



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



## CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Office Manager: Halena Estep**

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**Custodial Care: Lori Davis,**

**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, January 12, 2020 The Baptism Of The Lord



Story found in Matthew 3:13-17 ~ The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, & yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water & behold, the heavens were opened (for Him), & he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove & coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



## Mass Intentions

Jan. 11	4:30 pm	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
Jan. 12	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Harold Harris by Adam & Lori Davis Family
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Jan. 13	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Jan. 14	12:00 pm	Special Intentions
Jan. 15	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
Jan. 16	7:30 am	Betty Moore by Janet Jenkins
Jan. 17	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Jan. 18	4:30 pm	Mrs. Paul (Rita) Holscher by Rosemary Halter
Jan. 19	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Augustine & Loretta Pescatore by Kaye Pescatore
	10:30 am	Special Intentions Rees Family



## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 18 ~ Sunday, January 19, 2020

Sat. January 18, 2020 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Terry Roche

**USHERS:** Ken Bergbower, Horacio Solis

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Ella Bunten

**GIFTS:** Terry Roche Family

Sun. January 19, 2020 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Linda Sikorski

**USHERS:** Dave Holscher, Tom Huss

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Jared Hermann

**GIFTS:** Dave Holscher Family

Sun. January 19, 2020 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**LECTOR:** Bob Coffman

**USHERS:** Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Ava Patchett

**GIFTS:** Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

Sun. January 19, 2020 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

**LECTOR:** Josh Quick

**USHERS:** Callie Dickerson, Isabel Heidorn

**COMMUNION MIN:**

**SERVERS:** Maddy Myers, Noah Myers

**GIFTS:** Juanita Jochim, Tom Jochim

January Collection Counters: Marge Boatman, Josh & Roselene Quick



## Parish School of Religion

JANUARY DATES: WED. JANUARY 15, 22 & 29, 2020 from  
6:30~7:30 pm.



## Confirmation Class Dates

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES: JANUARY 12, 26, 2020 &  
FEBRUARY 2, 9, 23 from 5:30~7:00 pm.

## Scriptural Reflections for the Baptism of the Lord

Jesus joins the people going out to John the Baptist in the gesture of repentance, not because there is sin in him, but to make it possible for us to share in his relationship with the Father, announced from the heavens. He goes to the Baptist as a beggar because he takes upon himself our misery. The Lord Jesus lowers himself in his baptism & acknowledges his Father so that we will never hesitate to do the same. In baptism, Jesus gives us an efficacious approach to the Father. The Father knows us as his beloved sons & daughters.

## Spiritual Reading for the Baptism of the Lord

The more we contemplate in the light of faith the great gifts of baptism, the more we are astounded by the munificence of God's bounty. Moreover, it would be a mistake to regard the effects of this initial grace as passing phenomena. The Trinity of baptism is with us all the days of our life. The Father is always present, providentially watching day & night over his adopted children. The Word is always present, keeping them from all evil. The Holy Spirit is always present, guiding them through the cares & hardships of this life, toward their eternal destiny. All three divine Persons of the Trinity unceasingly watch over us with their all powerful protection. Here, in the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity, lies a truth that ought never to be overlooked. Perhaps we are too much accustomed to weighing only the personal efforts of the soul in the quest for perfection. Such personal effort is certainly necessary, but we should not forget the unceasing impulse & direction of the Holy Spirit, or the primordial & precursive action on the part of God. Jesus has said: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, & my Father will love him, & we will come to him & make our abode with him. It is clear, then, that not only the Word comes to the soul. How, as a matter of fact, could the Father & the Son be separated from their Spirit of love? And if all the Trinity come to dwell in the Christian soul, it is not to abide inactive. My Father, said Jesus, works even until now, and I work. This continuous action of the Trinity is what keeps the physical world from falling into nothingness, & it operates all the more in the supernatural world of souls. The course of divine life which proceeds from the Father to the Son & binds them together in the Holy Spirit, is continued externally in those mysterious & invisible missions that transform souls to the image of the Trinity. All holiness is but allowing oneself to be made Godlike. It is God that leads to God.

