



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

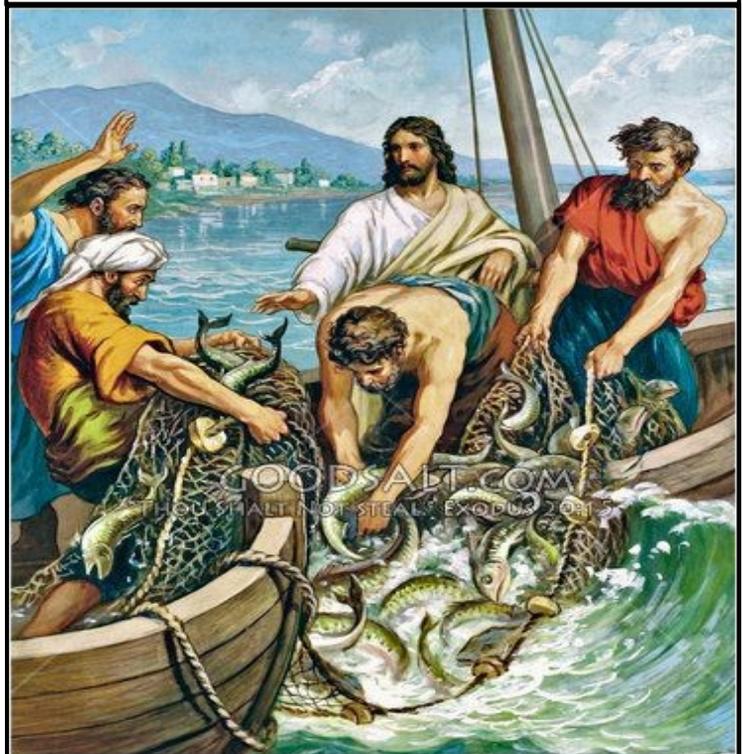
If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

Sunday, February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in: Luke 5:1-11



Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night & have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish & their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came & filled both boats so that they were in danger of



Mass Intentions

Feb. 9	4:30 pm	Larry Mitchell by Carol Wong
Feb. 10	7:30 am	Bev Turkal by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 11	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Feb. 12	12:00 pm	NO MASS~PRIEST MEETING
Feb. 13	7:30 am	Patrick Goda (Death) by George & Jane Bohman
Feb. 14	7:30 am	Jim & Julie Maloy (7th Anniversary) by George & Jane Bohman
Feb. 15	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 16	4:30 pm	Terry Baird by Youth Group
Feb. 17	7:30 am	Jonathan Reynolds by Mike & Jona Uptmor
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Special Intentions

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

Fr. Flach has a **PRIEST'S MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019** at 12:00 PM so, therefore there will be **NO MASS** on that date. Thank you & God bless you.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 16, 2019~Sunday, February 17, 2019

Sat. Feb. 16, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Jack & Carol Watts

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Terry Roche Family

Sun. Feb. 17, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor

USHERS: Jeff Rich, Craig Weber

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Eric Mosbey Family

Sun. Feb. 17, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Kourtney Coffman

USHERS: Rich & Anita Kocher

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: Adam & Lori Davis Family

Sun. Feb. 17, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Joe Quick

USHERS: Levi Dickerson, Anthony O'Dell

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Kifer Stevens, Anthony Tran

GIFTS: Chris Weber Family

February Collection Counters: Don Brown, Mary Ann Griffin, Susan Goodwine

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

PSR News: Wednesday, February 13, 20, 27, 2019.

Scriptural Reflections for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times

If the enemy continues to make war against you, this might mean that he has still not obtained what he set out to achieve, otherwise he would stop tormenting you.... If you have no struggle at all, rather be afraid and question yourself. Recognize that either this has happened by a free gift of God—in which case you should simply thank him and feel unworthy of it, or else it has happened because you have become accustomed to evil and compromise—in which case it is time for you to wake up. Saint Catherine of Siena once received a visit from her heavenly spouse at a time when she was being assailed by a tide of temptations of the flesh. "My Lord," she called out to him, "where were you when my heart was being tormented by so many temptations?" And the Lord replied: "I was in your heart." And she said, "Saving always the truth of what you say, my Lord, and with all due respect for your majesty, how can I believe that you were living in my heart, when it was full of unclean and devilish thoughts?" And the Lord answered: "Those thoughts and temptations: did they gladden your-heart, or sadden it? Did they bring you pleasure, or displeasure?" And she replied: "Great pain, and great displeasure." And the Lord answered: "Who was it who made you feel displeasure, if not I who was hiding in the center of your heart?"

