



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

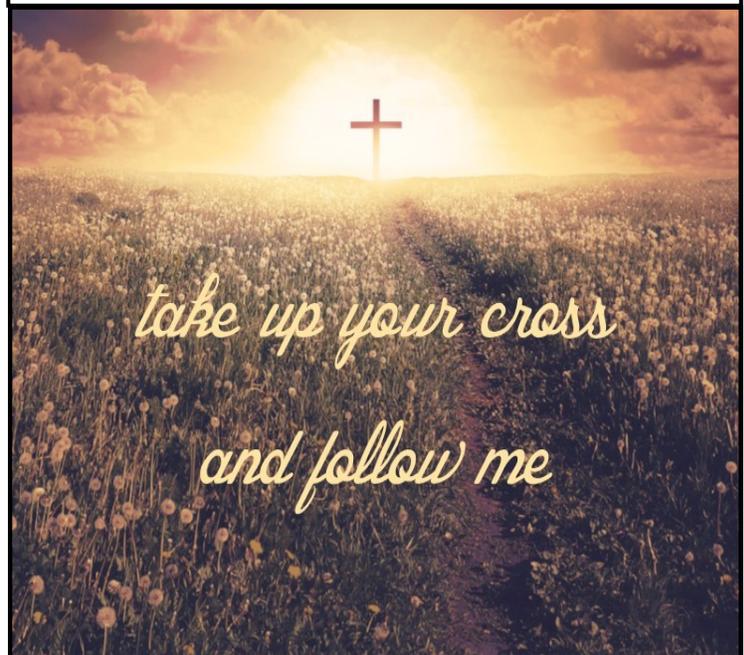
If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sunday, September 9, 2018 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in Mark 7:31~37



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel, will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What could one give in exchange for his life?”

Mark 7:34~37



Mass Intentions

Sept. 8	4:30 pm	Favorable Weather
Sept. 9	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Floyd & Mildred Hinterscher by Keith & Rita Wirey & Jan & Doug Long
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Sept. 10	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Sept. 11	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sept. 12	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Sept. 13	7:30 am	Betty Moore by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Sept. 14	7:30 am	Jack & Marylin Stanley by Ellis & Karen Sanders
Sept. 15	4:30 pm	Adeline Probst by Steve & Geri Ezell
Sept. 16	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Leona Kocher by Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 15 ~ Sunday, September 16, 2018

Sat. Sept. 15, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Terry Roche Family

Sun. Sept. 16, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor

USHERS: Garrett Rich, Travis Rich

COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Eileen Hartrich

SERVERS: Jeff Hermann

GIFTS: Dave Cooper Family

Sun. Sept. 16, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Jim Ping

SERVERS: Taylor Blank, Emma Davis

GIFTS: Rod Wilson, Wilmer Wilson

Sun. Sept. 16, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: Gene & Teresa Gower

COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Matthew Hartrich

SERVERS: Maddy Myers, Lauren Staller

GIFTS: Clark Myers Family

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

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

PSR: Wed. Sept. 12, 2018 from

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Youth: Junior High Youth will meet on
September 9th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the
Parish Center. Boys bring a salty snack, girls bring
something sweet.

YOU ARE INVITED ~ CONVERSION SPEAKER

All of our parishioners from ST. ELIZABETH & OLOL'S are invited to attend a presentation about a RELIGIOUS CONVERSION after the 10:30 am Mass on SUN. SEPT. 16, 2018 in ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH. We are happy to welcome a special GUEST SPEAKER, DANIEL TEWS, a former Lutheran Pastor who will be sharing his spiritual journey home to the CATHOLIC CHURCH. After his presentation, you are welcome to come to ST. ELIZABETH'S Parish Center for a light lunch of sandwiches & chips for an informal "QUESTIONS & ANSWERS" SESSION. This would be a perfect opportunity to invite anyone you know who is interested in the Catholic Faith. If you have never had the honor to hear a CONVERSION STORY, you do not want to miss this opportunity. Please give serious consideration to attending this presentation on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 after the 10:30 am Eucharist. This spiritual event is being sponsored by the PASTORAL COUNCIL of ST. ELIZABETH & OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH. God bless you. Mr. Daniel Tews will be our CONVERSION SPEAKER on SUN. SEPT. 16, 2018 immediately following the 10:30 am Eucharist. Below is pertinent information about Daniel so that you may know something about him before you hear him speak. In 2010, Daniel Tews was ordained as a Missouri Synod Lutheran Pastor. Daniel served as a Pastor in South Dakota from 2010 to 2015. As part of his pastoral studies, Daniel decided to study the writings of the early Church Fathers. To his surprise, he found that the early Church Fathers did not believe what he was taught in the Lutheran tradition. Daniel also found that certain passages in the Bible were contradicting many of his protestant positions. Through prayer & study, Daniel was drawn to the Catholic Church for its unwavering biblical teachings & truth. In 2015, Daniel left his job as Lutheran Pastor & became Catholic. Daniel's talk focuses how prayer, study, & faith led him into the Catholic Church.



