



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 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

18TH ANNUAL

CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS
SATURDAY, MAR. 2, 2019

6:00PM-MIDNIGHT

STONE RIDGE EVENT CENTER

\$30/TICKET

Tickets available at

St. Elizabeth Parish Office or from Committee Members (Lindsey Watts, Brook Stewart, Bob Coffman, or Emily Schutte.)



MENU

Grilled Smoked Sausage Kabobs

BBQ Pork Sliders on a Homemade Onion Bun

Mini Crab Stuffed White Fish

Mini Ham Loaf with Pineapple

Cajun Red Beans & Rice

Peel-n-Eat Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce

Variety of Cheese Balls

Crudités with Chipotle Ranch Dip

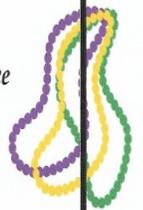
Fresh Fruit Kabobs

Dessert Tasting Bar

Tea/Lemonade/Cucumber Lime Water/Coffee

Kaye Holscher Catering

King Cake by Debbie Dix



BIG DIVVY TICKETS-\$25.00

Big Divvy Drawings announced at 9:00 p.m.

Big Divvy winners need not be present to win.

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS.



Mass Intentions

Feb. 23	4:30 pm	Julie Maloy-new job by George & Jane Bohman
Feb. 24	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Special Intentions Charles Adams by Keith & Patti Buercklin
Feb. 25	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Feb. 26	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Feb. 27	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Feb. 28	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Mar. 1	7:30 am	Jasmine Howard 18th Birthday by George & Jane Bohman
First Friday Mass Our Lady Of Lourdes	5:00 pm	Ron Dhom by Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Mar. 2	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Mar. 3	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach Mildred Schmidt by Bob & Kourtney Coffman Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 2~Sunday, March 3, 2019

Sat. Mar. 2, 2019 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Geri Ezell

USHERS: Randy Mullins, Ty Mullins

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Ken Bergbower Family

Sun. Mar. 3, 2019 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Shari Eckert

USHERS: Mike & Jona Uptmor

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Nathaniel Arkenberg

GIFTS: Mike Uptmor Family

Sun. Mar. 3, 2019 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Bob Coffman

USHERS: Frank & Anne Schalasky

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Frank & Anne Schalasky Family

Sun. Mar. 3, 2019 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Roselene Quick

USHERS: Evan Ferris, Joe Quick

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Emily Ferris, Anthony Tran

GIFTS: Chris Weber Family

February Collection Counters:

Don Brown, Mary Ann Griffin, Susan Goodwine



Parish School of Religion

PSR News: Wednesday, February 27, 2019. March Dates:
Wednesday, March 6,13,20 & 27, 2019.



Scriptural Reflections for the
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times

When Christ commands: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you," our first reaction—due to Original Sin—is to recoil. Like Abishai, in our fallenness we prefer "to nail [our enemy] to the ground." How is it possible to take seriously what Christ tells us? Because he only commands what he makes possible: Jesus, the new Adam from heaven, gives us his own love, beyond our passions, impulses, defects, and fatalism. The Lord repays justice and faithfulness by making us bear the image of the heavenly second Adam.

Spiritual Reading for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

At every street corner minor wars break out, just as at the crossroads of the world there are always major wars going on. At every turning point in our lives we may either make peace or make war—and we find ourselves perilously well-designed for making war. This is because when our friends' possessions rub up against our own they often produce an initiation. Brothers, however, have all the goods of their father to manage and to share. This is why children of God are the only genuine peacemakers. For them the earth is the house that belongs to their Father in heaven. Everything on the earth belongs to him, even the soil itself. Yes, the earth is in fact the house of their Father. No part of it do they disdain—no continent, no island however small, no nation, no back yard; they despise nothing—no square, no sidewalk, no office, no store, no dockside, no railroad station.... They make it their business to create in the world a family spirit. Each morning as they take to the street they marvel at this new opportunity of getting to know with their bodily eyes all those brothers whom they have only met as yet in the depths of faith. They cannot isolate themselves from them or treat them as strangers; even the right to a seat in a bus becomes questionable... Social distinctions become less clear cut. Categories based on human evaluation begin to break down. Few differences can appear important when compared to the title shared in common as sons and daughters of God; and these differences stand out about as prominently as a single thread of dyed material on the surface of a white sheet. As on an X-ray screen we see everything disappearing that is not essential to the organism—its clothes, its muscles, so in the light of the title Son of God everything disappears except our divine lineage.

First Friday Mass

The First Friday of the Month Mass will be held at
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH at 5:00 pm on FRIDAY,
MARCH 1, 2019.