## Catholic Times

In your JANUARY Offertory Envelope Packet, there is an envelope marked CATHOLIC TIMES. If you are able to provide payment for this collection, it would be deeply appreciated from our parishes. The balance for the bill sent to the parishes from the Diocese has to be paid from the General Account. Any assistance you are able to provide again is appreciated. Thank you & God bless you.

Sunday, January 12, 2020 ~ The Baptism of the Lord~  
From The Pastor: A Promise Come True

As Jesus stepped into the Jordan for his baptism, he brings together every one of God's many past promises plus the salvation that Jesus' death and resurrection bring for God's creation. The waters of baptism itself submerge these key moments into the life of each person who accepts Jesus. Baptism is an amazing crucial sacrament that opens heaven's door to everlasting life. For everyone plunged into the baptismal waters surfaces with sins removed, a price Jesus paid through his suffering and death. The baptized also discover a new pathway, the doing of God's will fueled by the energy of the Holy Spirit. This shows each baptized Christian that Jesus' life has special meaning and is not simply a drama to be spoken. At a recent Sunday baptism, Father leaned over the infant saying, "Margaret, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy." He reminded all present that the community proclaims and celebrates Margaret's baptism. The community, including Margaret, will now pray together, rejoice together, grieve together, struggle together and, above all, grow together, in good times and in bad times. Connected now to her baptismal community by water and grace, Margaret can always find comfort from loneliness, disappointments, consequences and challenges. Journeying together on her community's holy pilgrimage, Margaret connects to something bigger, the Body of Christ. Ever since Adam and Eve stumbled in the garden, God did not want his creation to go it alone. The Father holds the community as vital. Cooperation, not competition, is the approach of Jesus. How else can Margaret or any disciple practice Jesus' great commandment: love of God and love of your neighbor. Baptism is God's primary vision for the baptized to help one another, for in doing so they also honor God. At every baptism, whether at the Easter Vigil or, like Margaret's, at a Sunday Mass, each new Christian rises from the baptismal waters with smiles and joy on their faces as do the parents and the entire congregation. Everyone beams with delight and applause. This is why Christ chooses to be baptized by John. It is not solely to link Jesus to John, but to link Jesus with each beautiful act of baptism. It teaches every Christian how they should approach his or her baptism. It is not simply a cultural action, but one with spiritual meaning. Each disciple baptized is bought by a great price by Jesus Christ, who came to earth to identify with our sinfulness. This is why it is a great act to finish the Christmas season with the act that symbolizes why Jesus is born in the first place: to save humanity and restore its inheritance.

### Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Jan. 13, 2020 First Reading 1 Sm. 1:1-8 Gospel Mk. 1:14-20

Tues. Jan. 14, 2020 First Reading 1 Sm. 1:9-20  
Gospel Mk. 1:21-28

Wed. Jan. 15, 2020 First Reading 1 Sm. 3:1-10, 19-20  
Gospel Mk. 1:29-39

Thurs. Jan. 16, 2020 First Reading 1 Sm. 4:1-11 Gospel Mk. 1:40-45

Fri. Jan. 17, 2020 First Reading 1 Sm. 8:4-7, 10-22A  
Gospel Mk. 2:1-12

### Charitable Contributions 2019

If you would like to receive a STATEMENT in regards to your CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS for 2019, please call the PARISH OFFICE at 544-7526 & a copy of your donations will be prepared. When the statement is prepared, you will receive a call to pick it up. Thank you & God bless you.



### Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the soul of Dr. Steven Szigethy, husband of Maria. In God's Love we pray that He will grant Dr. Steven Szigethy a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven & that his family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

### Mardi Gras News

We are in high hopes that you are making plans to attend the 19th Annual Crawford County Catholics MARDI GRAS celebration on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 at STONEY RIDGE from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. In addition to all of the festivities of last year, we are adding this year a BOTTLE PULL & a BASKET RAFFLE. DINNER TICKETS are available either at the Parish Center Office or from some of the Committee Members: BOB & KOURTNEY COFFMAN, CHRIS & DONNA KELLER, & LINDSAY WATTS. The cost of the Dinner Ticket remains the same as last year which is \$30.00. Tables can be reserved by either calling the Parish Center or contacting one of the Dinner Ticket Sellers. We believe we have an enjoyable & delightful evening planned with KAYE HOLSCHER CATERING, SILENT AUCTION, BIG DIVVY DRAWING, & DANCING. Please check your calendars & we hope to see you at the 19th ANNUAL CRAWFORD COUNTY CATHOLICS MARDI GRAS on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. If you purchase a BIG DIVVY TICKET, you have a chance to win the GRAND PRIZE OF \$7,000.00 as well as other large money prizes. Only 1,000 tickets are sold so you have a good chance to win something. BUY YOUR BIG DIVVY TICKET & start out the New Year with GOOD LUCK!

### The Big Divvy

It's once again that time of year...time for the BIG DIVVY Mega Raffle. The Big Divvy has the potential to generate up to \$14,500.00 for our Parishes. Funds generated from the Mega Raffle have helped our Parishes in many ways; religious education, audio/video system in the hall, our carillon, church insulation, church hall renovations & many others. The prizes will be same as last year. First Prize \$7,000.00 ~ 2nd Prize ~ \$1,500.00 ~ Third Prize \$500.00 ~ Fourth Prize \$400.00 ~ Fifth Prize \$300.00 ~ Sixth Prize \$200.00 ~ Seventh Prize \$100.00. Winners will be drawn at 9:00 pm at the Mardi Gras Party held at Stoney Ridge on Feb. 22, 2020. The Seller of the winning ticket will win \$100.00 & the individual selling the most tickets will also win \$100.00. Tickets are \$25.00 & we will sell only 1000 tickets so your odds of winning are 1 out of 1000...much better than the lottery! You may pick up tickets to sell from either Terry Roche or from the Parish Office. Our committee needs to be our entire Parish, so we hope that you will all help in this endeavor. Let's make this a great project, have fun & help our Parishes in the process. In advance ~ THANK YOU VERY MUCH ~ Terry Roche ~ Big Divvy Chair

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

## A Spotlight On The Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has four main parts commonly called pillars & are titled:  
PILLAR ONE ~ THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  
PILLAR TWO ~ THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY  
PILLAR THREE ~ LIFE IN CHRIST  
PILLAR FOUR ~ CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Future articles in the bulletin under this title will seek or clarify the relationship of Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition, & the Catholic Church so we are able to more fully embrace & Live our faith. In this Sunday's bulletin, we are examining the FOURTH PILLAR of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: CHRISTIAN PRAYER. After delineating what we believe in the Apostles' Creed, outlining how we celebrate that faith sacramentally, then explaining the importance of living our faith for personal salvation and the common good, the Catechism of the Catholic Church concludes with an in depth look at Christian prayer, which is how we respond to God and nourish all of our efforts in faith. While Christians rightly focus on the New Testament, the CCC draws our attention to the Old Testament as an extensive school of prayer, explaining that, in salvation history, we witness God's relationship with his people (CCC 2568). From the Genesis stories, we see that God always initiates interaction; our prayer is a response. Remarkably, as all are made by God in love to know him, even prayerful non-Christians can remain upright in God's sight like Noah (CCC 2569). In the calling of Abraham, we see the dynamics of prayer unfold. God promises, Abraham trusts. God mysteriously visits, Abraham Shows hospitality. God tests Abraham's faith in calling him to sacrifice his only son, Abraham responds in kind, mirroring the love of the Father who is willing to give his Son for us all. In this truest reflection of the Father's love we see that a life of prayer can heal us from the disfigurement of sin to a restoration of the likeness of God (Genesis 15—22, CCC 2570-72). The other great students of prayer are Moses and David. In Moses, God finds a humble friend with whom he can visit and trust with the welfare of his people, even telling Moses the divine name. Moses slowly grows in faith, learning to advocate for his people to Pharaoh, then intercede for them before God. Here we see a glimpse of the mediation that is fulfilled in the name and life of Jesus Christ (CCC 2574-77). In David, the faithful see the heart of a true believer, ready to live with abandon for God and praise him in all situations. The Psalms, meaning "the show praises," the importance of both individual and communal prayer. Jesus prayed them, and they remain an important element of liturgical life in the Church today (CCC 2578-2589). At the dawn of the New Covenant, we find Mary, ready to make her life a complete cooperation with God's love. From the conception of Christ at the annunciation to the birth of the Church at Pentecost, Mary is fully present and receptive to the will of the Father, providing an enduring example of faith for all believers (CCC 2617). This mother of all the faithful is first the mother of Jesus. She teaches him her prayers and the prayers of their people. By age twelve, Jesus reveals an even deeper conformity to God's will when he surprises his parents by remaining in the Father's house (Luke 2, CCC 2599). Prayer animates the whole life of Jesus, the only Son of God. Gospel writers record at least two important aspects of the role of prayer in Christ's ministry. First, he prays at length before every decisive action. From the forty days in the desert before his public life, to the night spent in reflection before calling his disciples, to the agony at Gethsemane on the eve of his crucifixion, Jesus consistently commits his human will to the Father's will. Second, Jesus' vocal prayers are marked with deep joy and gratitude. With unparalleled love, Jesus praises the Father for revealing the mysteries

