



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, October 1, 2017 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable Of The Two Sons

**Matthew
21:28-32**

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' ²⁹ "I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him. Mat. 21:28~32



Mass Intentions

Sept.30	4:30 pm	Teresa Mullins by Dave & Eileen Cooper
Oct.1	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions George Bohman by Jane Bohman
Oct.2	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Oct.3	12:00 pm	Dorothy & Ron Welsh by Karen Sanders
Oct.4	7:30 am	Lambert Louis Flach
Oct.5	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct.6	7:30 am	Geri Ezell by Karen Sanders
Oct. 7	4:30 pm	Arlene Schutte by Schutte Family
Oct.8	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Lexi Davis by Mike & Jona Uptmor For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 7, 2017 ~ Sunday, October 8, 2017

<u>Sat. Oct. 7, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Karen Sanders
USHERS:	Lisa Baird, Logan Baird
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Xavier Brown, Jeff Hermann
GIFTS:	Don Biernbaum Family
<u>Sun. Oct. 8, 2017 7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	Mike Uptmor
USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Jeff Rich, Travis Rich
COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Anne Holscher
SERVERS:	Greyson Holscher, Mallory Mosbey
GIFTS:	Mike Uptmor Family
<u>Sun. Oct. 8, 2017 9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
LECTOR:	Jim Ping
USHERS:	Rich & Anita Kocher
COMMUNION MIN:	Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson
SERVERS:	Cameron Davis
GIFTS:	Rich & Anita Kocher
<u>Sun. Oct. 8, 2017 10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
LECTOR:	April Sexton
USHERS:	Geraldo Rios, Migual Vega
COMMUNION MIN:	Eileen Cooper, Matt Hartrich
SERVERS:	Owen Schmidt, Kifer Stevens, Anthony Tran
GIFTS:	Scott Rawlings Family
Collection Counters:	October, 2017: Suzanne Dartt, Rhonda Stone, Marge Boatman

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

PSR Upcoming Meetings



Wednesday, October 4, 2017 6:30-7:30 pm
 Wednesday, October 11, 2017 6:30-7:30 pm
 Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6:30-7:30 pm
 Wednesday, October 25, 2017 6:30-7:30 pm

Confirmation Service Project



Our CONFIRMATION CLASS invites all of our parishioners to participate in the N. O. W. Program through the Robinson School District. The N. O. W. Program which stands for NUTRITION ON WEEKENDS provides food for children during the weekend when they are away from school. On October 14 and 15, grocery sacks will be passed out with all of the requested items on the front of the sack. Please return the sack on October 21 or 22. All of the donated items will be assembled by the Confirmation students.

Prayer for the Hungry

LORD Jesus Christ, You urged us to give You food in Your hunger which is visible to us in the starving faces of other human beings. Let me realize that there are millions of persons—children of the same God and our brothers and sisters—who are dying of hunger although they do not deserve to do so. Do not allow me to remain indifferent to their crying need, or to soothe my conscience with the thought that I cannot do anything about this evil. Help me to do something—no matter how small—to alleviate their heart-rending want. Also let me pray regularly that these poor starving people will be rewarded for this terrible suffering they are enduring, and be relieved of it as soon as possible.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”

Scriptural Reflections for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God." Why? Because when they encountered Jesus Christ, who "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped," they found in him what they formerly had been looking for in sin. And that is what made it easy for them to leave behind their grasping ways and obey the one who himself became "obedient to the point of death." If someone "turns from wickedness and does what is right and just, he shall surely live, he shall not die"—because this means that that person has found Jesus Christ, who is infinitely more attractive than even the most powerful allure of evil.

LOL's First Friday of the Month Mass

Father Flach has a wedding rehearsal on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, at 5:00 pm. Instead of the date at OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Mass will be celebrated on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 at 5:30 pm. Confessions will be heard from 5:00 pm to 5:25 pm.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sherry Boswell, Lori Brown, Scott Chapman, Ron Dhom, Sharon Drake, Sandy Ellis, Jamie Hartrich, Leona Kocher, Trent Matthews, Teresa Mullins, Charlie Stegall, Katie Stovall, Rich Welp, Janis Wickland, Brian Wilson, the men & women in armed forces.

