



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



## CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Office Manager: Halena Estep**

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**Custodial Care: Lori Davis,**

**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, November 10, 2019 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### The Question About The Resurrection

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward & put this question to him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, 'If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife & raise up descendants for his brother.' Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second & the third married her, & likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry & remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age & to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; & they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called 'Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, & the God of Jacob; & he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive.'"



## Mass Intentions

Nov. 9	4:30 pm	Leland Woods by Mark & Cindy Grimm
Nov. 10	7:30 am 9:00 am	Special Intentions Val Pescatore by Richard & Anita Kocher
Nov. 11	10:30 am 7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions
Nov. 12	12:00 pm	Deceased members of Bohman & Stein families by George & Jane Bohman
Nov. 13	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 14	7:30 am	Val Pescatore by Dan & Marian Hatfield
Nov. 15	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Nov. 16	4:30 pm	Ralph F. Miller by Rosemary Halter
Nov. 17	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Donnal Fitzmaurice by Donald & Lesa Harper Special Intentions



## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, November 16 ~ Sunday, November 17, 2019

Sat. November 16, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Terry Roche

**USHERS:** Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins

**COMMUNION MIN:** Ginger Osborne, Susan Goodwine

**SERVERS:** Lily Ann Mullins, Aleigha Mullins

**GIFTS:**

Sun. November 17, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Linda Sikorski

**USHERS:** Garrett Rich, Travis Rich

**COMMUNION MIN:** Jane Bohman, Shari Eckert

**SERVERS:** Mallory Mosbey

**GIFTS:** Brad Schutte Family

Sun. November 17, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**LECTOR:** Anita Kocher

**USHERS:** Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

**COMMUNION MIN:** Keith & Rita Wirey

**SERVERS:** Eva Hermann

**GIFTS:** Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

Sun. November 17, 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Joe Quick

**USHERS:** John Birkofer, Chris Weber

**COMMUNION MIN:** Mark Ghering, Roselene Quick

**SERVERS:** Maddy Myers, Lauren Staller

**GIFTS:** Juanita Jochim, Tom Jochim

November Collection Counters: Don Brown, John Ferris, Alan Maddox



## Parish School of Religion

NOVEMBER PSR DATES: WED. NOV. 13, 20, 2019 from 6:30-7:30 pm. **NO PSR on Nov 27.** DECEMBER PSR DATES: WED. DEC. 4, 11, 18, 2019 6:30-7:30 pm.



## Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: NOVEMBER DATES: NOVEMBER 17, & 24, 2019. DECEMBER DATES: DECEMBER 8 & 15, 2019.

### Spiritual Reading for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The seven brothers who bravely approach their martyrdom in the second Book of Maccabees have a better sense of life after death than the Sadducees with their absurd hypothesis about seven deceased brothers. One martyred brother, filled with conviction, declares, "The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever." Jesus verifies this: "Those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age no longer die; they are like angels." God is not the God of the dead, "but of the living, for to him all are alive." And until we reach the place of eternal life, "May our Lord Jesus Christ encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

### Scriptural Reflections for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we get to heaven—if we get to heaven—we shall realize that the Credo was true, instead of just going on believing it was true. We shall be conscious of God as our Father; we shall recognize that everything which happened on earth was part of an almighty design. We shall find it quite natural that there should be three Persons in the Godhead, and that the second Person should be both God and man; God's only Son, our Lord, the visible object, now, of our worship, thanking us for all the little services we did for him. We shall have no difficulty in seeing that our Blessed Lady became his Mother and yet remained a Virgin. And although pain and suffering will then be only a distant memory of the past, no part any longer of our daily experience, we shall be able to look into and understand the sufferings which our Lord underwent when he was crucified by Pontius Pilate, and take from them the measure of his love.... And the strange old people we used to see in stained glass windows will be real people to us then; brought to light when our Lord descended into hell. The Resurrection will not merely be something that seems quite natural; we shall be conscious of it at every instant as the very condition of our being; for we, too, shall have become part of that risen life which our Lord brought back with him from the tomb. We shall see him, ascended, sitting at the right hand of his Father, thank him for the merciful judgments he passed on us, living and dead. We shall feel the presence of the Holy Spirit within us; we shall know the Church for Christ's glorious bride; we shall be in conscious communion with all the saints; our sins, instead of looking black, will be rose-hued, like clouds at sunset, with the grace of final forgiveness. We shall be risen, soul and body; soul and body pulsing at every moment with the energies of an everlasting life.

## November Meetings



ST. ELIZABETH FINANCE COUNCIL  
MEETING ~ will meet 6:00 pm TUES. NOV. 12th St.  
Committee at Elizabeth Parish Center.

