



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



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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Office Manager: Halena Estep**

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**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, May 12, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**



### A Prayer for Mothers

All—loving God, we give you thanks & praise for mothers young & old. We pray for young mothers, who give life & count toes & fend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience & tenderness to care for their families & themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured & cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong & gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love & shape us with motherly care & compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, & great—grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory & nourish us with their love.



## Mass Intentions

May 11	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
May 12	7:30 am	Gene & Betty Uptmor by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	Carol Murray by Keith & Rita Wirey
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
May 13	7:30 am	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
May 14	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
May 15	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 16	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Janet Jenkins
May 17	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 18	4:30 pm	Davis Family by Jane Howard
May 19	7:30 am	Ralph & Johanna Marshall by Chad Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	Darrell & Marjorie Wilson by Wilmer, Jack & Rod Wilson
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 18 ~ Sunday, May 19, 2019

<u>Sat. May 18, 2019</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Terry Roche	
USHERS:	Jack & Carol Watts	
COMMUNION MIN:	Ginger Osborne, Celeste White	
SERVERS:	Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins	
GIFTS:	Dennis Jenkins Family	
<u>Sun. May 19, 2019</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Janet Jenkins	
USHERS:	Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich	
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner	
SERVERS:	Eva Hermann	
GIFTS:	Chad Arkenberg Family	
<u>Sun. May 19, 2019</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Keith Wirey	
USHERS:	Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson	
COMMUNION MIN:	Bob & Kourtney Coffman	
SERVERS:	Cameron Davis	
GIFTS:	Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson	
<u>Sun. May 19, 2019</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Cydnee Weber	
USHERS:	Evan Ferris, Joe Quick	
COMMUNION MIN:	Patti Buercklin, Carol Wong	
SERVERS:	Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings	
GIFTS:	Eric Schmidt Family	
May Collection Counters: Don Brown, Alan Maddox, Rhonda Stone		

## Thank You from Donnal Fitzmaurice Family

Thank you to Fr. Flach & the ladies of Our Lady of Lourdes for making the delicious dessert & for helping with the dinner. The Family would like to thank everyone for the cards, memorials & Masses for Don. All were greatly appreciated & will be kindly remembered. God bless all of you. The Don Fitzmaurice Family.



## Parish School of Religion

**May Dates: Wednesday, May, 15, & 22, 2019**

## Graduation Recognition

As you are aware, the GRADUATION SEASON is upon us. If you would like GRADUATION RECOGNITION for someone, please provide us with information for the Sunday Bulletin by calling the Parish Office at 544-7526 & the information will be placed into a GRADUATION ARTICLE.

## St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting



St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

## Spiritual Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The shepherd is everything to his flock; their life, their sustenance, & their care is entirely in his hands, & if the shepherd is good, they will have nothing to fear under his protection, & they will want for nothing, Jesus is preeminently the Good Shepherd: He not only loves, feeds & guards his sheep, but he also gives them life at the cost of his own. In the mystery of the Incarnation, the Son of God comes to earth in search of men who, like stray sheep, have wandered away from the sheepfold & have become lost in the dark valley of sin. He comes as a most loving Shepherd who, in order to take better care of his flock, is not afraid to share their lot. What could be a better synthesis of the whole work of the Redemption? It seems still more wonderful when we hear Jesus declare: I am come that they may have life & may have it more abundantly (Jn 10:10). In truth, he could well repeat to each one of us: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? (cf. Is 5:4). Oh, would that our generosity in giving ourselves to him had no limits, after the pattern of his own liberality in giving himself to us! Again Jesus said: I know mine, & mine know me, even as the Father knows me & I know the Father (Jn 10:14-15). Although there is no question here of equality, but merely that of a simple comparison, it is nevertheless very consoling & glorious for us to see how Jesus likes to compare his relations with us to those he has with his Father. At the Last Supper also, he said: As the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you, & again: as thou, Father, in me, & I in thee; that they also may be one in us (Jn 15:9, 17:21). This shows that between us, the sheep, & Jesus, our Shepherd, there is not only a relation of acquaintance, but also one of love, & better, still, of a communion of life, similar to that which exists between the Son & the Father.

## A Tribute to Mothers

A mother's precious love so dear, shares each child's joy, feels each child's tear. Her words of comfort, soft & mild, can warm the heart, can soothe the child. Her arms are always opened wide. Her family is her source of pride. Her head is gently bowed in prayer. Please keep her Lord, within your care. **FOR OUR CHILDREN.** Most Blessed Virgin Mary, by the special grace of God you were preserved sinless from the moment of your conception. Preserve the innocence of our children taking them into your special care. You who thwart the advances of the devil, enfold them in your protective arms so that they may grow in the virtues you possess in abundance, confidently approach the mercy of your immaculate heart, knowing that your request can never be refused by your Son. Amen.