Oct.1, 2017 ~ Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time~From the Pastor ~
A God Who is More Than Fair

In his book "A Forgiving God in an Unforgiving World," Christian author Ron Lee Davis tells the story of a priest in the Philippines who carried the burden of a secret sin he had committed many years before. He had repented but still had no sense of God's forgiveness. In his parish was a woman who claimed to have visions in which she spoke with Christ and he with her. The priest was skeptical; so, to test her he said, "The next time you speak with Christ, I want you to ask him what sin your priest committed while he was in seminary." The woman agreed. A few days later the priest asked, "Well, did Christ visit you in your dreams?" "Yes he did," she replied. "And did you ask him what sin I committed in seminary?" "Yes." "Well what did he say?" "He said, 'I don't remember.'" The priest with the tortured conscience had obviously failed to grasp the radical nature of divine forgiveness as presented by Jesus in today's Gospel parable. The reading from Ezekiel makes the same point: If we acknowledge our past sins, turn our life around and strive to live our lives according to God's will, apparently God not only forgives but also forgets the sins of our past. God's standard of mercy and forgiveness might actually make us uncomfortable. In our hearts, we may cling to retributive justice — "an eye for an eye." Something about God's gracious (and unmerited) compassion seems a bit unfair to us. And by merely human standards, it is excessively lavish — way more than "fair." But it is also hard, if we look at the world around us, to argue with the logic of Mohandas Gandhi who is supposed to have said, "An eye for an eye will leave everyone blind." Clearly our all-too-human approach has not been very successful. And besides, God is saying something very different to us in and through Jesus Christ. We get it backwards when we imagine that if we could somehow be good enough, God might be able to forgive us. The truth is that we experience the gift of God's forgiving love while yet mired in our sinfulness, and the resulting deep and gratitude can give us the desire perhaps the courage and strength — to change our lives.

Sincere Congratulations



Our parish family of St. Elizabeth is so happy and honored to be able to offer **SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS** to **ANTHONY O'DELL** (Grandson of George & Jane Bohman) upon his reception of the Sacraments of **RECONCILIATION** and **FIRST EUCHARIST**. **ANTHONY** will receive **FIRST RECONCILIATION** on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** and **FIRST EUCHARIST** on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**. Anthony has prepared well for these two important spiritual steps with study, ready and prayer. Participating in these two Sacraments will allow Anthony to continue his preparation with our Confirmation Class and he will be confirmed in the Spring. We are pleased that Anthony has been so dedicated to this preparation to receive the gift of God's Forgiveness and the Body and Blood of Christ. Our prayers will remain by your side, Anthony, as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. May God bless you, Anthony, in many ways.

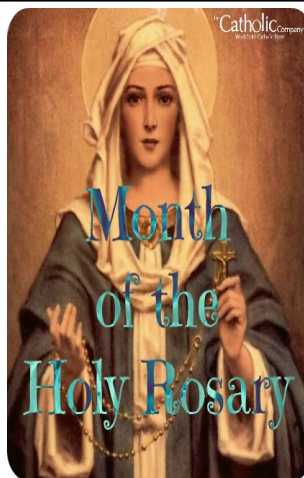
**Spiritual Reading on THE PRESENCE OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT**



A novice who had just been reprimanded came one day, completely discouraged, to tell her novice mistress (Saint Thérèse of Lisieux) sadly, "I no longer have a vocation!" To this solemn announcement Thérèse replied by laughing. How true it is that the Holy Spirit makes use of the most natural gestures of one whom he possesses!

Thérèse, who was severe in the case of ill-humor or a melancholy whim, could not take the matter seriously and the trouble vanished. Since this incident, if something seemed to go wrong, the mistress forestalled the tendency to discouragement by saying: "You no longer have a vocation today, is that right?" ... And the trouble would disappear as on the first day. To a novice who is tempted she explains: "Notice the method used to polish brass. First, it is coated with mud, which soils and tarnishes it. Then it is rubbed vigorously until it shines like gold. Temptations are like this coating for they only serve to make the opposite virtues shine in

Oct. The Month of The Most Holy Rosary

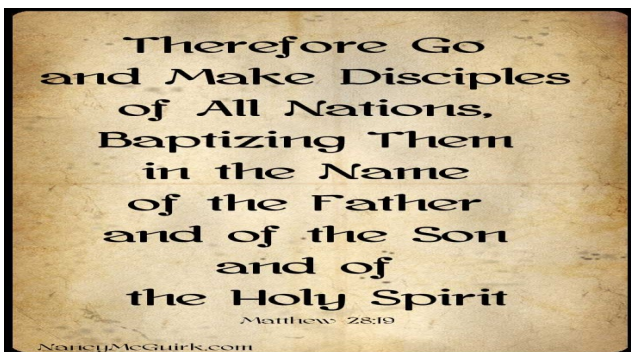


To linger in the domain of Mary is a divinely great thing. One does not ask about the utility of truly noble things, because they have their meaning within themselves. So it is of infinite meaning to draw a deep breath of this purity, to be secure in the peace of this union with God...Man needs a place of holy tranquility that the breath of God pervades and where he meets the great figures of the Faith. This place is the inaccessibility of God himself, which only Christ opens to man. All prayer begins by man becoming silent—recollecting his scattered

