and materials that encourage and support putting mercy into action. The Divine Mercy message and devotion is one of the fastest growing devotions in the history of the Catholic Church. St. Faustina (1905-1938) was a Polish nun and mystic who had a series of amazing, personal revelations with Jesus Christ that she recorded in her Diary. Canonized by Pope John Paul II on Mercy Sunday, April 30, 2000, St. Faustina records Our Lord's desire for all to know of His mercy. The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, home to the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, is dedicated to spreading the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout the world. For more information about the "Tell All Souls About My Mercy" program at St. Elizabeth, contact Father Flach (544-7526), Courtney Ferris (554-0839), or Kathy Staller (562-9252). More information about The Divine Mercy and the Mother of Mercy Messengers may be found at [www.thedivinemercy.org/momm](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/momm).

### 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 March 1, 2019, the goal for St. Elizabeth is \$38,376.00 with the total pledged of \$17,620.00 & the total paid of \$17,420.00. As of March 1, 2019, the goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$8,112.00 with the total pledged of \$3,816.00 & the total paid of \$3,642.00. Your deep & sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill our parish goals. Thank you & God bless you.