



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 26, 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Peace I leave with
you; My peace I give
to you; not as the
world gives do I give
to you. Do not let your
heart be troubled, nor
let it be fearful.
John 14:27**

May 25	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
May 26	7:30 am	Richard Leo Arteman by Steve & Janet Jenkins
	9:00 am	Ron Dhom Birthday Deceased by Ethel Dhom
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
May 27	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 28	12:00 pm	Brian Wagner by Carol Wong
May 29	7:30 am	Special Intentions
May 30	7:30 am	Mary Kay Veldhaus by Ted & Kathy Staller
May 31	7:30 am	Ida Mary Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
June 1	4:30 pm	Erica Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
June 2	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 1 ~ Sunday, June 2, 2019

Sat. Jun. 1, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family

Sun. Jun. 2, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR:

USHERS: Dave Holscher, Tom Huss

COMMUNION MIN: Jim & Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFTS: Travis Rich Family

Sun. Jun. 2, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Bob Coffman

USHERS: Rich & Anita Kocher

COMMUNION MIN: Wilmer Wilson, Kourtney Coffman

SERVERS: Jeff Hermann

GIFTS: Rich & Anita Kocher

Sun. Jun. 2, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell

COMMUNION MIN: Mark Ghering, Matthew Hartrich

SERVERS: David Staller, Cody York

GIFTS: Jacob & Jessica Blankenbeker

June Collection Counters: Carol Bergbower,

Janet Hill, Chris Tylka

Crawford County Catholic Pictorial Directory 2019

The new PICTORIAL DIRECTORY will be available for you to receive on the 1st & 2nd of June, 2019. If you had your picture taken, please come into the Priest's Sacristy in both Churches, **CROSS YOUR NAME OFF THE LIST**, that you have received your copy. Thank you & God bless you.

Spiritual Reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter



Christ's promise at the Last Supper, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, & my Father & I will make our dwelling with him" is all that we need to be happy in life. Barnabas & Paul "dedicate their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" in order to keep & to identify with Christ's Word in every dimension of their lives. God acknowledges such dedication by ordaining that the names of the twelve Apostles be inscribed on the wall of the heavenly Jerusalem. The same is offered to us who refuse to let our hearts be troubled, but who cling to the name of Christ instead.

Spiritual Reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

It is not rare in the spiritual life to see souls who are trying generously to advance in virtue fall—by reason of their desire to cultivate a delicate conscience & to avoid all deliberate venial, sin—into the extremity of inquietude & perturbation, get involved in a thousand perplexities & scruples, & eventually grow cold in their trust in our Lord. All of these occurrences spell the death of devotion.... I do not tire of repeating to all generous souls: Be as delicate as you can with our Lord. Watch your conduct most carefully to avoid all venial sins. But, for the love of God, let this be done without losing confidence & peace.... Let us give an example.... A fervent soul has the misfortune to commit a venial sin, an occurrence that is not rare, considering our innate frailty. Just as soon as this soul has fallen, he recalls everything that he has read & reflected on concerning venial sin, & forth with he becomes disturbed, overwhelmed with sorrow & suffering. Confidence in God grows cold. The soul withdraws from him. He leaves off prayer, or makes it badly. All his exercises of piety no longer are made with their customary regularity. After many hours of inquietude, he recovers peace of mind, but only by dint of much effort & many consultations.... Let us not act in this manner. Rather, let us consider how we can perfectly reconcile the grief caused by our sins with confidence in God & peace of soul. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus expresses this reconciliation very well when she says: "This I know very well: although I should have on my soul all the crimes that could be committed, I would lose none of my confidence; rather, I would hasten, with my heart broken into pieces by sorrow, to cast myself into the arms of my Savior. I know how greatly he loved the prodigal son; I have marked his words to Mary Magdalen, to the adulterous woman, to the Samaritan. No, no one could make me afraid, because I know to whom to cling by reason of his love & his mercy. I know that all this multitude of offenses would disappear in the twinkling of an eye, as a drop of water cast into a roaring furnace." Let us note this well: a heart broken into pieces by sorrow, & yet undiminished confidence—these two go together in such a way that, although Saint Thérèse might have been laden with all the sins of the world, she would have flung herself into the arms of Jesus with complete confidence.