Each year on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we read a portion of the Good Shepherd discourse from John 10. Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd, which means that "we are his people, the sheep of his flock" (today's psalm response). Maybe at first we are less than thrilled with this designation. After all, to call someone a sheep often suggests that the person is a sort of mindless follower. W. Phillip Keller, however, comes to the rescue. Keller, a modern-day shepherd from British Columbia, explains in his book, "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" (Zondervan, \$12.99), that sheep are not dumb so much as they are defenseless and dependent. They are not very well-equipped for self-defense — their teeth are not particularly sharp, and they have no claws. Healthy sheep are also fat, and they are further weighed down by their wool, so they can't run very fast or very far. All of that means they pretty much are totally dependent on their shepherd who, if he is a good shepherd, "makes them lie down in green pastures, and leads them to still waters" (Ps 23:2). A good shepherd allows and accepts that his job is 24/7 — fending off predators, going after strays, carrying infant lambs, and on and on. But a good shepherd doesn't mind, because he comes to know and love each individual sheep, perhaps even giving them names. He puts his earmark on each of them — a characteristic notch that he cuts into their ears to identify them as his. And they, in their turn, come to know and trust his voice, and to follow him (cf. Jn 10:27). Like real sheep, we humans often are led astray by the distractions of the world, and we are fairly defenseless against "the snares of the devil." Yet we were earmarked at our baptism as belonging to the best Good Shepherd, Jesus, the spotless Lamb, now enthroned, who has shed his blood for us (cf. RV 7:14, 17). He loves and calls each of us by name. And he has set a table before us — namely, the Eucharist — in the sight of our foes. We need only to listen for his voice and follow, and we always will find rest in his constant love and tender care.

#### A Spotlight on the Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church

The CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH has four main parts commonly called pillars & are titled:

- PILLAR ONE ~ THE PROFESSION OF FAITH
- PILLAR TWO ~ THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY
- PILLAR THREE ~ LIFE IN CHRIST
- PILLAR FOUR ~ CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Future articles in the bulletins under this title will seek to clarify the relationship of Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition, & the Catholic Church so we are able to more fully embrace & live our faith.

#### PART TWO ~ I BELIEVE ~ THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

With positive, relevant teaching, we can boldly share our faith in the modern world, for all are made to know, love, and serve God. (In the preface of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, St. John Paul II affirms the Church's task to guard and share the deposit of faith with believers and all people of goodwill. The CCC's aim is "to calmly show the strength and the beauty of the doctrine of faith" (Fidei Depositum, 1). With the CCC as a resource, the faithful recall the past and "illumine with the light of faith the new situations and problems which had not yet emerged in the past" (FD 3). Even with the rise of intellectual atheism, we continue to witness the ongoing quest for truth, beauty, freedom, and happiness: a longing for the eternal. Considering our brief lifespan and the origins and finality of the natural world, we can postulate a cause and an end

beyond our own existence, affirming that faith in God is aligned with—not opposed to—reason. Made in God's image and surrounded by God's handiwork, we converse with other religions and philosophies, understanding that human knowledge and language are finite and limited when discussing the infinite being of God. Acknowledging God's existence is not the same as knowing God. Through his own loving initiative, God reveals himself to us through Jesus, his only Word made flesh. Walking with humanity throughout history, God gradually makes himself known through miracles, covenants, and prophecies, all coming to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the ultimate Word to whom all biblical words point. Moving the faithful into participation in the divine life, the Holy Spirit orchestrates our faith in the beautiful three-part harmony of Scripture, Tradition, and magisterial teaching. While God has spoken his final Word in his Son-made-man, the faithful continue to grow in understanding. The Church calls this response to God's self-revelation our "obedience of faith." Some relationships offer an analogy: As individuals grow closer together, they believe what each other reveals in love. With profoundly greater trust, we submit our intellect and will to the Father, who—in the Holy Spirit—graciously invites us to be sons and daughters through the work of his Son. Just as we don't grant ourselves life, we don't initiate our own faith. The Church, a faithful mother, nourishes her children through Scripture and sacraments. This strong familial relationship prompted St. Cyprian to assert that anyone calling God "Father" must also call the Church "Mother." A good mother, she teaches through graspable words and formulas that point to deeper truths. When ready to be born into the faith, catechumens learn and profess the Apostles' Creed; this formula outlines our core beliefs, beginning with the three divine persons of the Trinity, in order of revelation over time. The "I believe" of the Apostles' Creed acknowledges the free decision of a person to accept the faith. Believing "in [one] God" affirms the continuity of salvation history, from the monotheism of the Old Testament to baptism, where the person is baptized in the name—not names—of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Whether we're just joining the Church or have long professed the faith, we may find the attributes of "the Father almighty" challenging. Surrounded by accounts of suffering, we may struggle to recognize God's providence and omnipotence. The CCC addresses this difficulty, explaining that human fallibility disfigures the face of fatherhood and motherhood, especially when those in power abuse authority and misuse freedom. Mysteriously, grace victoriously emerges in the midst of evil, and God's power remains ultimate. Considering the greatest evil of all time—the crucifixion of God's Son—we see that where sin increases, God's saving Grace is abundant (Romans 5:20). This idea (in CCC 274) is foundational: "...Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that [the Creed] will afterwards propose for us to believe—even if they be great and marvelous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature."

