



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, March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

Story found in Luke 4:1~13



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around ^[a]by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry.³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"

Luke 4:1~4



Mass Intentions

Mar. 9	4:30 pm	Terry Baird by Youth Group
Mar. 10	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Erica Adams
Mar. 11	7:30 am	Lambert Louis Flach
Mar. 12	12:00 pm	Terry Baird by Jane Howard
Mar. 13	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Mar. 14	7:30 am	Gerald Bierman
Mar. 15	7:30 am	by Clarence Schutte
	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Mar. 16	4:30 pm	Special Intentions
Mar. 17	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Patrick Goda (Birthday) (Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 16~Sunday, March 17, 2019

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

LECTOR: Terry Roche

USHERS: Ken & Carol Bergbower

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Abby Mullins

GIFTS: Dennis Jenkins Family

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

LECTOR: Janet Jenkins

USHERS: Brad Schutte, Randy Schutte

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Matthew Jenkins

GIFTS: Chad Arkenberg Family

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

LECTOR: Cameron Davis

USHERS: Don Schmidt, Janelle Hoke

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Jeff Hermann

GIFTS: Bob & Kourtney Coffman

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

LECTOR: Sam Quick

USHERS: Charles & Kandice Richey

COMMUNION MIN:

SERVERS: Korbin Rawlings, Sicily Rawlings

GIFTS: Juanita Jochim, Tom Jochim

March Collection Counters: Marge Boatman, Scott & Valerie Chapman



Parish School of Religion

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

Spiritual Reading for the First Sunday Of Lent

In the wilderness Christ experienced the temptation that faces everyone today. The temptation to the ideals of materialism, presumption, and power. "Bid these stones turn into loaves of bread." It is all too easy for us, shocked by the world's hunger, to think that "bread only"—material good—is happiness. Easier because we know that if we do not feed the hungry, we will surely hear Christ's voice saying—"I was hungry and you did not give me to eat." It is good to work for material bread, to be grateful for it, but bad to be satisfied by it, terrible to be sated by it—not to hunger for the love that gives life, to be content to live without wonder, impotent in the eternal arms. When Christ looked out over "all the kingdoms of the world," he saw our cities today...in all their splendor and all their squalor, their cinemas and restaurants, their churches and brothels, their luxury flats and their slums, their parks and their docks. He saw the shambles of our bombed cities, 'The kingdoms of the world and the glory of them!' His limitations were straighter than those of any modern disciple. Poor, unknown, without influential friends, no press, no radio, no speed, no travelling, only one language. Miracles? Then as now they convinced no one who did not want to believe; then "worked by Satan," now "a natural explanation or a fake." Only love can give life. Only Christ's love can redeem and forgive and illumine. Only Christ's love can awaken the world from apathy to wonder. Only Christ' love can quicken the world with new life. Love is given only in man's gift of himself. There is no other way. Christ had only himself. He has given himself to us, that we may love the world with his love and that the world may live.

LENTEN EVENTS:



Monday, March 11, 2019

6:00 pm—7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:30 am—Sacred Eucharist

8:00 am—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am—Stations of the Cross

6:45 pm—P.S.R. Confessions—Grades 6,7, 8

Friday, March 15, 2019

7:30 am—Sacred Eucharist

4:00 pm—7:00 pm FISH FRY—St. Elizabeth Parish

5:30 pm—Our Lady of Lourdes—Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 17, 2019