September Parish Meetings

St. Elizabeth FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Karen Bailey) Scott Chapman, Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Donald Davis (Lori Davis), Todd Drake, Sonny Rosenski (Linda Allen), Phil Skaggs (Sharon Skaggs), Jack Stanley, Brian Wilson, Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

I stand in awe at the courage & patience of my friends who are raising children. One of many recurring challenges they all seem to face at some point is the selective hearing of their offspring. When parents seek to communicate certain things to their kids — such as the need to clean up their room (now!), or to finish their homework or get ready for bed — the children often seem to become strangely hard of hearing. On the other hand, when parents are trying to share with each other information they want to — such as the hiding place for the Christmas presents, or the possibility of a yet unconfirmed family trip to Disney World — the same kids often seem to develop super hearing. Nor is such selective hearing restricted to children. We currently are a nation deeply divided about politics, race, morality & religion; but instead of listening to one another respectfully & with open minds, we increasingly use our media choices to create a soundproof news bubble in which we listen only to what we want to hear from others who already share our opinions & beliefs. We may even denounce those with whom we disagree in no uncertain terms, dismissing them as ignorant or, perhaps, even deceitful. Clearly, we have yet to heal every kind of "deafness," despite the ready availability of excellent, high-tech hearing aids. Two striking things about the healing of the deaf man in today's Gospel: First, Jesus is not afraid to draw close & to actively engage when he heals a person. He puts his fingers in the man's ears, spits and touches his tongue. We needn't try to hide our defects; indeed, we can expect Jesus to deal with us in a way no less intimate, no less personal than he showed to the deaf mute & second, as he often does in Mark, Jesus orders the healed man & the witnesses not to tell anyone — but they proclaim what he has done anyway. The spiritual healing of the crowd has begun; the astonished bystanders say of Jesus, "He has done all things well." Are we able to say the same? Have we allowed our spiritual ears to be opened by Jesus' "ephphatha" & have our tongues been loosed to proclaim the Good News in word & i n e x a m p l e ?

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Dinners

CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS would like to begin to sponsor the WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP DINNERS on a designated WEDNESDAY from 5:30 P.M. to 6:15 P.M. Before this takes place, we are in need of a COMMITTEE who would be responsible for set—up & clean—up. If you would like to serve on this Committee, please contact Father Flach or Courtney Ferris. Thank you & God bless you.

DVD Lending Library



Did you know that St. Elizabeth's has a DVD lending library? We do! It is located in the Parish Hall & contains over 100 movies & documentaries for every age. Learn about St. Augustine in the exciting adult movie "Restless Heart," battle with Joan of Arc, or experience the miracles of Fatima as the three children did in the "The 13th Day." There is also a large selection of children's movies including the Saints & Heroes & Brother Francis collection. To borrow a DVD, simply sign it out & return at your convenience. In addition to the DVD's in the Parish Hall lending library, several select DVD's will be located in the display holder near the church entrance at St. Elizabeth's & in the lending area of OLOL. No checkout is required when borrowing these DVD's.



Daily Mass Readings

Sept. 10, 2018 ~ 1 Cor. 5:1~8 Gospel Lk. 6:6~11
Sept. 11, 2018 ~ 1 Cor. 6:1~11 Gospel Lk. 6:12~19

We should note that before our Lord touched the ears & tongue of the disabled man who was to be healed, he took him & led him aside from the crowd. The first hope of salvation for anyone is to desert those with vicious habits, & the commotion of the crowds, & so humbly bow his head to receive the gift of healing. We must not in any way suppose that salvation is possible as long as one is not afraid to cling to his disordered habits, to be delighted by pointless words, [or] to be impaired by disturbing thoughts. But there lies in store for a person who, with God' mercy & aid, has changed the disturbed ways of his former life, who has conceived in his heart the inspiration of divine grace, who has learned from the word of heavenly teaching to confess the true faith, to secure immediately the longed for joys of good health. Hence it is appropriate that, after our Lord Separates the disabled man from the crowd, after he puts his fingers into his ears, after he touches his tongue with his spittle, there is added: And looking up toward heaven he groaned & said, "Effeta," which means "be opened." And at once his ears were opened & the ligament of his tongue was loosened. It was proper that, as he was about to heal the disabled man, our Lord looked up toward heaven & groaned. This was to indicate from where healing was to be hoped for, & with what zeal for compunction & tears it was to be sought after & reached out for. He looked up toward heaven & groaned because he grieved that we, whom he had created to possess heavenly things, were cast far away, entangled] in earthly matters, He looked up toward heaven & groaned to suggest to us, who had withdrawn from the joys of heaven through being gratified by earthly things, that our return to these joys must be accomplished by groaning & sighing.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES NEWS

At the FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, the project of REPLACING THE PARISH HALL and KITCHEN WINDOWS was approved. Hayden Glass of Robinson will be installing the new windows with the bid of \$3,430.58. The funds for this project are being deducted from Our Lady of Lourdes Checking Account. The sincere generosity of our parishioners allows our parish to continue to participate in improvement projects.