Parish Office Open

The Parish Office will be open on **TUESDAY, MAY 28, & WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019** from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Thank you for your attention to this matter. God bless you.

In T.H. White's marvelous retelling of the King Arthur legend, "The Once and Future King," Merlyn, the magician who has tutored Arthur throughout his youth and has seen him safely crowned as king of England, is aware that his time with the young king is running short. Recognizing the inevitability of their separation, Merlyn begins making an extra effort to pass along all the information that he thinks Arthur might need to rule wisely in Merlyn's absence. Unfortunately, living backwards can be rather confusing, especially to someone like Merlyn, who is centuries old. And so, as the time for his departure draws near, Merlyn begins to fret. When Arthur asks what is worrying his teacher, Merlyn says: "It is something else which I ought to have told you. ... I can't remember whether it is in the future or in the past. ... But it is something I must say. It is vital." I usually think of Merlyn's dilemma whenever I read excerpts from Jesus' farewell discourse in the Gospel of John. These lengthy reflections, shared by Jesus at the Last Supper, are the Master's attempt to pass on to his pupils (the apostles) all that they will need to go forth and preach the Good News to all the nations. Jesus has an ace up his sleeve that Merlyn was lacking. Jesus tells his friends and followers, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:16-17). And then Jesus goes on to promise, as we hear in today's Gospel, that the Holy Spirit "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (v. 26). Jesus' apostles, as the reading from the Book of Revelation reminds us, are the foundation stones of the Church. Through the Church's baptism and the other sacraments we have received that same Holy Spirit that the apostles received, whose coming we will soon celebrate at Pentecost. As the recipients of Christ's peace, which the world cannot give, we need not "let our hearts be troubled or afraid" (Jn 14:27) no matter what challenges we may face.

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.

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.

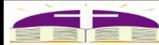
PART TWO~I BELIEVE~ THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

In proclaiming our Lord "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried," we affirm that the eternal God operates in time. Though we know the setting and individuals particular to the circumstances of Jesus' brutal death, the Church teaches that, as sinners, we all caused his crucifixion. Moreover, the Father's free offering of his Son to the world and the Son's voluntary obedience

as perfect sacrifice to the Father is the benevolent plan from the beginning, even before the disobedience of our first parents ushered sin into the world. Laid to rest after the crucifixion, Jesus' entombment after his redemptive work recalls the Sabbath rest after the work of creation. When "he descended into hell," Jesus visited the realm of the dead (Hades in Greek, Sheol in Hebrew) to free the just who awaited the redemption of the world. By dying, he conquered death. Death could not hold the Author of Life, so "on the third day he rose again from the dead," authenticating Jesus' powerful claim to lay down his life and take it up again (John 10:13, Acts 3:15). Even nonbelievers acknowledge the historical reality of the empty tomb (Matthew 27:28). The resurrected Jesus interacted with his disciples & was witnessed by hundreds of people over the course of forty days (1 Corinthians 15:6). Then "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." Jesus, bodily present in heaven & sharing the Father's glory, will return to earth in majesty with power to judge the works & hearts of all humanity; until then, the Church watches & waits, praying each Christmas: "Marana Cha! Our Lord, come!" Exclaiming, "I believe in the Holy Spirit" reveals how the Apostles' Creed can be uttered at all, for it is the Spirit who stirs us to seek God. The last person of the Trinity to be revealed, the eternal Spirit moves on earth from the beginning, when the Father calls creation into being with Word and Breath (Psalm 33:6). Unlike the Father & Son, the Holy Spirit does not audibly speak, instead acting in the Lives of believers & in the life of the Church by inspiring & interpreting Scripture, animating our prayers, sanctifying us in the sacraments, & more. In the Holy Spirit's power, we regain divine likeness, bear much fruit, & reflect Trinitarian love (Galatians 3:22-23). The Spirit sustains "the holy catholic Church," Christ's bride. She mystically springs forth in water & blood from his pierced side like Eve, who emerged from & remained joined to Adam. While individual members of the Church body may sin, the head—Jesus Christ— & the soul—his Holy Spirit—infuse us with sacramental holiness especially in baptism & Eucharist. Twice catholic (universal and whole) the Church possesses the fullness of the faith & means of salvation as well as the evangelical mission to all peoples in accordance with GOD'S will that all be saved (1 Timothy 2 when we joyfully share the light faith in a darkened world, we live this saving mission.

