



# Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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**Reverend Father James A. Flach, Pastor**

### PASTORAL STAFF

Office Manager: Halena Estep

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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 29, 2019 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and sees Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

**—Luke 16:23**

The Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus Luke 16:19-31

**<sup>23</sup> In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.**



## Mass Intentions

Sept. 28	4:30 pm	Keith Hartrich by Eileen Hartrich
Sept. 29	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions Val Pescatore by Robert & Karla Birkofer
Sept. 30	7:30 am	Anthony O'Dell by George & Jane Bohman
Oct. 1	12:00 pm	John & Gladys Rooney (Anniversary) by Anne Loy
Oct. 2	7:30 am	George Bohman Birthday by Jane Bohman
Oct. 3	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Oct. 4	7:30 am	Kevin Murray by Larry Dix
First Friday Mass OLOL	5:00 pm	Donnal Fitzmaurice by Fred & Ann Kirts
Oct. 5	4:30 pm	Gene & Barbara Dix by Larry Dix
Oct. 6	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Ron Dhom by Bob & Kourtney Coffman Family Special Intentions



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 5 ~ Sunday, October 6, 2019

Sat. October 5, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:**

**USHERS:** Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins

**COMMUNION MIN:** Patti Buercklin, Celeste White

**SERVERS:** Abby Mullins

**GIFTS:** Steve Ezell Family

Sun. October 6, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Dave Holscher

**USHERS:** Jim Jaeger, Jeff Rich

**COMMUNION MIN:** Jim & Shari Eckert

**SERVERS:** Matthew Jenkins

**GIFTS:** James Eckert Family

Sun. October 6, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**LECTOR:** Anita Kocher

**USHERS:** Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

**COMMUNION MIN:** Bob Coffman, Wilmer Wilson

**SERVERS:** Ava Patchett

**GIFTS:** Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

Sun. October 6, 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Josh Quick

**USHERS:** Evan Ferris, Joe Quick

**COMMUNION MIN:** Phyllis Inboden, Roselene Quick

**SERVERS:** Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings

**GIFTS:** Ted Staller Family

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



## Parish School of Religion

**OCTOBER PSR DATES:**

**Wednesday, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019.**

### Confirmation Class Dates



**CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
DATES: 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pride can exist only in those who believe that they possess something. The fallen angel and the first man became proud and fell only because they imagined and believed that they possessed something. For neither angel nor man nor anything else has being; only one has it, God. Humility exists only in those who are poor enough to see that they possess nothing of their own. In Eve's case when God permits evil to happen, he makes it benefit the growth in being of those who are good. For this reason he saw to it that his Son—who possessed being more than one can say—became more poor than any saint or any person had ever been. He saw to it that he became so poor that it was as if he had no being but it seemed thus only to sinners who were deprived of the true light; to those with understanding it did not—and does not—seem thus. This truth is so profound—namely, the truth about the virtue of poverty, how it is the root and mother of humility and every good—this is so profound that it cannot be written about. Whoever possessed this virtue could never fall into ruin and deception. They could never retain anything for themselves, and would also perceive how God loved true poverty.

### 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.



### 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.

### Our Lady of Lourdes News



**RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY ~ To honor the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY during the month of the Most Holy Rosary, the Rosary will be prayed SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, OCTOBER 12, OCTOBER 19, & OCTOBER 27, 2019 AT 8:30 am in OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH.**

Sunday, September 29, 2019 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ From The Pastor ~ Humankind Should Be Our Business

I am a great fan of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. It is, among other things, as powerful a tale of conversion of heart as one is likely to find anywhere. But before Scrooge can undergo his eventual transformation, he first must be made to see the consequences of his past choices. Scrooge's redemption begins with a visit from the ghost of his deceased business partner, Jacob Marley. Scrooge asks, "Why do spirits walk the earth?" Marley explains that he and his fellow ghosts are condemned to walk among their fellow humans because they failed to do so in life. Their torment in death is to witness what they "cannot share, but might have shared on earth, and turned to happiness." As the tale unfolds, Scrooge begins to see the loneliness and lack of love in his life, which he unwittingly has chosen for himself. He also gradually awakens to the sufferings of those around him — notably, the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit — and realizes that he often has contributed to those sufferings or, at least, has failed to remedy them. In other words, as with any conversion, Scrooge gradually faces the truth about himself, unpleasant as it may be. But he also begins to see that something better may be possible, and he comes to desire and hope for a better future. Scrooge is fortunate enough to entertain his haunting spirits while he is still alive and so is able to change his ways. The rich man in today's Gospel parable is not so lucky, although his sin is the same as Scrooge's. While alive, he manages his wealth without ever even noticing the poor man, Lazarus, who is lying on his doorstep. It is only in the afterlife, when the rich man is in torment in the "netherworld," while Lazarus is comforted in "the bosom of Abraham," that the rich man begins to grasp the consequences of his choices. We are blessed, while still alive, to know Jesus' parable and the story of Scrooge's redemption. We are also blessed to know the Scriptures and to have a loving personal relationship with "someone who rose from the dead." But with great knowledge comes great responsibility. If Jesus has loved and blessed us, he expects us to go and do likewise — especially for the poor men and women who may be lying on our doorsteps.

