



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 ~ 4:00 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 24, 2019 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Story found in Luke 23:35~43

The people stood by & watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him & said, "he saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Messiah of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine, they called out, "if you are king of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself & us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Mass Intentions

Nov. 23	4:30 pm	Lloyd Shook by Shook Family
Nov. 24	7:30 am	Charlie & Edna Schlosser by Chad Arkenberg Family
	9:00 am	Donnal Fitzmaurice by Pat Way
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Nov. 25	7:30 am	Francis Medina by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Nov. 26	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 27	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Thanksgiving Day Mass	9:00 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Nov. 28	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 29	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Nov. 30	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Dec. 1	9:00 am	Donnal Fitzmaurice by Bob & Kourtney Coffman Family
	10:30 am	Harry Bohman (Death) by George & Jane Bohman

Thanksgiving Day ~ Nov. 28, 2019 ~ Sacred Eucharist

In a spirit of GRATITUDE, we gather on THANKSGIVING DAY to celebrate the HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS at 9:00 A.M. in St. Elizabeth Church. May our sincere prayers of THANKS & PRAISE be raised to give glory & honor to GOD, OUR FATHER.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 30 ~ Sunday, December 1, 2019

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

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Abby Mullins, Clara Mullins

GIFTS: Jack Watts Family

Sun. December 1, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Dave Holscher, Tom Huss

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Travis Rich Family

Sun. December 1, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Keith Wirey

USHERS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Ava Patchett

GIFTS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

Sun. December 1, 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Josh Quick

USHERS: Charles & Kandace Richey

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings

GIFTS: Stewart Schutte Family

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



Parish School of Religion

NOVEMBER PSR DATES: NO PSR ON WED. NOV. 27, 2019
DECEMBER PSR DATES: WED. DEC. 4, 11, 18, 2019 from 6:30 -7:30 pm.



Confirmation Class Dates

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

Happy Thanksgiving To Each Of You!



Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to be thankful for or to look forward to? Be thankful when you don't know everything, for it gives you the opportunity to learn. Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow. Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement. Be thankful for each new challenge because it will build your strength & character. Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons. Be thankful when you're tired & weary, because it means you've made a difference. It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, & they can become your blessings.—Author unknown.
OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYER Good & gracious God, we come before You today united with all who give You thanks & praise. Fill us with gratitude for Your many blessings, both physical & spiritual. We thank You in particular this day for the gifts of food & family. Bless this food, Lord, that it may nourish our bodies. Bless our family, especially those who cannot be with us today. Also, today, we remember those of our Family who have gone on to be with You. Grant us Your spiritual blessings & help us pray daily for the grace to serve You in response to Your bountiful blessings & graces. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives & reigns with You now & forever.

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.

Christmas Dinner



The Pastoral council of ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES is coordinating the 2019 CHRISTMAS DINNER which will be held on SUN. DEC. 8, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. They are pleased and 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 and prayer that all of the members of our Parishes will feel warmly welcomed. Please mark your calendars for our CHRISTMAS DINNER SUN. DEC. 8, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Sunday, November 24, 2019 ~ Solemnity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, ~
King of the Universe ~ The Once & Future King ~ From The Pastor

In T.H. White's "The Once and Future King," the future legendary King Arthur does not show much promise in his early years. Known by the nickname "Wart," he is an adopted orphan being raised as squire to his elder brother, Sir Kay. On a trip to London for a tournament, having disgraced himself by forgetting his brother's sword, Arthur is running back to the inn to fetch it when he stumbles upon what he takes to be a war memorial. It consists of an anvil mounted on a stone with a sword stuck through it. Hoping to save some time and mollify Kay, Wart pulls out the sword. Suddenly, angelic voices are heard and a heavenly light is seen (at least in the Disney version!). Apparently, Arthur failed to read the inscription: "Whoso Pulleth Out This Sword of this Stone and Anvil, is Right wise King Born of All England." When his adoptive father and brother kneel before him to pay him homage, the new king bursts into tears. He goes on to be a quite remarkable king, and with curiously Christian ideals. He works out that "Might for right" is more civilized than "Might is right," and he invents the egalitarian Round Table. Sadly, in time, his utopia is shattered when he is betrayed by the treachery of his illegitimate son. But he finds hope that his dream might survive and be reborn as long as the legend lives. His epitaph will read, "Here Lies Arthur, the Once and Future King," because those whom he inspired believe that he will return to reign again one day. Jesus, too, has humble beginnings but quite unexpectedly becomes a powerful preacher and the leader of a new way of life. He, too, is betrayed by a trusted friend. Eventually, he is executed on trumped-up charges. But Jesus far surpasses Arthur in every way. Raised from the dead and radically transformed, Jesus spends 40 days with his friends before ascending to heaven, where he reigns as king of the universe. His story survives in the four Gospels; but since he is still very much alive, Jesus continues to call and to bless his followers to this day. He has no epitaph. His tomb is empty. But Jesus has promised that he will return to conquer evil once and for all, and to establish fully his kingdom of justice, love, & peace.

Advent Confessions

The holy & sacred season of ADVENT is a time of spiritual reflections & preparation as we ready our hearts through sacrifice, prayer, generosity, & contrition. This sacred season before the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, is a perfect opportunity to consider those choices & decisions that we have made in which we have turned away from God seeking our own desires & wills. Through the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION, we are able to renew our relationship of love with God, our Father. You will have an opportunity to celebrate the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION to prepare yourself spiritually during the Holy Season of Advent on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. in St. Elizabeth Church. May we receive God's faithful and merciful forgiveness within our hearts for the rebirth of the miracle of His Love on the Sacred Feast of Christmas. God bless you.