thoughts, feeling remorse at his trespasses, and directing his thoughts toward God. If man does all this, this place is thrown open, not only as a domain of spiritual tranquility and mental concentration, but as something that comes from God. We are always in need of this place, especially when the convulsions of the times make clear something that has always existed but which is sometimes hidden by outward well-being and a prevailing peace of mind: namely, the homelessness of our lives. In such times, a great courage is demanded from us; not only a readiness to dispense with more and to accomplish more than usual, but to persevere in a vacuum we do not otherwise notice. So we require more than ever this place of which we speak, not to creep into as a hiding place, but as a place to find the core of things, to become calm and confident once more. For this reason the rosary is so important in times like ours—assuming, of course, that all slackness and exaggeration are done away with, and that it is used in its clear and original forcefulness. This is all the more important because the rosary does not require any special preparation, and the petitioner does not need to generate thoughts of which he is not capable at the moment or at any other time. Rather, he steps into a well-ordered world, meets familiar images, and finds roads that lead him to the essential.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal 2017 ~ 2018 "Go Therefore & Make Disciples"

Our relationship with God is described in the Bible as a covenant. Our covenantal relationship with God compels us to offer our "first fruits" to him in sacrifice and praise. The offering of the first fruits is inseparably connected with God's covenantal relationships. When God covenants with his people, an offering of the "first" acknowledges God's sovereignty and gives thanks to God from whom all things come. When God dealt directly with His people in the Old Testament, He gave them a standard for giving. It was to be the FIRST 10% of their income. In the New Testament, Jesus praised the widow who gave from her substance, not her surplus. Watching this poor widow put two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus said, "I assure you, this poor widow has put in more than all the rest. They make contributions out of their surplus, but she from her want has given what she could not afford — every penny she had to live on" (Luke 21:1-4). The Second Vatican Council echoed and urged the same understanding: "Indeed, it is the duty of the whole People of God, following the word and example of the bishops, to alleviate as far as they are able the sufferings of the modern age. They should do this too, as was the ancient custom in the Church, out of the substance of their goods, and not only out of what is superfluous" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Gaudium et Spes, no. 88 [1965], emphasis added). Practicing our Catholic faith brings with it many blessings, such as receiving the sanctifying graces of the sacraments, especially the Baptism and Confirmation of ourselves and our loved ones, being nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, being reconciled with God and the Church in the Sacrament of Penance, celebrating the commitment of faithful love between husband and wife in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, being blessed with the sacred ministry of priests, deacons and our bishop through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and receiving God's healing powers in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Our participation in parish life invites us to experience the love and friendship of a caring community of brothers and sisters in Christ, offers religious education and formation for people of all ages, and gives comfort and consolation to those who grieve the death of a loved one as we pray for the eternal salvation of the faithful departed. To be Catholic means that we also look beyond the local parish congregation to the larger church family, our diocese and the universal church. Your support of the Annual Catholic Services Appeal strengthens the bond of communion that unites all Catholics in faith, worship and service. With the gift of God's grace, may we continue to grow as intentional disciples by generously supporting the theme of this year's appeal: GO THEREFORE and MAKE DISCIPLES." Your deep and sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive to fulfill the goal for ST. ELIZABETH PARISH of \$31,455.00 and the goal for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH of \$3,671.00.



Thank You to Our Lady Of Lourdes



Sincere APPRECIATION to those parishioners who have donated so generously to the LANDSCAPING PROJECT. Your dedication to enhance the beauty of Our Lady Of Lourdes landscaping is truly appreciated. The amount of \$700.00 has thus far been collected. May God bless you abundantly for your special kindness.

Church Council Meetings in October



There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.

There will be a Finance Council Meeting for Our Lady Of Lourdes on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm.



Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church Week Ending Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017

Envelopes \$ 1,906.00

Loose \$ 386.40

2 Online @ \$80.00

Votive Candles \$124.50

Deposit \$2,496.90

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church Week ending Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017

Envelopes \$640.00

Loose \$104.00 Building Fund \$50.00

Deposit \$794.00

Give Central Online Donations



St. Elizabeth has an online donations system called Give Central. All monies come directly to St. Elizabeth. You can go to the Church website www.crawfordcountycatholics.com & click on DONATE to access Give Central. You can give to what donation you choose to. Thank you to those who use the online giving.

Daily Mass Readings Oct. 2 ~ Oct. 6, 2017



Mon. Oct.2- Reading 1~ Zec. 8:1-8

Gospel Mt. 18:1-5,10

Tues. Oct.3- Reading 1~Zec.8:20-23

Gospel Lk. 9:51-56

Wed. Oct.4 - Reading 1~ Neh. 2:1-8

Gospel Lk. 9:57-62

Thur. Oct.5- Reading 1~ Neh. 8:1-4A, 5-6, 7B-12

Gospel Lk. 10:1-12

Fri. Oct.6 - Reading 1~ Bar. 1:15-22

Gospel Lk. 10:13-16