**Please remember to attend weekly Mass**

The tale of the Gordian knot is a legend associated with Alexander the Great. When the Phrygians had no king, an oracle decreed that the next man to enter the city driving an ox cart would be the chosen monarch. This turned out to be a peasant farmer named Gordias, and his ox cart was dedicated to the Phrygian god Sabazios. The now-sacred cart was fastened in the palace with an incredibly intricate (and seemingly inextricable) knot. By the time Alexander the Great arrived in the fourth-century B.C., an oracle had further decreed that any person able to untangle the knot would become ruler of all Asia. Alexander did his best, but without success; and upon further reflection, he decided that it would make no difference how the knot was loosed. Drawing his sword, he sliced the knot in half with a single stroke — and went on, of course, to conquer Asia. The Gordian knot thus becomes a metaphor that we still use to refer to finding a solution for an apparently unsolvable problem by thinking outside the box. We have a famous example of this in 1 Kings 3:16. Young Solomon has asked that God give him "a listening heart to judge your people and to distinguish between good and evil" (1 Kgs 3:9). The young king's new gift is immediately tested when two prostitutes approach him for a judgment. Each has given birth to a son, but one of the infants has perished when the mother accidentally lay on him in her sleep. Each mother claims the living child for her own. Calling for a sword, the young king declares: "Cut the living child in two, and give half to one woman and half to the other." Immediately, the real mother identifies herself when she cries: "Please, my lord, give her the living baby — do not kill it!" And so began the tradition of referring to Solomon as "the Wise." Jesus frequently uses the same technique in dealing with the religious authorities. In today's Gospel, he refuses to dignify the Sadducees' far-fetched story with a direct response. Instead he makes it clear that his enemies fail to grasp the total "otherness" of the afterlife, where people "neither marry nor are given in marriage" and "can no longer die, for they are like angels." He further embarrasses his dialogue partners by showing their failure to grasp their own Law; the fact that Moses calls God "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" seems to acknowledge that the patriarchs are still very much alive to God.

## From The Hand of God: The Decalogue



While more than 600 laws are found in the Old Testament, only the Ten Commandments (the Decalogue) were written by the hand of God. Jesus, the fulfillment of the Law, distilled their importance when asked about the greatest commandment, emphasizing that complete devotion to God and equitable treatment of one another is the core of all commandments and prophetic exhortations. His explanation reveals that the Decalogue is ultimately a road map to freedom in Christ. Once God brought his Chosen People out of physical slavery with a "mighty hand and outstretched arm," he extended a hand of friendship to guide his beloved out of the bonds of sin and into covenant with him (Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke Deuteronomy 4—5, Psalm 136:12, CCC 2052—2069). Here are three of the Ten Commandments, with commentary:

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 or clarify the relationship of Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition, & the Catholic Church so we are able to more fully embrace & live our faith. In past articles in our Sunday Bulletin, pertaining to the Nicene creed, we have explored our Catholic beliefs by examining our PROFESSION OF FAITH contained in the NICENE CREED as well as how we celebrate those beliefs by looking closely at the SEVEN SACRAMENTS. Today & in the coming bulletins, we will examine SACRED SCRIPTURE & the LAW to provide guides for a daily life in Christ Jesus once again through the lens of the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. In this Sunday's bulletin, we examine the FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS.



### THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

**I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME**

Throughout salvation history, God reveals himself as singularly deserving of our faith, hope, & love. In response, we protect & nourish these virtues planted in our hearts at baptism. When neglected, faith becomes eroded with doubts, life's challenges move us from hope to despair, & burning charity cools to indifference. Rather than hold God above all in our lives, we can slip into idolatry of things & ideals & even forget about God altogether. Thankfully, the Church ever invites us to adoration, prayer, & sacrifice, all necessary to keep us free from a false sense of autonomy & the domination by sin that comes with it (CCC 2083-2141).

### THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

**YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN**

When we forget to honor God as we are first commanded, we easily lose reverence for the name of God. From off-handed misuse to intentional blasphemy, hateful speech, or false oaths, we must be on guard to defend God's holy name. Recall that Jesus advises to avoid swearing at all, explaining that yes & no should mean just that (Matthew 5:33-37). As God's children, we partake in his holiness, so we should likewise speak to & about each other with honor, for God "called us by name" (Isaiah 43:1). Again, the Church offers a simple remedy: the frequent incorporation of the sign of the cross, wherein we implore blessing in the name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit. "The gift of a name belongs to the order of trust & intimacy. The Lord's name is holy" (CCC 2143 and paragraphs through 2167).

### THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

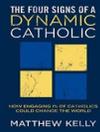
**REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY**  
Just as God did the work of creation in six days & rested on the seventh, we are given one holy day of rest each week. Prior to Easter, the Sabbath was observed on Saturdays. With new life brought by Christ's resurrection, Christians celebrate the work of creation & redemption on Sundays. As all commandments are for our good, the obligation to gather together in prayer & worship on Sundays & on holy days of obligation frees us from the bondage of labor & "love of money, the root of all evils" (1 Timothy 6:10). To willfully avoid Mass on these days is a grave sin. The Church understands that some people must work on holy days & encourages us all to allow time for everyone's rest & worship (CCC 2168-2195).



