



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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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, September 22, 2019
Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

No One
Can Serve 2 Masters



Luke 16:1-13

Parable of the Dishonest Steward Luke 16:1~13

¹⁰ "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; & he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. ¹¹ Therefore if you have not been faithful in the *use of unrighteous* [i]wealth, who will entrust the true *riches* to you? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in *the use of that which is another's*, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No [i]servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one & love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God & [k]wealth." Lk. 16:10~13



Mass Intentions

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| Sept. 21 | 4:30 pm | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| Sept. 22 | 7:30 am | Special Intentions |
| | 9:00 am | Ben & Evelyn Huber by Ethel Dhom |
| | 10:30 am | Erma Veldhaus by Ted & Kathy Staller |
| Sept. 23 | 7:30 am | Special Intentions |
| Sept. 24 | 12:00 pm | Karlene Frese by Pete Frese |
| Sept. 25 | 7:30 am | Val Pescatore by Eileen Hartrich & Dave Cooper |
| Sept. 26 | 7:30 am | Repose of the soul of Marci Vanarsdalen by Ginger Osborne |
| Sept. 27 | 7:30 am | Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family |
| Sept. 28 | 4:30 pm | Keith Hartrich by Eileen Hartrich |
| Sept. 29 | 7:30 am | For all parishioners by Fr. Flach |
| | 9:00 am | Special Intentions |
| | 10:30 am | Val Pescatore by Robert & Karla Birkofer |



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 28 ~ Sunday, September 29, 2019

Sat. September 28, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN: Janet Hill, Chris Tylka

SERVERS: Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins

GIFTS: Dennis Jenkins Family

Sun. September 29, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Eileen Hartrich

USHERS: Brad Schutte, Randy Schutte

COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Shari Eckert

SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFTS: Steve Jenkins Family

Sun. September 29, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS: Frank & Anne Schlasky

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Cameron Davis

GIFTS: Frank & Anne Schlasky

Sun. September 29, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Courtney Ferris

USHERS: Maddy Myers, Isabel Heidorn

COMMUNION MIN: Valerie Chapman, Eileen Hartrich

SERVERS: Anthony Tran

GIFTS: Stewart Schutte Family

September Collection Counters: Janet Hill, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka



Parish School of Religion

OCTOBER PSR DATES: WED. OCT.
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019.

Confirmation Class Dates



C O N F I R M A T I O N
CLASS DATES: Sept. 22 & Sept.
29, 2019 from 5:30—7:00 pm.
OCTOBER DATES: Oct. 6,
Oct. 20, 2019 from 5:30—7:00 pm.

Spiritual Reading for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith, which is the adherence to Christ as the only Lord and our only Love, requires turning to him as the one who is of greatest value. Total adherence to Christ requires a free heart, therefore, a turning away from being enslaved to mammon. The Gospel says, No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. There are two masters—God and mammon; there is no third. The highest authority, Jesus Christ, has said this. The relationship of one master to the other is a relationship of radical contradiction. This is a very strong statement. We cannot, therefore, attach ourselves to Christ and serve him while at the same time serving mammon, even though we are always exposed to the temptation to compromise and combine that which cannot be combined. The Gospel says that we belong entirely to the Lord, regardless of whether we acknowledge this or not. We are and will always remain the property of the Lord, who is Jesus. Originally, the Hebrew term *mammon* meant some kind of treasure—money or expensive things put into a deposit. At that time, it did not have a negative meaning. In the course of time, however, an evolution in the understanding of this term came about. It started to mean that when expensive things were placed with a banker or someone of trust, one could then count on the treasure and place hope in it. This was the first step of the evolution. Mammon was becoming an object of trust. Next the word mammon started to be written with a capital letter since it already had become a false lord and master. Then an unusual alienation occurred; a thing took possession of the person. Everything in which he had placed his hope started to become a god for him. And you, in whom or in what do you place your hope? What do you count on? Who is your God? If you place your hope in a false god, then you will know bitterness and disappointment, because it is a master that sooner or later will disappoint you. This will be a great grace for you because then your trust in mammon will begin to crumble. What can this mammon that enslaves your heart be? It can be material as well as spiritual goods. For example, it can be attachment to money, to your work, or to something you are presently creating or working on. It may be attachment even to one's own perfection. As a human being you can choose to attach yourself to the one and only

Pastoral Council Meeting



St. Elizabeth Parish & Our
Lady of Lourdes Parish PASTORAL
COUNCIL will meet on TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 1, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St.
Elizabeth Parish Center.