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of the kingdom to the littlest in his midst, reflecting the importance of childlike trust and receptivity in the life of faith. In this pure confidence, Jesus approaches his Father at the tomb of his friend, Lazarus, proclaiming aloud for the benefit of onlookers that God always hears him (Matthew 11, Luke 10, John 11). Learning from Jesus and his mother, we can cultivate a life of prayerful trust in the Father: the give of all that is good (CCC 2600-04).

## 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



For George & Jane Bohman  
on January 26, 2020  
at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church  
207 E Walnut St - Robinson  
10:00 am - Rosary  
10:30 am Mass  
11:30-1:00 - Refreshments in Parish Hall

## Weekly Offerings



St. Elizabeth Church  
Week ending Sunday, January 5, 2020  
Envelopes \$2,462.00 Loose \$270.00  
First Offering \$210.00  
Solemnity of Mary \$317.00 Catholic Times \$30.00  
Building Fund \$122.00 6 @ \$625.00  
Deposit \$4,036.00

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church  
Week ending Sunday, December 29, 2019  
Envelopes \$735.00 Loose \$120.00 Dependent Child \$10.00  
Christmas Offering \$110.00 Deposit: \$975.00

## Online Donations thru Give Central



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

## St. Elizabeth News ~ Sanctuary Murals

In the near future, 4 SANCTUARY MURALS will be placed upon the back walls of the sanctuary of St. Elizabeth Church. 2 SIMILAR MURALS WILL BE PLACED BEHIND EACH OF THE TWO NEW STATUES & 2 SIMILAR MURALS WILL BE PLACED BEHIND THE 2 SANCTUARY LAMPS ON EACH SIDE OF THE TABERNACLE. These beautiful murals have been completely donated by a most kind & generous parishioner. May God continue to bless this parishioner with good health, peace, & contentment for this outstanding gesture of generosity to St. Elizabeth Church. If you would like to view drawings of the murals, they are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church.

## Prayer Requests



Please remember the following in your prayers, Phil Burger (Ellen Rees) Bob Callier (Jona Uptmor), Sara Casburn & Ared Allen (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris, Terry Free (Ruth Beckes), Monica Mann (Sherri Murray-Thomas) Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Linda Sparks, Linda Stewart (Nolan Stewart), Lee Webster (Bob & Kourtney Coffman), Charlita Wilson, & the men & women in the armed forces.