



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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, May 19, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter



I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34~35

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
May 20	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 21	12:00 pm	The repose of the soul of Lillie Rose Myers
May 22	7:30 am	Mike & Judy Smolinski by Mike & Jona Uptmor
May 23	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 24	7:30 am	Erica Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
May 25	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
May 26	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Ron Dhom Birthday Deceased by Ethel Dhom
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 25 ~ Sunday, May 26, 2019

<u>Sat. May 25, 2019 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Celeste White
USHERS:	Ken & Carol Bergbower
COMMUNION MIN:	Kayla & Phil Blank
SERVERS:	Liam Wirey
GIFTS:	Jack Watts Family
<u>Sun. May 26, 2019 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Linda Sikorski
USHERS:	Mike & Jona Uptmor
COMMUNION MIN:	Mike Dorn, Joe Hepner
SERVERS:	Matthew Jenkins
GIFTS:	Brad Schutte Family
<u>Sun. May 26, 2019 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Cameron Davis
USHERS:	Chris & Donna Keller
COMMUNION MIN:	None
SERVERS:	Jared Hermann
GIFTS:	Adam & Lori Davis Family
<u>Sun. May 26, 2019 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Sam Quick
USHERS:	John Grimm, Jack Grimm
COMMUNION MIN:	Jane Bohman, Valerie Chapman
SERVERS:	Joe Quick, Anthony Tran
GIFTS:	Brendan Grimm Family
May Collection Counters:	
Don Brown, Alan Maddox, Rhonda Stone	

May Dates: Wednesday, May 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.

Spiritual Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter



If you don't have love for one another, then how can you love Christ? How can they see Jesus in you? That's why we need a clean heart to see Jesus. Love one another. That's all Jesus came to teach us. The whole Gospel is very, very simple. Do you love me? Obey my commandments. He's turning and twisting just to get around to one thing: love one another. He wants us to be really, really loving.... Intense love does not measure; it just gives. To be an apostle of the Sacred Heart, one must be burning with love, intense love for your neighbor.... These words of Jesus, love one another, even as I have loved you, should be not only a light to us, but they should also be a flame consuming the selfishness which prevents the growth of holiness. Jesus loved us to the end, to the very limit of love: the cross. This love must come from within, from our union with Christ. It must be an outpouring of our love for God, in one family, a family with the common Father, who is in heaven. Loving must be as normal to us as living and breathing, day after day until our death.

Spiritual Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter



At the Last Supper, Jesus tells the Eleven: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. All will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." The love of Jesus Christ for us is precisely what makes it possible to love like him in turn— he loves us first, and his love changes us. Thus, when we bear his own love for one another, this moves others to believe in Christ, to know that "God's dwelling is with the human race." This is how Paul and Barnabas "made a considerable number of disciples."

Summer Mom's Group



There will be a meeting Thursday, May 30th at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes to discuss an 8 week Summer Mom's Group. We will be doing a book study with Momnipotent by Danielle Bean. The author is editor-in-chief of Catholic Digest. The book discusses specific strengths & challenges faced by Catholic moms and some suggestions in handling them. The May 30th meeting is for the purpose of gauging interest and discussing ideal meeting times. Children are welcome to come as well. Questions? Call Lori Davis at 592-6543.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Sunday, May 19, 2019 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ From the Pastor

Back when I was studying for the priesthood, I was blessed for a couple of years to have a spiritual director who was a very special man. The simplest way I can describe him is to say that he lived and savored his life — every moment of it — in a way I have rarely if ever seen. Ordinary dinner food, the beauty of a sunny day, a new book or film enjoyed — he visibly delighted in all these things, and he freely expressed his delight. Naturally, it was his extraordinary love of life that led me to ask if he would serve as my spiritual director, in hopes that I might get a few tips on how to emulate him. I shared with him what I had observed in his life, and I asked if he could tell me what the secret was. He probably laughed it off at first, but when I persisted, he shared with me that when he was younger — in his early 50s, I believe — he had suffered a heart attack. Apparently, for all intents and purposes, he had been clinically dead on the operating table. So, when he recovered, he realized that he had undergone a profound change. Like Jesus, he had passed through death and emerged into new and transformed life. He recognized this new "second" life as a pure gift, and one he felt he should not take for granted. So, he had decided, going forward, that he would savor and celebrate each precious moment. During Easter season, we celebrate the new and glorified life that Jesus received at his resurrection — a life that he has shared with all of us in our baptism and when we celebrate the Eucharist. Like Paul and Barnabas in Acts, we are called to encourage one another and to remind one another that this new life is a divine gift to be savored and lived to the fullest, even in the face of trials and hardships. We are called to glow with life, as my old spiritual director did, by laying down our lives in love for one another — just as Jesus has first loved us. If we do this faithfully, then we can look forward with confidence to the heavenly Jerusalem, where God himself always will be with us as our God, and he will wipe every tear from our eyes.