Lenten Bible Study



As you know, our FIRST SESSION will be held on MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Payment for the resource can be submitted at that time. We will be discussing Chapter One. God bless you.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

The themes of this week's readings are close to the heart of Christ & God the Father: forgiveness & mercy. These are the bedrocks of Jesus' mission. His entire task is about reconciling God's creation with the Creator. What Jesus accomplishes during his time among God's Chosen People is rewriting their ending through the gifts of resurrection & eternal life. Even though Adam & Eve turned their backs on what they received in the garden, God the Father still wants his children with him in heaven. God's chosen now can understand the bottomless depth of God's love & his burning desire to pardon his creation & give them a clean start. But to do this, God is asking his followers to choose the narrow path — one filled with pain & sacrifice. St. Edmund Campion, an English martyr, is one follower who did this. Betrayed & arrested, St. Edmund was visited by his betrayer. Not only did he forgive him, but Edmund urged him to leave England for his own safety. He also gave him a letter of safe conduct to a friend in Germany. Truly, St. Edmund showed how to do what God asks each of us. Luke's Gospel is plentiful with examples of God offering limitless generosity without expecting any reward. "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." This is what Paul hints at when he writes, "Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. Since creation bears God's image & likeness, God's own divine nature is seen in human behavior. In the Gospel today, Jesus is preaching his Father's message & what he himself will do: "To the person who strikes you, offer the other cheek as well," &, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Both Father & Son know the pain of betrayal from loved ones, but they still pour mercy over their wounds. This is what they are asking from their followers. In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul insists that through baptism Christians receive the seeds to become the new heavenly Adam, Jesus Christ, & they are called to cultivate that growth to transform themselves into his image & spirit.

Mardi Gras 2019 Silent Auction List

- You Rock! Take Time to Wine Down. Super Bowl.
- Listen to the Music! Some Like it Hot, Some Like it Cold.
- Closer to Heaven. Pullin' Spirit.
- A Brew-tiful Basket. That's a Winner!
- It's a bee-yooo-tiful day for baseball!
- On Cloud Wine. Kiss and Make-up.
- The Gambler! Glowing Skin is Always In.
- 'Just a Swingin' Out to Eat in the Wabash Valley.
- Whatcha' got Cookin'? Side by Side.
- Relax, Rejuvenate, Radiate.
- Mulch-nificent! Deck the Hall!
- Another Glass.. Wine not!
- Rock-n-Roll All Night! I Like Pig Butts, and I Cannot Lie!
- So, this guy walks into a bar.. The Coldest Yet.
- There is truth in wine. All About Him. All About Her.
- Where dreams come true. Come on baby, light my fire!
- Just Brush. The Perfect Pallet. Let's Paint!
- Sparkle & Shine. To bee or not to bee.
- Summer Fun! Meet Me in St. Louis.
- LuLa Lovely. A Penny for your thoughts.
- Ladies & Gentlemen, Start your Engines!
- Save Water, Drink Wine. Best Seat in the House.
- Best Seat in the House Take II

Lent Practices ~ Almsgiving

Cultivating a spirituality of abundance might seem contrary to Lent. Yet, it is helpful to remember that everything is a gift from God—our lives, relationships, talents, our deepest identity is that we are beloved by God. When we believe this, we are freed from trying to measure our worth by any other means. We come to realize the beauty of enough: we have enough, & we are enough with all our imperfections. As a result, we can let go & give This is almsgiving. "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks. Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. You are the hands, with which He blesses the world. St. Teresa of Avila.

The Most Holy & Sacred Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 6, 2019 to Easter Sunday-Sunday, April 21, 2019. As we begin this holy & penitential season of the Church Year, the Season of LENT, we are invited to enter into the spirit of sacred time through the ancient tradition of receiving the BLESSED ASHES upon our foreheads. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lenten Season & a day of universal fast, penance & abstinence within the Catholic Church. On this particular day of Prayer, Penance & Fasting, the Blessed Ashes will be placed upon our forehead in the Sign of the Cross to express our willingness & sincere desire during the remaining forty days of Lent to enter into the true spirit of this season of conversion. Through the gifts of God's grace, we will strive to receive into our hearts & souls the Christian virtues—the important symbols of the Spirit of lent, the Spirit of discipline, the Spirit of Sacrifice, the Spirit of Penance, the Spirit of fasting, the Spirit of Reconciliation & the Spirit of Almsgiving. To symbolize our sincere desire to begin this Holy & Sacred Season of Lent & to help us prepare our hearts & souls for the Spirit of Lent.

The Lenten Season

The Holy and Sacred Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. LENT is an amazing and fruitful spiritual season. It begins with Ash Wednesday and leads on a forty—day pilgrimage towards the feast of Easter. Along the way, LENT invites us to cultivate a spirit of unselfishness based on the virtues of faith, hope, and charity. This holy and sacred season invites us to remember that what it's all about is the love of God and neighbor, the only source of ultimate meaning and purpose. The SPIRIT OF LENT invites us to "UNSELF OURSELVES" and that is the purpose of the traditional disciple of FASTING and ABSTINENCE. That is to UNSELF OURSELVES and to become more oriented to the LOVE OF GOD and NEIGHBOR- That is what we want to help each other to do during the holy sacred season of LENT — to help each other to cultivate the SPIRIT OF LENT in our hearts & souls.



