

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH
We Invite You To Join Us Often!

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Church, being stewards of God's creation, strive to work for the Greater Glory of God, our families, our parish, our community and our world.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 2016

PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN
877-3300

Dial the following extensions at any time during the message

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| | School | 5 |
| Mass/Confession Times | 3 Pre-School | 6 |
| Parish Office | 4 Location Directory | 7 |

PARISH LEADERSHIP

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| Finance Council | Charlotte Charbonnier |
| Parish Pastoral Council | Tammi Mooshegian |
| School Board | Jennifer Wilmsmeyer |
| Parent/Teacher Org | Jessica Brewer |
| Ladies Sodality | Jennifer Hutson |
| Holy Name Men's Club | Rob Hutson |
| Men at Prayer | Dave Gensert |
| Funeral Dinners | Pat Loftus & Erin Ruesing |
| Athletic Director | Michelle Travnicek |
| Maintenance Team | Bud Charbonnier |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 5 – PSR Class at 6:30 p.m. at School
 Tuesday, December 6 – Men's Club Meeting 7:30pm Café
 Wednesday, December 7 – Ladies Advent Christmas Party
 Wednesday, December 7 – RCIA Class at 6:30 pm PLC
 Sunday, December 11 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!!
 Thanks to all our sponsors on the back cover of our bulletin. This week we thank St. Elizabeth Men's Club, Meetings Monthly (Except July & August) 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in School Cafeteria
 All Men Of The Parish Are Welcome!

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES
December 10 & 11

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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| 4:30 p.m. | R. Schaus, V. Schaus, K. Haas, D. Schrenk, C. Kessler, C. Charbonnier, K. Jakich |
| 8:00 a.m. | W. Gutierrez, T. Lyerla, P. Ames, S. Carr, R. Carr, M. Landis, D. Wright |
| 10:30 a.m. | M. Rees, D. & E. Mooshegian, J. Hutson, T. Cholevik, M. Poiter, T. Mooshegian |

LECTORS:

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| 4:30 p.m. | S. Rickert |
| 8:00 a.m. | A. Loftus |
| 10:30 a.m. | B. Shambro |

SERVERS:

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| 4:30 p.m. | L Wilmsmeyer, B Charbonnier, K Willaredt |
| 8:00 a.m. | J. Williams, G. Luna, W. Loftus |
| 10:30 a.m. | M. Adams, R. Knobloch, C. Gansner |

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 5

6:30 p.m. Mark Hill by Woody & Rita Halbrook

Tuesday, December 6

8:15 a.m. Mary Ohlendorf by Katherine & George Gregus

10:00 a.m. Mass at Granite Nursing & Rehab Center

Wednesday, December 7

8:15 a.m. Ivan Pittman by Marty & Helen Dooley

5:30 p.m. Johanna Bukovac by Mary Noeth

Thursday, December 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family
ADORATION ENDS AT 6:00 PM

6:30 p.m. Mary Gregus by Bob and Judy McClew

Friday, December 9

8:15 a.m. Sgt. Steven Mennemeyer by Family

3:00 p.m. Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 p.m. Carolyn Moske by James Moske

Sunday, December 11 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Marian Ratermann by Paul Ratermann

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for Dec. 5 - 9 – Mon.-No

Mass, Wed. 8:00 am Mass, Thursday (Immaculate Conception) 8:00 am Mass & Friday 8:30 a.m. mass @ School
 Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for Dec. 5 - 9

Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass, Thursday 8:00 am Holy Day Mass

Greeter's Schedule for December 10 & 11

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| 4:30 p.m. | Team 2 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Team 2 |
| 10:30 a.m. | Team 2 |

FATHER CHRIS'S CORNER

Fr. Chris' Cell phone: 618-798-0343

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- December 5, Monday, 7:00pm St. Paul, Highland
December 11, Sunday, 2:00pm St. Boniface, Edwardsville
December 12, Monday, 7:00 pm St. Elizabeth, Granite City
(includes Holy Family, Granite City, Ss. Mary&Mark, Madison)
December 14, Wednesday, 6:30pm St. Jerome, Troy
December 14, Wednesday, 7pm St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon

COMMUNITY CARE DINNER

Saturday December 10th is the fundraiser for this important local agency. This year they are honoring our Principal Karen Jakich, Dennis Riggs representing the picnic and Rob Hutson representing the men's club. If you are interested in buying tickets and would like to sit together at St. Elizabeth tables, please call Debbie Hay. There is more information about the dinner farther ahead in the bulletin.

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION – This weekend we will begin collecting toys for the needy for Christmas. You may place your unwrapped toys in the boxes provided in the Gathering Space until Monday, December 12th. Catholic Charities will distribute the toys to needy families in the area. Thank you for your generosity!

MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS

As we come to the end of the year, I wanted to ask for you to consider our most important needs. We are in need of funds to repair part of the Church roof. You can see in the section of pews near the organ where plaster has fallen. This is a result of a design flaw of the roof that will cost us approximately \$50,000 to fix. You can donate for this by using the special projects envelope or another envelope marked roof fund. We also are behind in the \$50,000 needed for our Annual Catholic Services Appeal assessment. The totals are later in this bulletin. Only about half of those who usually donate to this collection have done so yet. Please consider donating or pledging to this collection before the end of the year. There are envelopes for this collection by the pamphlet rack in the gathering space. Thanks so much.

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father (see [Ruth 4:17](#)).

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see [2 Samuel 23:1](#); [1 Kings 1:39](#); [Psalm 2:2](#)), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage.

In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see [Genesis 12:3](#)), renewed in God's oath to David (see [Psalm 89:4,28](#)), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise" (see [Ephesians 2:12](#)).