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

As you are aware, the theme of the 2018~2019 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is 'IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.' Gratitude is an attitude & response that is integral to the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. God blesses us in so many ways & one way for us to express our gratitude to God is our participation in supporting our parishes goal for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. With the gift of God's grace, may we continue to become intentional disciples through our gift to the ACSA. As of January 22, 2019, the goal for St. Elizabeth is \$38,376.00 with the total pledged of \$17,320.00 & the total paid of \$16,820.00. As of January 22, 2019, the goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$8,112.00 with the total pledged of \$3,792.00 & the total paid of \$3,444.00. Your deep & sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill our parish goals. Thank you & God bless you.

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council Meeting



Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council will meet on Tues. Feb. 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Spiritual Reflections for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How often do our own doubts or negative attitudes cause us to miss the power of Christ in our lives? Mindful of all this, Christ commands: "Put out into the deep." In faithful obedience to Jesus, our nets become full with the effects of God's love and care for us. Our sins and failings should not cause us to avoid Jesus, but instead to cry out: Stay with me, Lord, "for I am a sinful man." The Gospel that is being preached to us saves us from what would otherwise shame us. Our sin is purged; our wickedness is removed. Do not be afraid.

God likes making great out of nothing. Remember when David, the young shepherd boy, faced the giant Goliath? Even with his mammoth size, Goliath still carried a sword, spear and javelin. David met him with a stone, a slingshot and the Lord Almighty. Before Goliath moved toward him, David's stone hit Goliath in the head, and he fell, stunned. Then David moved quickly and killed Goliath with his own sword. God likes making great out of nothing. Time and time again God astonishes his creation by making great from nothing. Today's readings highlight three dramatic interactions: Isaiah, Peter and Paul. In each of these encounters, God showed their human inadequacy and sinfulness and turned them into examples of his amazing power. Isaiah's calling within a temple liturgical setting blended heavenly and earthly theophanies. This resplendent glory only serves to make Isaiah more aware of his imperfections and sinfulness. However, when the angel purifies his lips with burning coals, Isaiah gives his enthusiastic response. Then Yahweh seals his 'yes' with the gift of moral integrity. Peter's calling stands out among all the other called apostles. After fishing all night, Peter gives up without catching any fish. It takes a direction from Jesus for Peter to have success. This passage ends with the quote about the disciples' future ministry. They will now be, "fishers of men." Peter tailed in many ways, but the presence of God's Spirit provides what he needs to become the Church's first pope. Last, Paul states humbly that he has become an apostle only because of God's favor. Paul is grateful that God's grace worked through him despite his human drawbacks. Everyday disciples may fail in their efforts to be faithful Christians, but that is when the ever-present help of Jesus provides what is lacking in our hearts. At the beginning of every Mass, worshippers acknowledge their faults and ask for God's mercy. In their thoughts and in their words, in what they do and in what they fail to do. This prayer helps believers to remember that, rather than be discouraged about mistakes and weaknesses, they would do better, like Isaiah, Paul and Peter, to turn them over to the Lord. Our God can take any underperformers and turn them into the minister he needs even to this day. For God likes making great out of nothing.

