



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~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 am 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 24, 2017
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Story found in Matthew 20:1-16

“So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

Matthew 20:16



Mass Intentions

Sept.23	4:30 pm	Ione Lopiccolo by Karen Sanders
Sept.24	7:30 am	Pat Stone by Rhonda Stone
	9:00 am	Vera & Michael Kirts by Fred & Ann Kirts
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Sept.25	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Sept.26	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sept.27	7:30 am	Norbie Wagner by Carol Wong
Sept.28	7:30 am	Paul Keith Hartrich by Hartrich Family
Sept.29	7:30 am	Peace in the World by Maria Szigethy
Sept.30	4:30 pm	Teresa Mullins by Dave & Eileen Cooper
Oct.1	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	George Bohman by Jane Bohman



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 30, 2017 ~ Sunday, October 1, 2017

<u>Sat. Sept. 30, 2017 4:30 pm</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth</u>
LECTOR:	Celeste White
USHERS:	Logan Baird, Lukas Baird
COMMUNION MIN:	Eileen Cooper, Karen Sanders
SERVERS:	Ella Bunten, Ella Jenkins
GIFTS:	Steve Ezell Family
<u>Sun. Oct. 1, 2017 7:30 am</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth</u>
LECTOR:	Janet Jenkins
USHERS:	Dave Holscher, Tom Huss
COMMUNION MIN:	Mike & Jona Uptmor
SERVERS:	Matthew Jenkins
GIFTS:	Kurt Holscher Family
<u>Sun. Oct. 1, 2017 9:00 am</u>	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>
LECTOR:	Anita Kocher
USHERS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping
COMMUNION MIN:	Keith & Rita Wirey
SERVERS:	Jared Hermann
GIFTS:	Jerry & Sarah Ping
<u>Sun. Oct. 1, 2017 10:30 am</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth</u>
LECTOR:	Josh Quick
USHERS:	Gene & Teresa Gower
COMMUNION MIN:	
SERVERS:	Madalyn Myers, Lauren Staller
GIFTS:	Stewart Schutte Family

Collection Counters: September, 2017:
Janet Hill, Ellen Rees, Chris Tylka

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

PSR Upcoming Classes



Wednesday, September 27, 2017 6:30-7:30 pm
 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

Scriptural Reflections for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



What is most striking about the landowner is the relentless way he himself goes out to find laborers (five times). His willingness to hire the "rejects," and his desire to pay them a full day's wage. Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of heaven is like this landowner. The love of heaven takes the initiative in seeking us out. The love of heaven chooses us despite our utter unworthiness. And the love of heaven is lavish in its self-gift to us. To love the Kingdom of heaven is to love this landowner and the way he acts. The temptation is for us to measure our life and "the way things should be" by a standard at odds with God. Instead, "seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near," because, for us, "life is Christ."

Daily Mass Readings Sept. 25 ~ Sept. 29, 2017



Mon. Sept. 25- Reading 1~ Ezr.1:1-6
Gospel Lk. 8:16-18
Tues. Sept. 26- Reading 1~ Ezr.6:7-8,12B,14-20
Gospel Lk. 8:19-21
Wed. Sept. 27 - Reading 1~ Ezr.9:5-9
Gospel Lk. 9:1-6
Thur. Sept. 28- Reading 1~ Hg 1:1-8
Gospel Lk.9:7-9
Fri. Sept. 29 - Reading 1~ Dn.7:9-10,13-14
or Rev.12:7-12AB
Gospel Jn.1:47-51



Prayer Requests



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

Our Lady Of Lourdes Friday Monthly Mass



Father Flach has a wedding rehearsal on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th at 5:00 PM.**
 Instead of the date at Our Lady of Lourdes, Mass will be celebrated on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th at 5:30 PM.**
CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM.

September 24, 2017 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
From the Pastor ~ The Love We Need

Love your neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39

The Lectionary readings show how living life in God's kingdom is surprisingly different from living life on earth. Isaiah urges the chosen people to see these differences and "seek the Lord while he may be found" (55:6). Paul embraces these differences when he declares that either in death or freedom he joyfully lives for Christ (see Phil 1:20). Then Jesus astounds his listeners by using workers' wages to highlight what standards his Father uses for followers of Jesus to gain entrance into eternal life. A parish recently choose a mother with nine children as its "mother of the year." When asked if she loved all nine children equally, she said, "My love depends on what each child needs at any given moment and where they are at any given time."

Jesus seems to have a similar response in mind in today's parable. Hearing Jesus tell this parable, many of his listeners, including us, want to cry "Unfair!" It does seem unjust that those who came at the last hour of work received the same wage as those who arrived at the first hour of the day, who worked the longest hours during the sultriest heat. The anger from the first group is not that they were cheated of their rightful pay. They received the exact wage they were promised. Their quarrel is with the landowner's generosity toward those who came so late in the workday. To them, he simply gave too much to those who came at the end of the day. Jesus is clearly saying this parable is not about workers' wages but about salvation. It is showing God's

goodness and the disciples' response to Jesus' message. Jesus wants his followers to understand that demanding hard work in the vineyard is not enough to earn salvation. God does not want anyone to be lost. A longtime faithful follower and a recent remorseful sinner stand before the Lord equally. God's goodness counterbalances any human standard as a reward for hard work. Jesus looks far and wide in seeking those tainted by sin and brokenness, those faithful to his message and those in their last hours who have a sudden change of heart that opens God's kingdom to them. Like the mother with nine children, God sees where each child is and waits to give them what "they need at any given moment." This is what Jesus is asking his listeners to recognize in this parable.