The Apostles' Creed. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven & earth, & in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died & was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, & is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living & the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & life everlasting. Amen.



## Daily Mass Readings

Mon. May 13, 2019 ~ First Reading Acts 11:1-18  
Gospel Jn. 10:1-10

Tues. May 14, 2019 ~ First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
Gospel Jn. 15:9-17

Wed. May 15, 2019 First Reading Acts 12:24-13:5A  
Gospel Jn. 12:44-50

Thurs. May 16, 2019 First Reading Acts 13:13-25  
Gospel Jn. 13:16-20

Fri. May 17, 2019 First Reading Acts 13:26-33  
Gospel Jn. 14:1-6

### Scriptural Reflections for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this Good Shepherd Sunday the risen Christ consoles us: "My sheep hear my voice; they follow me." What fills Christ's disciples with joy and the Holy Spirit is this voice, which is identical with 'life. Like the converts whom Paul and Barnabas urged "to remain faithful to the grace of God," our happiness lies in our faithfulness to the the tender voice of the Shepherd. For this Shepherd is also the Lamb who lives to wipe every tear from our eyes. With Saint Gregory of Nyssa we say: "How could I not love you, who has loved me so much...so as to lay down your life for the sheep whose shepherd you are? There can be no greater love than this, to lay down your life for my s a l v a t i o n . "



## BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

Our two parishes will participate in the BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION from Mother's Day~May 12, 2019 to Father's Day~June 16, 2019. The proceeds from the Baby Bottles will go to the Crisis Pregnancy of Eastern Illinois. Fr. Flach & the Pastoral Council have reviewed this particular organization & are in support of this project. Below is information about this organization. Crisis Pregnancy Center or Choices Pregnancy & Health is a faith-based organization that exists to assist women, men, & families experience the trauma of an unplanned pregnancy by providing accurate information, compassionate care & practical assistance to further the sacred reverence of ALL OF HUMAN LIFE, most especially the innocent life within the womb of the mother. The organization recognizes the worth of all of human life is created in the image of GOD with dignity & purpose. We are committed to reaching out to all communities with this life-affirming message. We have never referred for abortions & we never will. We exist to serve women, men, & their families by meeting the various needs they encounter in an unplanned pregnancy. We offer the options of adoption, parenting, foster care as well as physical, emotional, & spiritual support. We are able to confirm pregnancy confirmation through ultra-sound. We are committed to encouraging positive relationships through teaching the value of sexual abstinence outside of marriage, child-birth & parenting education & post abortion healing. Thank you for your prayerful & financial support for the Baby Bottle Program. May God bless you.

## Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Gerald Bierman (Clarence Schutte), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris & Valentine Pescatore, (Kathleen Pescatore), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

## CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLIC PARISH PICNIC

If you were unable to attend our PARISH PICNIC, it is our hope that you will be able to attend the next one. The PARISH PICNIC was most enjoyable & everyone who participated had a good time. Many thanks to all those parishioners who brought delicious dishes to share & help in any way for the success of our Parish Picnic. Thanks to all those PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS who pitched in to help in any way. We are so grateful and want to offer SPECIAL THANKS to COURTNEY FERRIS & ROSELENE QUICK who coordinated this special event for us for all of their hard work & sincere efforts in such a busy time of the year. The games & prizes that you planned were perfect & enjoyed by all. Also, we want to say THANK YOU to KAYE HOLSCHER who provided her dedicated services in getting the meat & the potato salad. A nice round of applause for DAVE HOLSCHER who did an excellent job on being the MASTER CHEF in his expertise at the grill. GREAT JOB, DAVE! Without a doubt, EVERYTHING was delicious. MANY THANKS to all & GOD BLESS YOU.

## Prayer to the Mother of Our Lord for all Mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth & changed human history. You opened yourself to God's Word & the Word was made flesh & dwelt among us. Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "faith." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call of sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love & witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.



## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, May 5, 2019

Envelopes \$2,647.00 Loose \$364.00

Catholic Home Missions \$5.00

Building Fund \$45.00 4 @ \$435.00

Deposit: \$3,496.00

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, April 28, 2019

Envelopes \$570.00 Loose \$89.00 Holy Thursday \$15.00

Votive Candles \$51.25 Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$122.00

Deposit: \$847.25