Spiritual Reflections on the Gospel of St. Luke

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us (1:1-2). Saint Luke's "narrative of events" is more than a record of ancient history' (see 1 Jn 1:1-3): The saving events of Christ's life continue to work in us. Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 108): 'The Christian faith is not a 'religion of the book.' Christianity is the religion of the Word of God, a word which is 'not a written and mute word, but the Word is incarnate and living'." Pope Benedict XVI: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event." Saint Ambrose: "One who is founded upon the rock, and who has taken hold of all the fullness of faith and the firmness of constancy, rightly says, The things that are among us'.. In the Gospel, not a voice but the Word. ...is seen. ... Jesus is seen not with the eyes of the body but with the eyes of the spirit." *I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus (1:3).* Saint Bede: 'Theophilus means, 'loving God,' or 'being loved by God.' Whoever then loves God, or desires to be loved by Him, let him thank this Gospel to have been written to him, and

it as a gift presented to him, a pledge entrusted to his care." In Jesus, each of us is 'Theophilus' (consider 1 Jn 4:10; Rm 5:5). *So that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received (1:4).* How do you come to have "certainty" about things you are taught? The Greek word for "certainty" also means truth, stability, solidity, security. CCC 1 57: "Faith is certain. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie." Saint Thomas Aquinas: "The certainty that the divine light gives is greater than that which the light of natural reason gives." Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all (4:14-15). Jesus returns to Galilee, the home of Mary and Joseph, and the region from which he will gather disciples and choose his Twelve Apostles. 'The power of the Spirit': the Spirit was at work in the infancy stories: Lk 1:1 5, 41, 67; 2:25. "Filled with the Holy Spirit" after his baptism (Lk 3:21; 4:1), Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the desert. "News of him spread": How can we spread the news of Jesus? *He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day (4:16a).* Jesus is presented as a pious Jew who attends synagogue services regularly. Why would the Son of God "go to church" on the Sabbath? Jesus reveals that the human heart is made to worship our heavenly Father. *He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (4:16b-19).* Jesus preaches Good News to the poor like the widow (Lk 21:3); he gives liberty to captives like the good thief (Lk 23:40-43); he gives sight to the blind (Lk 7:21; 1 8:35); he frees the oppressed like the Gerasene demoniac (Lk 8:38). 'To bring glad tidings to the poor': Pope Benedict XVI wrote; 'This means: I have the response to your fundamental questions; I will show you the path of life, the path toward happiness—rather. I am that path.' Blessed John Henry' Newman: "Christ came to make a new world. He came into the world to regenerate it in himself, to make a new beginning, to be the beginning of the creation of God, to gather together into one.' *Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant & sat down, all the eyes of all in the synagogue 'looked intently at him (4:20).* "All looked intently at him": hearing Jesus affects our seeing like the disciples on the road to Emmaus whose eyes are opened after listening to Jesus (Lk 24:31). We keep our focus on Jesus to avoid preoccupation with others' faults, discouragement from our own, or pride & vanity. *He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (4:21).* "Fulfilled in your hearing": that fulfillment is like the joy Elizabeth experiences when she hears Mary's greeting (Lk 1:44). Jesus stresses, Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear" (Lk 8:8; 14:35); "Pay attention to what I am telling you" (Lk 9:44). We extend & witness to that fulfillment (Lk 24:45-48; Mk 16:15).

Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Feb. 11, 2019 Gn. 1:1-19 Gospel Mk. 6:53-56
Tues. Feb. 12, 2019 Gn. 1:20-2:4A Gospel Mk. 7:1-13
Wed. Feb. 13, 2019 Gn. 2:4B-9, 15-17
Gospel Mk. 7:14-23
Thurs. Feb. 14, 2019 Gn. 2:18-25
Gospel Mk. 7:24-30
Fri. Feb. 15, 2019 Gn. 3:1-8 Gospel Mk. 7:31-37