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, reading, 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,

Spiritual Reading on the Generosity of God's Love



God is represented here as the treasury of all good, the Lord of the world, the Father of all creatures, the Supreme Good: Am I not free to do as I wish because I am generous? He is a most provident Father: He went out at dawn to hire laborers. The corporeal world is described under the image of a marketplace, where idle people are found. Actually, all people, even though they may seem intensely busy, are still very idle in the eyes of God, unless they are busy working to acquire goods for eternity: They sleep their final sleep; the hands of all the mighty have failed. The incorporeal or spiritual world, the Church, is described under the image of the vineyard, for: The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel. And, finally, the celestial world, Paradise, is described under the image of the house of the landowner, where the reward for labor done is given at the end of the day. Paradise is a place of rest and the reward for the merits of virtues and good works. The Savior reminds us that God is very concerned about the cultivation of his vineyard, i.e., he is desirous of good works and, consequently, he goes out to hire laborers at the first, and third, and sixth, and ninth, and even the eleventh hour. And he does not send someone else, but goes out personally to hire them. Hence, from the very beginning of the world God required good works from all mankind. He placed Adam in paradise to till the garden; he commissioned Noah, a herald of righteousness, to build the ark; he gave a law to be observed. Finally, he sent Christ into the world to cleanse for himself a people as his own eager to do what is good. He tells us that God does not force a man endowed with free will to do good works, but encourages him by promising a reward.

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!

A Sincere & Heartfelt Welcome



Our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth is pleased to be able to offer sincere & heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to KESHIA BROOKE PARKHURST upon the completion of her study & preparation to be received into the Christian community & Roman Catholic Church. For a number of months, Keshia & her husband-Justin were dedicated in attending class each week, reading, studying, learning about our Roman Catholic beliefs as well as attending Sunday Mass so she is well prepared to take this important spiritual step by receiving the Sacrament of FIRST RECONCILIATION, the Holy Water & Sacred Oils of the Sacrament of Baptism & participating in her FIRST EUCHARIST on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Keshia will be receiving the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION in the Spring of 2018. We are so honored to welcome KESHIA into our Parish family & we offer her our continual prayers & support. GOD BLESS YOU, KESHIA.

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



Why should I support the Church?

We should support the Church because God expects us to be generous stewards of the gifts of His creation, returning to God the first fruits of these gifts. This expectation is clearly expressed throughout the Bible, beginning with the story of Cain and Abel in the Book of Genesis. In Genesis 4:2-5, we

read, "Abel became a herder of flocks, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time, Cain brought an offering to the

Lord from the fruit of the ground, while Abel, for his part, brought the fatty portion of the firstlings of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor." God was pleased with the nature of Abel's offering since Abel brought "the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions," while Cain offered merely "of the fruit." God wants the best from us, not just our leftovers. In the

Old Testament, the people understood their support for the Temple as giving to the Lord: "The people rejoiced over these free-will offerings, for they had been contributed to the Lord wholeheartedly" (1 Chronicles 29:9). The first century Church described in the New Testament understood the offering of first fruits as part of God's plan for the sanctification of the Church founded by His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. This is in keeping with Jesus' teaching that "whatever you did for one of these least

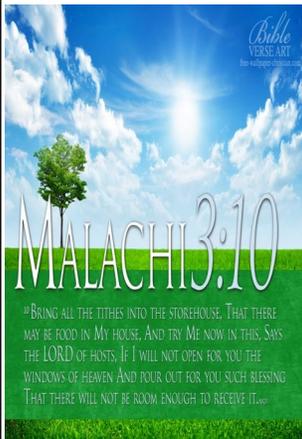
brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Giving to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal supports the Church in fulfillment of Christ's command. How much should I give? The Bible answers this question with the concept of tithing, or giving ten percent. The Church did not create this concept. Tithing is God's own idea, the divinely chosen way to contribute regularly and systematically to His work. Tithing is God's concept of giving. Sacred Scripture mentions tithing forty-six times. The first reference comes in the Book of Genesis, where Abram

(as he was known before God changed his name to Abraham), returned victorious from battle. After receiving a blessing from

Melchizedek, King of Salem and "priest of God the Most High," the text says that "Abram gave him a tenth of everything" (Genesis 14:20). While we should give freely without expecting anything in return, Scripture does contain God's written guarantee of rewards for those who

tithe, as we read in the Book of Malachi: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10). Your

deep and sincere generosity is deeply appreciated as we strive to fulfill the goal of ST. ELIZABETH PARISH of \$31,455.00 and the goal of OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH of \$3,671.00.



Liturgical Ministry Contacts



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Pastoral Council Meeting



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

Finance Council Meeting



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. 17, 2017

Envelopes \$ 2,332.00

Loose \$ 361.00

3 Online @ \$180.00

Deposit \$2,873.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church Week ending Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017

Envelopes \$840.00

Loose \$78.00 Building Fund \$50.00

Landscaping \$700.00

Deposit \$1,668.00

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.

World Missions Collection



World Missions Sunday will be on Sunday, October 22 2017. On October 22nd we will join Catholics around the world to "celebrate the hope that saves." Our prayers and attention will be directed towards strengthening our brothers and sisters worldwide. We will have an opportunity to contribute financially to a special collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supporting missionaries and Church workers who are giving daily witness to Christ by offering service and hope to the poor and most vulnerable in mission countries.