## Crawford County Catholics Mardi Gras

Plans are presently being formalized for the 2020 MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION to be held on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 at STONEY RIDGE EVENT CENTER. This marks NUMBER 19. Once again, we are blessed to have devoted and helpful parishioners who are willing to co—ordinate this fundraiser. The 19th ANNUAL MARDI GRAS committee is made up of: NATHAN AUCK, BOB and KOURTNEY COFFMAN, CHRIS and DONNA KELLER, JOE SCHUTTE, STEWART and EMILY SCHUTTE, & LINDSEY WATTS. Please watch the bulletins for forthcoming details about the BIG DIVVY RAFFLE and the MARDI GRAS EVENT itself. Mark your 2020 Calendars for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22. Hope to see you there.

### Kiosk Corner



As human beings we are constantly engaging and disengaging in everything we do. We engage and disengage at work in marriage, as parents, in our quest for health and well-being, in personal finances, environmentally, politically, and, of course, we engage or disengage spiritually. If you walk into any Catholic church next Sunday and look around, you will discover that some people are highly engaged, others are massively disengaged, and the majority are somewhere in between. Why? What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics? Answering this question is essential to the future of the Catholic Church. If we truly want to engage Catholics and reinvigorate parish life, we must first discover what drives engagement among Catholics. Matthew Kelly explores this question in this groundbreaking book, and the simplicity of what he discovers will amaze you. Four things make the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics: the four signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Whether you are ready to let God take your spiritual life to the next level or want to help reinvigorate your parish, The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic promises to take you on a journey that will help you to live out the genius of Catholicism in your everyday life. The central idea in this book should change the way we live, our faith and the way we teach our faith. This book is a game changer.



### Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped with the Oblong Food Pantry Bake Sale. Your monetary donations & food items were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Anne Schalasky & Anita Kocher for coming out to help & a big thank you to Tony Madlem of T-Graphics for the beautiful signs donated by T-Graphics.



### Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Nov. 11, 2019 ~ Wis. 1:1-7 Gospel Lk. 17:1-6  
Tues. Nov. 12, 2019 ~ Wis. 2:23-3:9 Gospel Lk. 17:7-10  
Wed. Nov. 13, 2019 ~ Wis. 6:1-11 Gospel Lk. 17:11-19  
Thurs. Nov. 14, 2019 ~ Wis. 7:22B-8:1 Gospel Lk. 17:20-25  
Fri. Nov. 15, 2019 ~ Wis. 13:1-9 Gospel Lk. 17:26-37

### In Sincere Gratitude

Many heartfelt THANKS to all those parishioners from both of our parishes who participated in the DAY OF PRAYER for the REVERENCE OF HUMAN LIFE on WED. OCT. 23, 2019 with the EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Your sincere & prayerful witness to the Sacredness of All of Human Life is deeply appreciated & with your prayer many lives will be cherished. THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU.

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal



The ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL supports our parishes & diocese in carrying out the GOSPEL MISSION of the Catholic Church in forming disciples of JESUS CHRIST. The theme of the 2019 appeal is "TOGETHER IN MISSION". Each of us by our common Baptism into Christ Jesus is called to be active participants in working to form ourselves into DISCIPLES who are willing with the grace of God to labor TOGETHER IN MISSION". As we strive to be able to serve with one another in the spirit of MISSION may we continue to receive the gift of God's Grace by generously supporting this year's appeal. As always, your deep & sincere generosity is greatly appreciated as we strive together to fulfill the goal for: ST. ELIZABETH PARISH—\$33,773.00 & OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH - \$7,153.00. As of OCTOBER 28, 2019, for ST. ELIZABETH PARISH, the TOTAL PLEDGED is \$12,255.00 with the TOTAL PAID of \$9,930.00. As of OCTOBER 28, 2019 for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, the TOTAL PLEDGED is \$1,871.00 with the TOTAL PAID of \$1,217.00. May God bless you abundantly with His Graces for your kind & generous responses.



### Weekly Offerings

#### St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, November 3, 2019

Envelopes \$2,967.00 Loose \$429.25

3 online thru Give Central @ \$175.00

All Saints Day \$271.00

All Soul's Day \$215.00 Christmas Flowers \$35.00

Building Fund \$60.00

Deposit: \$4,152.25

#### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, October 27, 2019

Envelopes \$975.00 Loose \$142.00 World Missions \$35.00

Deposit: \$1,152.00



### Give Central ~ Online Donations

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website.



### Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Phil Burger (Ellen Rees) Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris, Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.

### Prayer for Departed Relatives, Friends & Benefactors

HEAVENLY Father, accept my prayer for all those in purgatory for whom I should pray because of ties of family, gratitude, justice, or charity. Have mercy on my relatives, friends, & benefactors as well as those who hold positions of authority, both civil & religious. Admit them all to Your eternal happiness in heaven. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.