Lenten Bible Study ~The Gift of Repentance
God's Call For A Change of Heart

As the holy & sacred season of LENT approaches, you are being invited to experience a spiritual conversion of your heart in an enriching & inspiring BIBLE STUDY entitled THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE. In the New Testament, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear these words: "GOD HAS GIVEN THE REPENTANCE THAT LEADS TO LIFE." (Acts 11:18). In this Lenten Bible Study, we will receive God's call for a CHANGE OF HEART. During the holy & sacred season of Lent, we ask for God's grace to help us to honestly accept the fact that we are all sinners and how often we are weighed down by our sins. The sorrow over our sins that initiates the process of repentance leads not to losing heart, but to a CHANGE OF HEART. Coming to a realization of ourselves as sinners put us within the range of hearing God speaking to us in our conscience by listening to His Sacred Word in Scripture. In this Lenten Bible Study, we are able to ponder six passages from the Bible. The first two are accounts of people going through a process of repentance The third, a prayer, bring us inside the experience. These first three are from the Old Testament. Then from the New Testament are three passages focused on Jesus: on His call to a change of heart & life, on His death & resurrection as the way for us to experience this change, & on his friendship with us. The first three readings spur us on to reflect on our own experience of recognizing our sins, taking action against them, & beginning the journey of return to God. The second three direct our attention to Jesus as teacher, healer, & Savior. Jesus calls us to grow in love beyond anything that is easy or comfortable for us & enables us to do it by nourishing us with Himself. The DATES & TIMES of the LENTEN BIBLE STUDY are at St. Elizabeth Parish Center from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm as follows: MONDAY, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019 & MONDAY, APRIL 1, & 8, 2019. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REGISTER by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 by calling the Parish Office at 544—7526 so that a resource may be ordered for you. Thank you and God bless you.

Marian Video Seminar

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Pastoral Council of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes invites you to a Marian Seminar on February 17, 2019 in the Parish Center from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. In the history of the Catholic faith, the Blessed Virgin Mary has a very special role. She seeks for us to come to her. Those who come to her at their hour of need are welcomed with a Holy Mother's love, compassion and care. The Blessed Virgin Mary is gentleness itself to all who turn to her, save one: To Lucifer, the devil, she is an implacable foe. *Queen of Heaven, Mary's Battle for Souls* is the story of the battle between the angel who said "no" to God, and the Blessed Mother who said "yes." It is a battle that has flared through history to the current day. *Queen of Heaven* is an encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary as you have never before experienced. Accompany the Blessed Virgin Mary from her Immaculate Conception through her Assumption and beyond. You won't want to miss this beautiful and inspiring story of the Blessed Virgin Mary's presence in history and of her special place in the life of her Son, Jesus. A light lunch will be served. In case of inclement weather, the Marian Seminar will be rescheduled.

18th Annual Mardi Gras 2019

The 18th ANNUAL CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS MARDI GRAS event will take place on SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 at STONEY RIDGE. The Committee of BOB and KOURTNEY COFFMAN JOE SCHUTTE, STEWART and EMILY SCUHTTE, JIM and BROOK STEWART, LINDSAY WATTS are already busy with making preparations for this festive and enjoyable evening. The Buffet Dinner was delicious last year and will again be catered by Kaye Holscher's Catering and will be served from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. There will be music and dancing. The Silent Auction which was a great success last year will be taking place during the event. DINNER TICKETS are priced at \$30.00 per person & are available at the Parish Center or from the following Committee Members. Bob & Kourtney Coffman, Emily Schutte, Brook Stewart & Lindsay Watts. Table Reservations are again being accepted. We are excited about the 2019 CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS MARDI GRAS on MARCH 2, 2019 and we will be looking forward to seeing you there.



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, January 27, 2019

Envelopes \$1,882.00 Loose \$196.00 Votive Candles \$138.00

Church in Latin America \$170.00 Catholic Times \$45.00

First Offering \$10.00 Harry Wong Memorial \$45.00

3 online @\$185.00 Deposit: \$2,671.00

Week ending Sunday, February 3, 2019

Envelopes \$3,072.00 Loose \$245.00 Catholic Times \$20.00

Building Fund \$150.00 4 @\$285.00 online

Deposit: \$3,772.00 CCW Deposit: \$145.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, January 20, 2019

Envelopes \$275.00 Building Fund \$10.00

Catholic Times \$35.00 Deposit: \$320.00

Week ending Sunday, January 27, 2019

Envelopes \$1,039.00 Loose \$95.00 Latin America \$125.00

Deposit: \$1,259.00

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris, (Kathleen Pescatore), Nancy Ping, Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.



Rest In Peace

Rest in peace, Francis Medina. Francis was the daughter of Rito & Maria Medina. Rest in peace, Winifred "Ruth" Kinchen. Ruth was the mother of Debbie & Larry Dix & grandmother of Dan & Holly Dix. Rest in peace, Jean Goss. Jean was the mother of Bob & Celina Goss. In God's Love we pray that He will grant them all a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that their families will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.