2018~2019 Mardi Gras Profits

Once again, many SINCERE & HEARTFELT THANKS to all who helped in any way to ensure the success of the 2018~2019 Mardi Gras Profits. The profits from both Mardi Gras events have been published in past bulletins & the profits will be used to REDECORATE ST. ELIZABETH PARISH CENTER. The large meeting room, kitchen, & hallway will all be painted with new flooring. THANKS to all of your dedicated help & assistance these projects are being made possible. Father Flach & the Mardi Gras Committee would like to express our SINCERE APPRECIATION to everyone who helped in any way. May God bless you for your devoted efforts.



Daily Mass Readings

- Mon. May 27, 2019 Acts 16:11-15, Gospel Jn. 15:26-16:4A
- Tues. May 28, 2019 Acts 16:22-34 Gospel Jn. 16:5-11
- Wed. May 29, 2019 Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Gospel Jn. 16:12-15
- Thurs. May 30, 2019 Acts 1:1-11, Eph. 1:17-23, Heb. 9:24-28, 10:19-23 Gospel Lk. 24:46-53 Acts 18:1-8 Gospel Jn. 16:16-20
- Fri. May 31, 2019 Zep. 3:14-18A, Rom. 12:9-16 Gospel Lk. 1:39-56

Prayer of Trust in the Sacred Heart

IN all my temptations, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In all my weaknesses, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In all my difficulties, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In all my trials, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In all my sorrows, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In all my work, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In every failure, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In every discouragement, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In life & in death, I place my trust in You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. In time & in eternity, I place my trust in You, O Sacred

Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

THE Heart of Jesus is the symbol of the infinite love that impelled the Son of God to become our brother, to die for us on the Cross, & to remain forever in the Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus asks each of us to return that love. The Promises of the Sacred Heart in various appearances to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus manifested His great love for human beings & made the following promises to those who give particular honor to His Sacred Heart. 1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life. 2. I will establish peace in their homes. 3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions. 4. I will be their secure refuge during life, & above all in death. 5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings. 6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source & the infinite ocean of mercy. 7. Tepid souls shall become fervent. 8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection. 9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed & honored. 10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts. 11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced. 12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment. Prayer to the Sacred Heart for Perseverance. SACRED Heart of Jesus, living and life-giving fountain of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, and glowing furnace of love, You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O adorable and glorious Savior, consume my heart with that burning fire that ever inflames Your Heart. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love. Let my heart be so united with Yours that our wills may be one, and mine may in all things be conformed to Yours. May Your Will be the rule of both my desires and my actions.

Kiosk Corner Bible Basics for Catholics

From biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma — two-time "Teacher of the Year" from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH — comes this fresh, fun, and authentically Catholic introduction to the "big picture" of salvation history. This overview of the Bible is based on Bergsma's widely popular introduction to theology course at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Bergsma combines sound theology, academic expertise, pastoral wisdom, and an endearing playfulness to draw readers into the connection between the great stories of the Bible and salvation in Jesus. Praise for Bible Basics for Catholics: "You will come to see the Bible in a whole new light, & find yourself reading it — with greater wisdom and insight — for the rest of your life." From the Foreword by Dr. Scott Hahn. Parishioner Comments. What an easy to read & inspiring book, fanning the flame of my love of scripture. Xanthe - Salisbury, Wilts



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.

First Friday of the Month Mass

Father Flach has a wedding on Friday, June 7, 2019. Therefore, the **FIRST FRIDAY MASS** for June, 2019 will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 5:00 pm on Fri. Jun.

June Meeting

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council will meet on **TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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 19, 2019 Envelopes \$2,366.00
Loose \$284.00 Building Fund \$100.00 3 online @ \$280.00
Deposit: \$ 3,030.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, May 12, 2019 Envelopes \$665.00
Loose \$150.00 Building Fund \$20.00
Deposit: \$835.00