"Stewardship ~ Discipleship Prayer"

Lord, You alone are the source of every good gift and the author of the mystery of each human life, created in your image, beginning at the moment of conception. We praise and thank You for Your great power, and for your infinite and faithful love. All we are and all we have is Your gift, and You loved us so much You even sent your only begotten Son, who died for us and was raised into Glory, thus ascending and entering the gates of heaven as a means to our salvation. Fill our minds with His truth; fill our hearts with His grace; and may His Spirit lead us to unity as a bonded community of faithful caring "intentional disciples". In His name and by the grace of the Holy Spirit may we commit ourselves to living ' stewardship' as a "way of life" sharing the gifts entrusted to us by living as true stewards, faith-filled disciples of the living Body of Christ. We pray this in the Holy Name of Jesus, He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.. Amen!

Daily Mass Readings cont.

Sept. 12, 2018 ~ 1 Cor. 7:25~31 Gospel Lk. 6:20~26
Sept. 13, 2018 ~ 1 Cor. 8:1B~7, 11~13 Gospel Lk. 6:27~38
Sept. 14, 2018 ~ Nm. 21:4B~9, Phil. 2:6~11 Gospel Jn. 3:13~17

Original Order of the Sacraments of Initiation
Baptism ~ Reconciliation ~ Confirmation ~ First Eucharist
Reconciliation ~ Second Grade Confirmation ~ First Eucharist
~ Third Grade Questions & Answers

18. How will my child be preparing for Confirmation?

In original order, Confirmation preparation is integrated into the preparation for Eucharist. This means that the close connection between Baptism & Confirmation is emphasized, while recognizing the importance of the Eucharist as the culmination of Christian initiation. **19. Will my child be learning about the Holy Spirit?** Naturally, as your child continues to participate in religious education, he/she will continue to learn more and more about the Holy Spirit's action in our lives. Just as your child was first empowered by the Spirit in Baptism, your child will continue to grow in the Spirit through the grace of Confirmation. **20. How will I know if my child is ready for Confirmation?** Readiness for Confirmation cannot be separated from readiness for Eucharist, & sacramental readiness is not so much about learning as it is about faith. As your child prepares for Confirmation & Eucharist, here are four things to keep in mind: The baptized need the sanctifying grace of Confirmation earlier, not later in life. Sacraments are always a beginning- As your child matures in faith, he/she will grow in his/her understanding of Confirmation and experience of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the culmination of the three Sacraments of Initiation. Your child is now welcomed as a fully participating member of the Church. At any age, completion of the Sacraments of Initiation —Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist—in no way signals graduation. Rather it is the beginning of a lifetime of being nourished at the table of the Lord.



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week Ending Sunday, September 2, 2018
 Envelopes \$2,129.00 Loose \$299.00
 Building Fund \$140.00
 Spiritual Kiosk \$52.00 5 online @ \$435.00
 Total Deposit: \$3,055.00

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Week Ending August 26, 2018
 Envelopes \$700.00 Loose \$81.00
 Votive Candles \$18.00
 Total Deposit: \$799.00



**Scriptural Reflections Twenty~Third
 Sunday in Ordinary Time**



To give hearing and speech back to a deaf and mute man is tantamount to giving him back his very self. Why? The act of looking at another person without speaking to him constitutes a rudeness we call staring. However, "one can look at another without limit of time so long as a conversation is going on" (W. Ong). That transformation from alienation to relationship is the way Christ saves the deaf man. Our voice reveals our interior self, reinforces the fact of our presence, and communicates a sense of mystery. The "poor in the world" who obey Christ's command to "Be opened!" become "rich in faith."

Annual Catholic Services Appeal ~2018~2019
In Gratitude For God's Abundant Blessings

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 & 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 & 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 of their income. In the New Testament, Jesus praised the widow who gave from her substance, not her surplus. Watching the 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 21:14). The Second Vatican Council echoed & urged the same understanding: "Indeed, it is the duty of the whole People of God, following the word & 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, & 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 & our loved ones, being nourished with the Body & 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 & wife in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, being blessed with the sacred ministry of priests, deacons & our bishop through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, & 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 & sisters in Christ, offers religious education & formation for people of all ages, & gives comfort & 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 & the universal church. Your support of the Annual Catholic Services Appeal strengthens the bond of communion that unites all Catholics in faith, worship & service.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL supports our parishes and diocese in carrying out the Gospel Mission of the Catholic Church in forming intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. 2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES As you know, the theme for the 2018 — APPEAL is "IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS." Gratitude In the words of is Integral to the life of a disciple. "THE BEST WAY TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO GOD Saint Teresa of Kolkota, AND PEOPLE IS TO ACCEPT EVERYTHING WITH JOY. " With the gift of God's grace may we continue to grow as intentional disciples by generously supporting this year's appeal. Your deep and sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill the goal for: ST. ELIZABETH PARISH ~ \$38,376.00 & OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ~ \$8,112.00. Thank you and God Bless You.