Sunday, September 22, 2019 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time ~ From The Pastor ~
Whatever It Takes To Attain Eternal Life

Every human being wants things. We all have known people who say they want a better job, a wonderful spouse or to be in better shape. But we also know that many people fail to get what they claim to want because they don't put in the work that is needed. On the other hand, there are people who have the discipline to do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to realize their goals. Dr. Rodrigue Mortel is a fine example. An esteemed obstetrician and gynecologist, Mortel pioneered a new method of treating women with endometrial cancer. But that must have seemed like a distant pipe dream for him when he was growing up in his native Haiti during the 1930s and '40s. His family lived in abject poverty, dwelling in a small one-room hut without running water or electricity. Mortel was never inclined to shame or self-pity. Rather, already as a preteen, he began to make vows to himself (and God) to further his education, to lift his family out of poverty and to build a home for his mother. He went to college and medical school via Haiti's highly competitive public education system, and he recalls studying his medical texts outdoors under the lights at a gas station because the electricity was better there than at home. In 1983, he became the first black foreign-educated physician to chair the obstetrics and gynecology department at Penn State University. Of course, he did lift his family out of poverty, and he did build that home for his mother and another for his sister. Mortel — now a p e r m a n e n t deacon — also built and provided funding for several schools in and around his hometown. The schools are Catholic, and they exclusively serve the poorest of the poor. In today's Gospel, Jesus does not intend to praise the unjust steward for his dishonesty, his laziness or his shady bookkeeping. Rather, Jesus commends in the steward what he has richly blessed in the life of Mortel — a willingness to foresee and to do whatever it might take to ensure a prosperous future while he still had time and ability to do so. The key difference, of course, is that the unjust steward was entirely self-interested, whereas Mortel's dreams were always focused on the other. Mortel's generosity was borne of love — for his family, for the poor and for Jesus and the Gospel. The parable asks us would-be disciples today: How badly do you desire to follow Jesus and to work to build up the reign of God? What will you sacrifice to make

Scriptural Reflections for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 "Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth." What are we to make of this puzzling phrase? Jesus is instructing us to have a proper disposition to temporal wealth. We must not seek from wealth a happiness it is not able to provide, nor make use of it for illicit those who cannot wait for the chance to "buy the lowly for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals." By using wealth properly, as a means for the necessary goods of life and for works of charity, we act as prudent stewards and prepare for an eternal dwelling. Perhaps the first time those merchants "fixed their scales for cheating" it seemed to them like a very small matter. But "the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." Fortunately, the one Master, Jesus Christ, "gave himself as ransom for all?" With hands lifted up in holy prayer, we become those trustworthy people to whom God entrusts great t h i n g s .

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

October First Friday Mass



The FIRST FRIDAY
MASS for the month of OCTOBER
will be celebrated
on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019
AT 5:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes
Church.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting



The Our Lady of Lourdes Finance
Council Meeting will take place on
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 at 6:00
pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