#### Scriptural Reflections ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps the most scandalous thing about the parable of the rich man is that the sore ridden beggar "lying at his door" was not some anonymous, faceless stranger, for the first one to speak the name of the "poor man"—"Lazarus"—was the rich man! "Woe to the complacent in Zion," for that complacency is not only a refusal to share material goods—it is a self-obsession, a total ignoring of someone, a giving-up on another as unworthy to exist. We are called to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, & gentleness." "The King of kings & Lord of lords" knows our name & loves us into being his friends & heirs, so we can in turn love all of the poor, needy, & burdened in our life, whose very names we know.



#### Prayer Requests

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

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

God performs a miracle in each Mass. In fact, there has never been a miracle as great as this anywhere on earth for 2000 years. And it happens in every Catholic church every day! It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered (Saint John Chrysostom CCC 1375). "This change is not like natural changes, but is entirely supernatural, and effected by God's power alone" (Saint Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae III, 75, 4). Such a miracle is beyond the power of man, but not beyond the power of God." "Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist [Genesis 1], change existing things into what they were not before? (Saint Ambrose; CCC 1375). Reason says it is possible. But faith says it is actual. Faith prays, with Saint Thomas Aquinas: "Godhead here in hiding, Whom I do adore, masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more, See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art. 'Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived; How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed. What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do: Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true (CCC 1381). Why do Catholics believe this astonishing fact — that what seems to all human perception to be ordinary bread and wine is in fact the body and blood of God incarnate? Because Christ said so! "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change in the whole substance [being, essence] of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation (Council of Trent in the sixteenth century; CCC 1376). "The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist... (CCC 1377). Since they remain for about 15 minutes in the human body after being swallowed, we should spend this time in prayer, thanksgiving, and adoration, and not quickly turn to worldly occupations. 'The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist... adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful and carrying them in procession (CCC 1378). If the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist were not true, this would be the most monstrous idolatry: bowing to bread and worshipping wine! & if it is true, then

## How Catholics Pray The Sacred Eucharist continued

not to adore is equally monstrous. Eucharistic adoration has transformed many lives and parishes. Pope John Paul II has said, "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease" (CCC 1380). The most sacred object in the history of the Chosen People was the Ark of the Covenant, kept in the "holy of holies" in the Temple. It was a golden box containing the actual stone tablets on which the finger of God wrote the Ten Commandments, the heart of the Old Covenant. The Ark was a foreshadowing of the tabernacle the golden box behind the altar in which the consecrated Host is kept — for this now contains the Eucharistic Christ, the heart of the New Covenant. The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent, outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament (CCC 1379). It is the Church's "holy of holies," but now open to all since Christ's death tore apart the temple veil that separated man from God (Matthew 27: 31). Now, through our receiving Holy Communion, Christ actually lives in another tabernacle: our souls, and even our bodies, which Scripture calls God's tabernacles, or temples (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20).

## 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. 30, 2019 First Reading Zec. 8:1-8  
Gospel Lk. 9:46-50

Tues. Oct. 1, 2019 First Reading Zec. 8:20-23  
Gospel Lk. 9:51-56

Wed. Oct. 2, 2019 First Reading Neh. 2:1-8  
Gospel Mt. 18:1-5, 10

Thurs. Oct. 3, 2019 First Reading Neh. 8:1-4A, 5-6, 7B-12  
Gospel Lk. 10:1-12

Fri. Oct. 4, 2019 First Reading Bar. 1:15-22  
Gospel Lk. 10:13-16

## 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.

## Weekly Offerings

### St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, September 22, 2019

Envelopes \$2,677.00 Loose \$485.83

Building Fund \$15.00

2 online thru Give Central @ \$155.00

Deposit: \$3,332.83

### Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, September 15, 2019

Envelopes \$992.00 Loose \$72.00

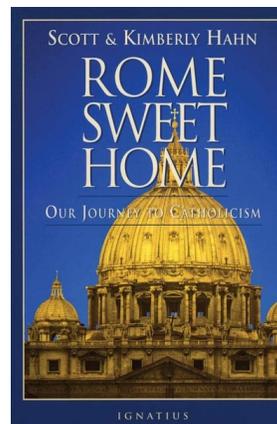
Deposit: \$1,064.00

## Give Central



Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website at [www.crawfordcountycatholics.com](http://www.crawfordcountycatholics.com)

## Kiosk Corner



Scott & Kimberly Hahn have spoken all over the world about their conversion to the Catholic Church. This book tells the story of the incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism. Their conversion & love for the Church has captured the hearts & minds of thousands of Catholics & has brought many lukewarm Catholics back into active participation in the Church.

Praise for Rome Sweet Home: "One of the beautiful & bright-shining stars in the firmament of hope for our desperate days is this couple & the story of their life & conversion." - Dr. Peter Kreeft - Professor of Philosophy at Boston College "The integrity, courage, and intelligence which marked the pilgrimage of these two Christians in response to the claims of the ancient Church are deeply impressive." - Thomas Howard Author of Evangelical is Not Enough