11:30 am—Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm—FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Bible reminds us that Satan is "a liar and the Father of lies" (Jn 8:44). He suckers us in with lies and twisted half-truths. Yet I often feel that the late 20th and early 21st centuries must be a very relaxing time for the devil, as we do so much of his work for him. Like most human technological advances, the internet is a powerful but morally neutral tool. Sin and virtue enter the picture only when we begin to use it and choose how to relate to it. It becomes problematic, for instance, when we create idealized avatars of ourselves that we present as real online, or when we choose to live virtual lives rather than engaging the real ones given to us by God. But I don't believe Satan is utterly idle. I suspect he has a finger here and there in marketing, for example, as well as in politics. Did you ever notice how many advertising slogans make pseudo-supernatural promises? "There are some things money can't buy. For everything else, there's (a certain credit card)." It's not quite God, but this card is a pretty fair substitute. How about "A diamond is forever"? Or "(Sugary soft drink) adds life!" God's promises, on the other hand, are altogether real. God promised to make a ragtag tribe of desert nomads into his Chosen People, and true to his word he made them "a nation great, strong and numerous" (Dt 26:5). And when they suffered slavery and oppression, he brought them "out of Egypt with a strong hand and out-stretched arm" (Dt 26:8). Jesus, having been called (at his baptism) a beloved Son with whom his Father in heaven is well pleased, remains unerring in his instinct for truth even when he is tired and hungry. He is not drawn in by the deceptions of Satan, even after 40 days of desert fasting. The devil may quote Scripture, but Jesus does it better, because he knows and trusts its Author. Today's Scriptures invite us to use our Lenten desert days to hone our own discernment, searching always for the truth of a God who loves and redeems us in the very midst of our sinfulness. In fact, we might adapt and adopt a motto that has been used over the years to advertise many products, including gourmet chocolates, luxury automobiles and overnight delivery services. "The one true God — accept no substitutes!"

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the soul of Roy Bohman. He was the brother to George & Jane Bohman. Please remember to pray for the soul of Stephanie O'Dell. She was the Great-Aunt to Anthony O'Dell. In God's Love we pray that He will grant them both a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven and that their families will receive comfort and peace in their sorrow and loss.



Daily Mass Readings

Mon. Mar. 11, 2019 Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18
Gospel Mt. 25:31-46
Tues. Mar. 12, 2019 Is. 55:10-11
Gospel Mt. 6:7-15
Wed. Mar. 13, 2019 Jon. 3:1-10
Gospel Lk. 11:29-32
Thur. Mar. 14, 2019 Est. C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Gospel Mt. 7:7-12
Fri. Mar. 15, 2019 Ez. 18:21-28
Gospel Mt. 5:20-26

"Obedience form; the core of Jesus' being" (R. Guardini). Through the temptations in the desert, Jesus shows forth life or death awareness of the absolute primacy of his union with his Father. He undergoes those temptations so that we can embrace his own steadfastness. Our temptations are moments of grace moving us to call on the name of the Lord in our powerlessness and weakness, longing to be saved. The Lord enriches all who call upon him by drawing them to share his union with his Father. We enter into the season of Lent with the unflinching certainty that the Lord will see all our affliction, our toil, and our oppression, and hear our cry.

OBEDIENCE

Sincere & Heartfelt Congratulations & Thanks to Raffle Sellers & Winners



Many sincere and heartfelt THANKS to all those individuals who either sold or purchased the BIG DIVVY RAFFLE TICKETS for the 2019 MARDI GRAS held on SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 at Stoney Ridge. All of your hard work and sincere efforts are deeply appreciated. Once again, we are happy to report that ALL ONE THOUSAND TICKETS WERE SOLD with a profit of \$14,800.00 just from this part of the Crawford County Catholics Mardi Gras event. WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB! SPECIAL THANKS to TERRY ROCHE who coordinated this important part of our Mardi Gras. We are sincerely grateful to you, TERRY for providing such dedication and assistance from start to finish. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE for the 2019 BIG DIVVY. The 2019 RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS are:

- FIRST PLACE ~ Kay Pirucki
- SECOND PLACE ~ Valentina Biskovski
- THIRD PLACE ~ Preston & Mary Ann Reilly
- FOURTH PLACE ~ Sandi Brown
- FIFTH PLACE ~ Jim Wampler
- SIXTH PLACE ~ Tyler & Marcy Lawrence
- SEVENTH PLACE ~ Paul Mulvey