How Catholics Pray The Sacred Eucharist

Christ offered himself once for all on the Cross. He said, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). The Eucharist does not repeat this sacrifice, but re-presents it to the Father. The sacrifice that was accomplished on Calvary is offered again in each Mass. It can be offered now only because "it is finished," perfected, "a perfect offering." "In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the Cross, the very blood which he 'poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins' (Matthew 26:28); CCC 1365). We know this is true because Christ said so: "This is my body which is given for you," and "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood" (Luke 22:19-20). The Eucharist is not merely an image or symbol of Christ's sacrifice; it is Christ's sacrifice. "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: 'The victim is one and the same: the same [Christ] now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the Cross; only the manner of offering is different' in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the Cross is (CCC 1367) contained and is offered in an unbloody manner. Christ on the Cross of Calvary 2000 years ago and Christ on the altar of your local Catholic church today are the same Person. The Christ we meet today in the Mass is the Christ of history, for he is "Jesus Christ; the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Christ is not divided by time. Christ is also not divided by space or limited by matter. "Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species [consecrated bread and wine] and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ (CCC 1377). The practical consequence of this fact is that we can and should have the same attitude to the Eucharist that we would have to Christ himself if he were visibly present as he was to his Apostles: the same attitude we would have had if we were standing under the Cross as he was offering his life blood for our salvation. And what attitude is that? It is accurately summed up by von Balthasar: "Everything that I am (insofar as I am anything more on this earth than a fugitive figure without hope, all of whose illusions are rendered worthless by death), I am solely by virtue of Christ's death, which opens up to me the possibility of fulfillment in God. I blossom on the grave of God who died for me" (The Moment of Christian Witness, pp. 26-27).

Oblong School N.O.W. Program



Oblong School District is again participating in the County's N.O.W. Program. Their "Nutrition-on-Weekends" initiative currently involves 40 children. They experience more need 4 times in the school year when the children have extended weekends. Monetary donations have allowed Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to purchase jars of peanut butter & jelly. To continue this support, collections will be held after Mass from Sunday, September 22nd through October 6th, 2019. Your generosity is appreciated.

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. May God bless you abundantly with good health & peace for your kind & generous response.

Daily Mass Readings



Mon. Sept. 23, 2019

First Reading Ezz. 1:1-6

Gospel Lk. 8:16-18

Tues. Sept. 24, 2019

First Reading Ezz. 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20

Gospel Lk. 8:19-21

Wed. Sept. 25, 2019

First Reading Ezz. 9:5-9

Gospel Lk. 9:1-6

Thurs. Sept. 26, 2019

First Reading Hg. 1:1-8 Gospel Lk. 9:7-9

Fri. Sept. 27, 2019

First Reading Hg. 2:1-9 Gospel Lk. 9:18-22

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Phil Burger & Linda Dudine (Ellen Rees) Sara Casburn (Arid Allen), Scott Chapman, Judy Eckert, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore), Kay Pescatore, Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Debbie Nichols (Celeste White), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Josh, Angela & Madison Rose Stumborg, Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, Kathy Wright (Sharon Skaggs) & the men & women in the armed forces.

Soup Supper at Our Lady of Lourdes October 6, 2019



Parishioners from both St. Elizabeth's & Our Lady of Lourdes' Parishes are invited to a soup supper on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 at 4:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Various kinds of soup, hot-dogs &

peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be provided. A carry in of other sides & desserts are welcome. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you there.

Kiosk Corner

All About Angels (Booklet)

The Catholic approach to angels begins with the belief that we live in a created universe of things visible & invisible. Things visible included the material aspect of creation, namely those things that we can perceive with our senses. Things invisible include the spiritual aspect of creation which elude sight, hearing, smell, taste & touch.

Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, September 15, 2019

Envelopes \$2,467.00 Loose \$239.50

Building Fund \$5.00

4 online thru Give Central @ \$380.00

Deposit: \$3,091.50

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, September 8, 2019

Envelopes \$680.00 Loose \$118.62

Building Fund \$30.00

Deposit: \$828.62

Give Central



Give Central can be assessed through the Church website.
www.crawfordcountycatholics.com

Prayer to God, the Source of Health

God our Father, source of all health, be near those who suffer in the time of weakness & pain; relieve them of their burden & heal them, if it be Your Will. Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest for soul & body, & be with them in their hours of silence. Bless those who know not what another day will bring. Make them ready for whatever it may be. Whether they must stand, or sit or be confined, grant them a strong spirit. Inspire with Your Love those who bring healing & care to the suffering. May they bestow Your gifts of health & strength wherever they go. Grant this prayer, through Christ Our Lord.