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 of clarity 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

Calling God "Creator of heaven and earth" recognizes him as the maker of all that exists and declares that the spiritual and physical realms have the same origin. Uniquely comprised of body and soul, we inquire into both realities. Scripture introduces in Genesis, reaffirms in the Psalms and Gospels, and concludes in Revelation God's pleasure to create us from nothing and redeem us in Jesus Christ. "[I believe] in Jesus Christ" is the heart of the Creed and the center of our Christian life, as all catechesis intends our communion with Jesus: the only one who can lead believers to the love of the Father in the Holy Spirit. Jesus means "God saves" in Hebrew, a name that shows his identity and mission as well as our way of salvation and conciliation with the Father. Christ is Greek for "anointed" (in Hebrew: Messiah)-a designation granted in part to priests, prophets, and kings throughout the Old Testament-and brought to fulfill-

A Spotlight on the Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church cont.

ment in Jesus, as announced by angels at his birth (Luke 2:8-15). Distinguishing Jesus in relationship to the Father as "His Only Son" echoes gospel witnesses like Peter & the crucifixion centurion; believers also remember the Father's voice identifying Jesus as his beloved son at his baptism and transfiguration (Mark 1:9-11) 8:27-9:8, 15:39) Acknowledging Jesus as "our Lord" further affirms his divine nature, for God alone is Lord. Jesus demonstrates his divinity in various teachings and healings during his public ministry. Vitality, the Holy Spirit stirs in the hearts of believers, from Thomas to the present day, moving us to proclaim, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28) He "was conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary" recalls the annunciation, when the angel Gabriel explains that the Holy Spirit will overshadow Mary, who conceives by God's initiative without carnal knowledge of man (Luke 1:26-38). Ever divine, God's eternal Son assumes his physical nature from Mary for our salvation. This mystery has been the target of heresies throughout history. In response, the Church also professes the Nicene Creed to recognize Jesus Christ as fully divine and fully

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. May 20, 2019

First Reading ~ Acts 14:5~18 Gospel ~ Jn. 14:21~26

Tues. May 21, 2019

First Reading ~ Acts 14:19~28 Gospel ~ Jn. 14:27~31A

Wed. May 22, 2019

First Reading ~ Acts 15:1~6 Gospel ~ Jn. 15:1~8

Thurs. May 23, 2019

First Reading ~ Acts 15:7~21 Gospel ~ Jn. 15:9~11

Fri. May 24, 2019

First Reading ~ Acts 15:22~31 Gospel Jn. 15:12~17

Prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary

"Devotion to the Blessed Virgin is firmly rooted in the revealed Word and has solid dogmatic foundations. It is based on the singular dignity of Mary, Mother of the Son of God, and therefore beloved daughter of the Father and Temple of the Holy Spirit—Mary who, because of this extraordinary grace, is far greater than any other creature on earth or in heaven" (Paul VI: Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, no. 56). "When Mary is honored, her Son is duly acknowledged, loved and glorified, and His commandments are observed. To venerate Mary correctly means to acknowledge her Son, for she is the Mother of God. To love her means to love Jesus, for she is always the Mother of Jesus. "To pray to our Lady means not to substitute her for Christ, but to glorify her Son who desires us to have loving confidence in His Saints, especially in His Mother. To imitate the 'faithful Virgin' means to keep her Son's command (U.S. Bishops: Behold Your Mother, No. 82)