A Thousand THANK YOU'S to all who helped in any way to make our 18th ANNUAL 2019 MARDI GRAS event the SUCCESS it was. So many of our parishioners helped out in countless ways. Our 2019 MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE of BOB and KOURTNEY COFFMAN, JOE SCHUTTE, STEWART and EMILY SCHUTTE, JIM and BROOK STEWART, and LINDSEY WATTS are to be recognized for their outstanding dedication and help. SPECIAL THANKS for serving on the 2019 Committee. Your support along with the help of all who were involved secured a profitable fundraiser. Father Flach is very pleased with the efforts of the 2019 COMMITTEE and for all of the preparations involving planning and coordination from advertising, to selling Raffle Tickets, to so beautifully decorating Stoney Ridge, to receiving donations of over 54 items for the Silent Auction, to cleaning up are all deeply appreciated. Each and every one of these activities is important and necessary and we want everyone to know all of your efforts are truly appreciated. THANK YOU and MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN MANY WAYS..

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.

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 &



Fish Fry Dates

Weekly Offerings



St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, March 3, 2019

Envelopes \$2,802.00 Loose \$280.00

Easter Flowers \$90.00

Catholic Charities \$100.00

Operation Rice Bowl \$100.00

Spiritual Kiosk \$10.50 Building Fund \$60.00

3 online @\$185.00 CCW \$10.00 Deposit: \$ 3,627.50

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, February 24, 2019

Envelopes \$897.00 Loose \$80.00

Spiritual Kiosk \$7.00

Easter Flowers \$170.00

Deposit: \$1,154.00

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Gerald Bierman (Clarence Schutte), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris & Valentine Pescatore, (Kathleen Pescatore), Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

A Lenten Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus. You lived and died for me. Help me to keep that thought before me today so that whatever life brings, whether it be success or failure, satisfaction or disappointment, happiness or sorrow, I may offer it to You. Through me, may everyone I meet this day see You, Lord, feel Your Presence and experience Your Love. May I serve You by serving others in Your Name, making all that I do a gift of love and thanksgiving for all You have done for me. Amen.

Nationally Touring Divine Mercy Drama Coming to St. Elizabeth



The Mother of Mercy Messengers (MOMM) brings the message of St. Faustina and Divine Mercy to Robinson with "Tell All Souls About My Mercy" on **April 2 and April 3, 2019: Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm Presentation and Holy Hour for USA** **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 - 7:45 pm Religious Ed/Family Program Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation each evening 5:00 to 5:45 pm.** Garnering

rave reviews from thousands of people, coast to coast, the Mother of Mercy Messengers brings its dramatic presentation "Tell All Souls About My Mercy" to St. Elizabeth Church. Much more than a normal night out at the theater, or an evening of prayer, the husband and wife team, Dave and Joan Maroney, presents a compelling mix of music, lights, and sound to convey the message of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, and the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska. Presented within the sacredness of the church, the program progresses from an emotional drama to a deep prayerful experience as Our Lord is solemnly placed on the altar for a time of Eucharistic Adoration. During this segment, prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina are recited and there is time for silent contemplation. The Chaplet of Mercy is prayed for the sick and dying as well as for the intentions of all gathered. MOMM is an outreach apostolate of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary based in Stockbridge, Massachusetts at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy; however, Dave and Joan live and operate their ministry in the Texas Hill Country outside San Antonio. Their mission is to bring the Divine Mercy message to families, parishes, and communities through inspiring programs and materials that encourage and support putting mercy into action. The Divine Mercy message and devotion is one of the fastest growing devotions in the history of the Catholic Church. St. Faustina (1905-1938) was a Polish nun and mystic who had a series of amazing, personal revelations with Jesus Christ that she recorded in her Diary. Canonized by Pope John Paul II on Mercy Sunday, April 30, 2000, St. Faustina records Our Lord's desire for all to know of His mercy. The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, home to the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, is dedicated to spreading the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout the world.

For more information about the "Tell All Souls About My Mercy" program at St. Elizabeth, contact Father Flach (544-7526), Courtney Ferris (554-0839), or Kathy Staller (562-9252).

More information about The Divine Mercy and the Mother of Mercy Messengers may be found at www.thedivinemercy.org/momm.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass