



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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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, November 17, 2019 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Story found in Luke 21:5~19 ~ The Signs Of The End

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end. " Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. Lk. 21:7~11



Mass Intentions

Nov. 16	4:30 pm	Ralph F. Miller by Rosemary Halter
Nov. 17	7:30 am 9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Donnal Fitzmaurice by Donald & Lesa Harper
Nov. 18	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 19	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 20	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 21	7:30 am	Joe & Henrietta Stein (Anniversary) (Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman Marilyn Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Nov. 22	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 23	4:30 pm	Lloyd Shook by Shook Family
Nov. 24	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Charlie & Edna Schlosser by Chad Arkenberg Family Donnal Fitzmaurice by Pat Way For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Parish School of Religion

NOVEMBER PSR DATES: WED. NOV. 20 & 27, 2019 from 6:30 -7:30 pm. 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the time of trial, it is of great profit to us patiently to endure for God's sake, for the Lord says: By patient endurance you will win life for yourselves. He did not say by your fasting, or your solitude & silence, or your singing of psalms, although all of these are helpful in saving your soul. But he said: By patient endurance in every trial that overtakes you, & in every affliction, whether this be insolent & contemptuous treatment, or any kind of disgrace, either small or great; whether it be bodily weakness, or the belligerent attacks of Satan, or any trial whatsoever caused either by other people or by evil spirits. By patient endurance you will win life for yourselves, although to this must be added wholehearted thanksgiving, & prayer, & humility. For you must be ready to bless and praise your benefactor, God the Savior of the world, who disposes all things, good or otherwise, for your benefit. The Apostle writes: With patient endurance we run the race of faith set before us. For what has more power than virtue? What more firmness or strength than patient endurance? Endurance, that is, for God's sake. This is the queen of virtues, the foundation of virtue, a haven of tranquility. It is peace in time of war, calm in rough waters, safety amidst treachery & danger. It makes those who practice it stronger than steel. No weapons or brandished bows, no turbulent troops & advancing siege engines, no flying spears or arrows can shake it. Not even the host of evil spirits, nor the dark array of hostile powers, nor the devil himself standing by with all his armies and devices will have power to injure the man or woman who has acquired this virtue through Christ.

Scriptural Reflections for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives"
The terrible persecutions that Christ tells us his followers should expect will lead to one great thing: "to your giving testimony." The ability to speak a word of wisdom that we do not prepare beforehand, that Jesus himself will give us, & that leaves our adversaries powerless to resist is an irrefutable sign of the authority & majesty of Christ. "The day is coming when all the proud & all evildoers will be stubble." The words of wisdom of Jesus are what turn the wicked to stubble. But for those who fear God's name, "there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." Christ calls us to take very seriously his provident care of us: "Not a hair on your head will be destroyed."



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Bill Birkofer (Birkofer Family), 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.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 23 ~ Sunday, November 24, 2019

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

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN: Janet Hill, Chris Tylka

SERVERS: Ella Buntin,

GIFTS: Don Biernbaum Family

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

LECTOR: Dave Holscher

USHERS: Brad Schutte, Randy Schutte

COMMUNION MIN: Jim Eckert, Chad Arkenberg

SERVERS: Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Chad Arkenberg Family

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

LECTOR: Cameron Davis

USHERS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Taylor Blank

GIFTS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

Sun. November 24, 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydney Weber

USHERS: Maddy Myers, Isabel Heidorn

COMMUNION MIN: Patti Buercklin Carol Wong

SERVERS: Brady York, Cody York

GIFTS: Josh Quick Family

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

It happens fairly often. A person gets my ear on the way out of Mass & asks, "Father, do you think we're living in the end times?" It's not an easy question to answer. When I watch the news, I sometimes wonder myself. Floods, heat domes, volcanic eruptions, tornadoes, droughts, melting ice caps — you can make the list as well as I can. Think about these things against the background of a text like today's Gospel reading, & you can see why people raise the question. Consider this also: Jesus gave this teaching 2,000 years ago, & people seem to have had no trouble finding examples in their own time & place that made them question whether the world was coming to an end even then. And people have done the same in every century since. Tragedy & suffering abound in every time & place. And apocalyptic literature — that is, religious literature dealing with the "last things" — is not usually very precise about timelines. Even Jesus seems to waffle on the details: "When you hear of wars & insurrections ... it will not immediately be the end" (Lk 21:9). So when a troubled Christian inquires whether I think the end is near, I generally point out two things. First, the list of natural & human-made disasters in apocalyptic teaching definitely serves to get people's attention. It reassures them that the stakes are high, & that they are not crazy — we are, in fact, a long way from the Garden of Eden. The state of the world & our place within it is serious business, & it can certainly try our faith. But that leads to the second, more crucial point. There is also inevitably, in apocalyptic teaching, a promise of deliverance & restoration. When the portents appear, says Jesus, "Do not be terrified" (Lk 21:9). He also promises, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist" (Lk 21:15). In other words, God renews his eternal promise to remain faithful no matter what happens, & he exhorts us to do the same. The first reading from Malachi ends on a similar note of hope: "For you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays" (3:20)



Christmas Choir

Choir for Christmas Eve Mass at St. Elizabeth will rehearse on Sundays during Advent from 9:00 am—10:00 am in the church. New choir members are always welcome. Talk to any choir member or Chris Jansen if you need more information.

Pastoral Council Meeting



St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

Advent Giving Tree



Next weekend, our Parishes will begin our Annual Advent Nursing Home Project. With your help we will provide Christmas gifts to residents in 3 local nursing homes. The tree filled with tags, will be placed at the entrance of the Church. More details in the bulletin next week.

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 study the FOURTH, FIFTH & SIXTH COMMANDMENTS. THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT ~ HONOR YOUR FATHER and MOTHER.

After love & obedience to God, we are called to love & obey our parents & others exercising just authority, as these relationships are a human extension of the caring authority of God. Society is likewise compelled to foster & support healthy relationships, as family is the first natural society, the foundation of the common good. For their part, parents are responsible for meeting the spiritual, material, & educational needs of their children, continuing to offer godly advise as the children mature beyond the bond of obedience. Grown children owe respect & support to aging parents & should bring the virtues of a healthy home life to bear on society, working for the natural & political rights of their fellow citizens (CCC 2206-2257).

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT~ YOU SHALL NOT KILL AS the stewards (not the authors) of human life, we are duty-bound to protect all innocent life from conception to natural death, especially when difficulties could become opportunities for the grave evils of abortion, euthanasia, & suicide. Legitimate civic authority must also safeguard the population against aggressors with proportionate force. While war remains a reality, the Church calls us first to examine all other options, determine the likelihood of success, & remember that the ravages of war could increase overall harm. Finally, in this age of unprecedented advancement, all care must be given to ensure that technology serves humanity & respects the transcendent dignity of each individual (CCC 2258-2317). THE SIXTH COMMANDEMENT ~ YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. As a unique creation of body & spirit, each person is called to an inner union, which includes their male or female sexuality. The Church calls this integration chastity (CCC 2337). Rooted in charity, the chaste person exercises self-mastery to become a free gift according to his or her state in life. Those who profess celibacy give themselves to God with complete devotion, & married persons give & receive each other in expressions of love ordered to unity & procreation, reflecting God's total & life-giving love. While extramarital relations are the most blatant acts of adultery, efforts that remove either the unitive or procreative element of married love include lust, masturbation, fornication, pornography, prostitution, rape, homosexual acts, contracepted marital intercourse, & fertilization outside the conjugal union: all grave offenses to the dignity of marriage. As progression in charity is a continuous journey of self-mastery, we are called to lives of prayer & evangelization to establish a society that safeguards rather than threatens the integrity of sacramental marriage (CCC 2331—2400).

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, & LINDSAY 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.

Spiritual Reading for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 21, Verses 15-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, he said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." (21:5-6) The Lord's words are not meant as a threat, but to keep us from being shocked or caught off guard. Jesus wants us to place our trust not in the work of human hands, but in God, "the maker of heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever" (Ps 146:6). For example, when many churches, schools, and convents have closed, how should we react? By maintaining firm faith in Jesus and his abiding presence in the Church, her sacraments, and her teaching. Saint Ambrose: "There is nothing made with human hands which age does not wear out, or violence throw down, or fire burn." Even the earthly life of Jesus was thrown down, but his invincible divinity raised it up. If we live now with grace, the seed of divine life, within us, we have nothing to fear when our very life crumbles in death. "For to me life is Christ, and death is gain" (Phil 1:21). Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." (21:7-9) Why does Jesus answer in this way? Signs always require interpretation; their meaning can shift or be misunderstood; they are not always convincing. For example, in Luke 11:15. Jesus is accused of performing miracles by the power of Satan. But Jesus is more than a sign—he is true God and true man, the Word made flesh. Only faith in him saves (Luke 7:1-10, 36-50; Jn 3:16). Thus, we need not be preoccupied with predicting the end or when he will come; the way to be prepared is to live in union with Jesus now: "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). One who comes in Jesus' name refers to anything other than Christ that we are tempted to place our hope or confidence in, that we imagine will make us secure or happy. "There is no salvation through anyone else" (Acts 4:12). Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." (Lk. 21:10-15)



Christmas Dinner

The Pastoral council of ST. ELIZABETH and OUR LADY OF LOURDES is coordinating the 2019 CHRISTMAS DINNER which will be held on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. They are pleased & happy to invite you to be present. The menu for our CHRISTMAS DINNER will be turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, & carrots. Please bring a salad or dessert. It is the hope & prayer that all of the members of our Parishes will feel warmly welcomed. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4:00 pm.



Rest in Peace

Please remember to pray for the soul of LEONARD ALLEN MEEKS. Leonard Allen Meeks, was the father of Brian & Katrena Burton. In God's Love we pray that He will grant him a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that his family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

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 10, 2019

Envelopes \$1,822.00 Loose \$478.00 Building Fund \$30.00
6 online thru Give Central @ \$575.00 Deposit: \$2,905.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, November 3, 2019

Envelopes \$995.00 Loose \$114.00 Building Fund \$91.00
All Saints Day \$96.00 Deposit: \$1,296.00

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Nov. 18, 2019 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Gospel Lk. 18:35-43

Tues. Nov. 19, 2019 2 Mc 6:18-31
Gospel Lk. 19:1-10

Wed. Nov. 20, 2019 2 Mc. 7:1, 20-31
Gospel Lk. 19:11-28

Thurs. Nov. 21, 2019 1 Mc. 2:15-29
Gospel Lk. 19:41-44

Fri. Nov. 22, 2019 1 Mc. 4:36-37, 52-59
Gospel Lk. 19:45-48