Hail, Holy Queen



Mother of Our Savior

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve! To you do we send up our signs, mourning, and weeping this vale of tears! Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus! O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

National Merit Scholarship



Sam Quick, son of Josh and Roselene Quick, was recently chosen to receive a National Merit Scholarship. Sam was one of 7,500 scholarship winners nationwide selected from 1.6 million who took the qualifying exam. In the recognition and semifinalist stages, students were identified only by test scores, but as a finalist Sam had to write

an essay and his principal and guidance counselor submitted information about his leadership, abilities, and activities before being selected as a scholarship recipient. This scholarship is a very prestigious honor and we are proud to recognize Sam for all his hard work and academic achievement.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Role in Salvation

As the Mother of the Word Incarnate, Mary plays a central role in salvation history. When she said "yes" to the invitation to be Jesus' Mother (see Lk 1:38), Mary spoke in the name of all of Israel awaiting the coming of the Messiah. As the "New Eve," she also spoke in the name of the whole human race when she agreed to receive the Word of God, the Savior, in her womb. In his 1896 encyclical, *Fidentem Piumque Animum*, Pope Leo XIII notes that Mary gave her consent "in the name of the whole human race," and "offered to mankind, hastening toward eternal ruin, a Savior" (No. 3). Pope Leo XIII teaches that no other human "can even be imagined who has ever contributed or ever will contribute so much toward reconciling man with God" (No. 3). Mary's "close and indissoluble bond" to Jesus is rooted in her unique dignity as the Mother of God. Because she is a human being, Mary is the supreme example of human nature elevated by grace. Dante speaks of Mary as she "who did so enoble human nature that its Creator did not disdain to become its creature" (*Paradiso*, 33:4-6). In his 1988 apostolic letter, *Mulieris Dignitatem*, Pope St. John Paul II teaches that Mary embodies the finality of human existence realized "in the supernatural elevation to union with God in Jesus Christ which determines the ultimate finality of the existence of every person both on earth and in eternity" (No. 4). Mary, therefore, "is the representative and the archetype in Salvation: of the whole human race: She represents the humanity which belongs to all human beings, both men and woman" (No. 2). Jesus, as God, is the source of grace. Mary, as "full of grace," shows how human beings can come "to share in the divine nature" (2 Pt 1:4). Mary also is a mediatrix of the grace merited by her divine Son. Vatican II teaches that, because Mary cooperated in a "singular way ... in the work of the Savior in giving back supernatural life to souls," she is "our mother in the order of grace" (*Lumen Gentium*, No. 61).

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.

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 preparing the meat & the potato salad. Without a doubt, with your expertise & skill, EVERYTHING was delicious. MANY THANKS to all & GOD BLESS YOU.

St. Elizabeth News: The Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue The Divine Mercy of Jesus Statue



Our Parish Family of ST. ELIZABETH is SINCERELY GRATEFUL to an anonymous DONOR for the most kind & generous gift to ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH of two new life sized statues of the SACRED HEART OF

JESUS & THE DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS STATUE. These two Statues will be placed in the Sanctuary of St. Elizabeth Church on either side of the Tabernacle. The Statues will be placed on two Statue Tables which will match the rest of the sanctuary furniture. May our fervent PRAYERS to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS & THE DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS lead us to the path of holiness & sanctity. All of our hearts are filled with GRATITUDE to GOD for the outstanding generosity which has secured these beautiful statues for St. Elizabeth Church. We are sincere in our prayers that this kind donor will always know of our GRATITUDE & APPRECIATION. May God's richest blessings of good health & peace be received by this donor. In this article are two pictures of these new Statues (shown above). When the Statues are in place, Fr. Flach will bless them at each of the weekend Masses. May the SACRED HEART OF JESUS pray for us. May the DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS bless us with His Love.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, May 12, 2019

Envelopes \$2,782.00 Loose \$406.00

Building Fund \$105.00 4 @ \$285.00

Spiritual Kiosk \$10.00

Deposit: \$ 3,588.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, May 5, 2019

Envelopes \$802.00 Loose \$124.00

Building Fund \$85.00

Edith Smith Food Pantry \$32.50

Deposit: \$1,043.50