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. This will start on Sun. Dec. 1, 2019. New choir members are always welcome. Talk to any choir member or Chris Jansen if you need more information.



St. Elizabeth Church ~ December Schedule

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 AT 1:00 PM
~ ST. ELIZABETH



CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019
AT 4:00 PM ~ ST. ELIZABETH PARISH
CENTER



CHRISTMAS EVE SACRED EUCHARIST
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019 AT 6:00 PM
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
& SAVIOR ~ ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH



CHRISTMAS DAY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019 AT
9:00 AM ~ ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SACRED EUCHARIST
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019 AT 6:00 PM
SACRED FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD ~ ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SACRED EUCHARIST
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 AT 9:00 AM ~
SACRED FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD

Our Lady of Lourdes Church December Schedule

FIRST FRIDAY MASS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 PM

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 4:00 PM



CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 AT 4:00 PM
AT ~ ST. ELIZABETH PARISH CENTER



CHRISTMAS EVE SACRED EUCHARIST
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019 AT 4:00 PM
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
& SAVIOR ~ OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SACRED EUCHARIST
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019 AT 4:00 PM
SACRED FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD



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.

In Loving Memory ~ Christmas Flowers

If you would like to remember your loved one with a donation to the fund of CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, please submit your request & donation by MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 so that you & your loved one's name will be printed in the IN LOVING MEMORY - CHRISTMAS FLOWERS bulletin for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019. Thank you & God bless you.



Advent Giving Tree

Your participation is encouraged in our Parish Advent nursing home project. Our parishes will provide Christmas gifts to residents of three Crawford County nursing homes. These residents have little or no family, and their wish lists consist of simple necessities. By your generosity, they will know that they are loved & remembered. Through your acts of kindness, their Christmas will be a little brighter. If you wish to participate, please take an angel ornament from the tree located in the entrance of the Church. Purchase the item, & return the unwrapped gift & tag to the Church (weekends) or the Parish Center (weekdays during office hours) before Thursday, December 12th. It is very important that the gifts & tags are returned by that date. If you are making a clothing purchase, please keep in mind that these are elderly residents who may need assistance with their daily routine. Cash donations will be accepted to purchase any needed supplies or gifts for residents whose tags were not returned. For accounting & recording purposes, we cannot accept checks made out to St. Elizabeth's for this project. Gifts will be wrapped & delivered before Christmas. For more information or questions, contact Geri Ezell (544-7910) or Patti Buercklin (544-8704). Will you consider being an earth angel to someone in need this Advent Season? Thank you for your continued support & generosity for this project. May your days be blessed & filled with the peace of Christ.



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Nov. 25, 2019 Dn. 1:1-6, 8-20 Gospel Lk. 21:1-4
Tues. Nov. 26, 2019 Dn. 2:31-45 Gospel Lk. 21:5-11
Wed. Nov. 27, 2019 Dn. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Gospel Lk. 21:12-19 Thurs. Nov. 28, 2019 Sir. 50:22-24
Second Reading 1 Cor. 1:3-9 Gospel Lk. 17:11-19
Fri. Nov. 29, 2019 Dn. 7:2-14 Gospel Lk. 21:29-33

Solemnity of Christ the King



"The Solemnity of Christ the King was established by Pius XI in 1925 & later, after the Second Vatican Council, it was placed at the close of the liturgical year. The Gospel according to Saint Luke presents, as in a great painting, the kingship of Jesus at the moment of his crucifixion. The leaders of the people & the soldiers taunt 'the firstborn of all creation' & put him to the test to see whether he has the power to save himself from death. Yet precisely on the cross, Jesus is exalted to the very 'height' of the God who is Love. It is there that he can be 'known.' Jesus gives us life because he gives us God. He can give God because he himself is one with God. From the One who 'is before all things, & in him all things hold together' the so-called Good Thief straight away receives forgiveness & the joy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven... Jesus from the throne of the Cross welcomes every human being with infinite mercy."—Pope Benedict XVI

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 ~ The Solemnity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of King because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign in the hearts of men, both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the holy will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of his charity which exceeds all knowledge (Eph 3:19), and by his mercy and kindness which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ... On many occasions, when... the populace thronged around him in admiration and would have acclaimed him King, he shrank from the honor and sought safety in flight. Before the Roman magistrate he declared that his Kingdom was not of this world. The Gospels present this Kingdom as one which men prepare to enter by penance, and cannot actually enter except by faith and by baptism, which...signifies and produces an interior regeneration. This Kingdom is opposed to none other than to that of Satan and to the power of darkness. It demands of its subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness. They must hunger and thirst after justice, and more than this, they must deny themselves and carry the cross. Christ as our Redeemer purchased the Church at the price of his own blood; as priest he offered himself, and continues to offer himself as a victim for our sins. Is it not evident, then, that his kingly dignity partakes in a manner of both these offices?

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, November 17, 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 10, 2019

Envelopes \$735.00 Loose \$122.00

Building Fund \$10.00

All Saints Day \$35.00 Edith Smith

Food Pantry \$42.00

Deposit: \$944.00