Daily Mass Readings

- Monday, February 25, 2019 First Reading Sir. 1:1-10 Gospel Mk. 9:14-29
- Tuesday, February 26, 2019 First Reading Sir. 2:1-11 Gospel Mk. 9:30-37
- Wednesday, February 27, 2019 First Reading Sir. 4:11-19 Gospel Mk. 9:38-40
- Thursday, February 28, 2019 First Reading Sir. 5:1-8 Gospel Mk. 9:41-50
- Friday, March 1, 2019 First Reading Sir. 6:5-17 Gospel Mk. 10:1-12

Lenten Prayer ~ Stations of the Cross

During this Holy and Sacred Season of Lent we are invited to participate in an uplifting and enriching **LENTEN PRAYER** called the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**. The **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed **THREE** times each week in our two parishes. **WEDNESDAYS - 10:00 A.M. - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH** **FRIDAYS - 5:30 P.M. OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH.** **SUNDAYS 11:30 A.M. - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH.** Please give serious consideration to your participating in the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** this **HOLY SEA-**

SON OF LENT. This **LENTEN SEASON** we are using the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** by **ST. ALPHONSUS - THE WAY OF DIVINE MERCY**. As you can see from the **LENTEN SCHEDULE** distributed in last Sunday's Bulletin our **LENTEN PARISH MISSION** is focused on the **WAY OF DIVINE MERCY** so using this resource for our **LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS** is appropriate.

PRAYER OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

My Lord Jesus Christ, you willingly walked this painful journey to your death on the Cross with unconditional love for each one of us, & I, how often have I ungratefully abandoned you. But now I love you with my whole soul, & because I love you I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus, pardon me, & permit me to accompany you on this journey.

You are going to die for love of me, & it is my wish also, my dearest Redeemer, to die for love of you. My Jesus, in your love I wish to live. In your love I wish to die.

Following is pertinent information about the life of **ST. ALPHONSUS**. St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, who died in 1787, bequeathed to the Church a vast treasure of spiritual and theological writing. Pope St John Paul II summed up his life and mission in this way: St. Alphonsus is a gigantic figure, not only in the history of the Church, but for the whole of humanity as well. Even people who would not follow his vision, still see in him "the teacher of the Catholic soul of the West". He did for modern Catholicism that which Augustine accomplished in ancient times. Alphonsus was born in Naples in 1696. As a young man he studied law and very quickly became a well-known lawyer in that bustling city. God, however, had another plan for his life and by divine providence Alphonsus gave up his legal profession and began, much to the displeasure of his aristocratic father, to live humbly in the service of the poorest in Naples. He prepared for the priesthood and was ordained at the age of thirty in 1726. After six years of intense missionary work among the poorest in the city of Naples, he became convinced that the Lord wanted him to form a new missionary community to bring the Gospel to the most abandoned, especially to those who lived in the rural and mountainous areas outside the city of Naples. With a few companions he founded the Redemptorist Congregation in 1732. Today, the Redemptorist Congregation numbers around 5500 priests and brothers and has missionary communities in seventy-nine countries.

Pastoral Council Meeting

St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes **PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on **TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019** at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

St. Elizabeth Finance Council Meeting

St. Elizabeth Finance Council will meet on **TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019** at 6:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

Catholic Charities ~ Second Collection

Providing Help ~ Creating Hope

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** in both of our parishes on **MARCH 9, 2019** and **MARCH 10, 2019** during the **SUNDAY EUCHARIST**. A brochure explaining the various services of **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** for the **EFFINGHAM DEANERY** will be placed into the **MARCH 2, 2019** and **MARCH 3, 2019** Bulletin. When making a donation to **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** please make the check payable to either **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH** or **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH** and the exact amount will be forwarded to **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**. Thank you for your dedicated generosity to this important service and ministry of the **CATHOLIC CHURCH** for the **Effingham Deanery**. May God bless you in many ways!



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, February 17, 2019

Envelopes \$1,462.00

Loose \$344.00

Easter Flowers \$25.00

3 online @\$185.00

Deposit: \$2,016.00

CCW \$10.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, February 10, 2019

Envelopes \$555.00

Loose \$73.00

Building Fund \$10.00

Easter Flower Offering \$25.00

Deposit: \$663.00



Prayer Requests



Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Gerald Bierman (Clarence Schutte), 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.

Fish Fry News



The **DATES** for the **ST. ELIZABETH FISH FRY** are **FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 22, & 29, 2019**. We are deeply grateful for all of the faithful and

dedicated help that we have in the past years and we appreciate everyone working so well together.

If you have not been able to help in the past and would like to be involved and help, please feel welcome to give us a helping hand because it will be deeply appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.