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see [Isaiah 51:1-2](#)). Now, God will raise up living stones (see [1 Peter 2:5](#))—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

From *Breaking the Bread* by Dr. Scott Hahn

RIGHT TO LIFE

"Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. 'Everything is connected,' he reminds us. (LS 91)."
---"Serene Attention to God's Creation,"
www.goo.gl/xdm378 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Antonio Chacon-Mendoza, IL; Lee Brown, Fort Hood, TX; Raymond Chant, Jr., Afghanistan; Arron Gray, Colorado; Pvt. Damien Mendoza, Ft. Benning, GA, James Schillinger, San Diego; Britney Stieglitz, Oujonbou, South Korea, Brandon Weidner, Juneau, AK, Dylan Niles, Patrick AFB, FL

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle. We reached our goal! We earned over \$18,000 profit! The students, staff and families of St. Elizabeth School sincerely thank you for your generosity.
- Don't forget to pick up some great stocking stuffers or gifts for the nieces, nephews and grandchildren after Mass today. USBorne Books will be on sale in the Harmony Room for only \$5.00 each! All profits benefit the school library.
- Did you know?
 - ✓ The Springfield Diocese has 10,942 students: 8,705 are in elementary school.
 - ✓ The median cost to educate a child in public school is \$12,821. St. Elizabeth School is less than half this amount. Catholic schools in our diocese provide more than \$140,287,382 a year in savings to the state of Illinois.
 - ✓ Elementary students in our diocese score in the top half of all students. 57% of students in the 3rd grade scored in the top half, 57% of students in the 5th grade scored in the top half and 65% of students in the 7th grade scored in the top half.
 - ✓ The diocesan average ACT score is 23.7 (The national average this year was 20.8.)
- Looking Ahead:
 - ✓ 12/13 Christmas Program 6:30
 - ✓ 12/21 11:00 Dismissal (Kid's Klub and Preschool open until 6:00pm)
 - ✓ 12/26 St. Elizabeth School is closed (PreK - 8)

✓ 12/27 – 12/30 Kid's Klub and PreK available

✓ 1/2 St. Elizabeth School is closed (PreK – 8)

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY, Elijah John Nesbit, infant son of Jonathan and Amanda (McKee) Nesbit, and Ezra Rae Yeargain, infant daughter of Eric and Erika (Rubio) Yeargain.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – Your donation works for aging religious. “I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious,” a donor writes. “That’s wonderful when we truly want our donations to work.” Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

ANNUAL LADIES SODALITY SPONSORED ADVENT PARTY, DECEMBER 7TH ~ We are looking forward to our annual Ladies Advent Dinner on Wednesday. Just as a reminder, mass will be at 5:30 pm with dinner to follow at the school café. Also, please keep in mind that tickets will not be available at the door---the last opportunity to purchase tickets will be after masses this weekend. Please remember, if you wish, you may bring a baby item to place under the Christmas tree. These items will be donated to the Church Women United organization for their Layette Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Pat Loftus at 931-2983 or Patty Knobloch at 920-2895.

SAVE THE DATE! The Men's Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 19th.

THE 14-DAY CANDLE by the tabernacle will be burning in memory of Sgt. Steven Mennemeyer by Friends and Family.

WHAT ARE SWEET TREATS?..... a question received from our COOKIE SALE flyer. A few suggestions would be: homemade fudge, candy, divinity, caramel corn, party mix, Rice Krispies

Treats, or chocolate covered pretzels, etc. We hope this helps and are looking forward to seeing what you decide to make.

MERCY MINUTES FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – “Jesus said to St. Faustina, “How very much I desire the salvation of souls! My dearest secretary, write that I want to pour out My divine life into human souls and sanctify them, if only they were willing to accept My grace. The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would trust in My mercy. The very inner depths of My being are filled to overflowing with mercy, and it is being poured out upon all I have created.” (From the Diary of St. Faustina, 1784)

COMMUNITY CARE CENTER ANNUAL DINNER & BENEFIT Proudly Presents Singer Songwriter Chris Krause on Saturday, December 10th at St. Gregory Church Community Center at 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.) Catered Dinner – Entertainment – Dancing – Silent Auction. Tickets available at First Bank, 3600 Nameoki Rd (618) 876-3800 ext. 4022 & Granite City Community Care Center, 1818 Cleveland Blvd. (618-876-8770) \$25 Donation - No tickets sold at the door. This year is an Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. Wear your tackiest Christmas outfit and have some fun with it. **Deadline to purchase tickets is 12/05/16.**

GC ROCK NEWS

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

GC Rock is for you!

Saturday/Sunday, December 3/4 - Jar Sales after Masses. Sunday Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8 pm. Bring some friends! Planning meeting for Lock-In.

Saturday, December 10 – Volunteer at Billie’s Kids Christmas Party 11am-2pm. Jar Sales/Calendars at Mass.

Sunday, December 11 – Jar Sales/Calendars. Gathering at HF 6:30-8 pm. Christmas cards for the shut-ins. All hands needed! Bring a friend!

Sunday, December 18 –Final commitment AND last planning meeting for LOCK-IN.

Thursday/Friday, December 29/30 – CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN at St. Elizabeth! Time TBD.

Sunday, January 1- Happy New Year! NO Gathering.

Sunday, January 8 – Gathering at St. Elizabeth 6:30-8pm. Bring a friend!

National March for LIFE Pilgrimage-January 25-29 in Washington DC!

Youth and parents, PLEASE join our Facebook page, “GC Rock Youth Group” to stay up to date on our activities! Questions, please call Rita 972-4022, Dawn 709-3565, or Woody 876-7551.

GC ROCK CHRISTMAS GIFT JAR SALE NOW!

Our gift jar sale was made possible by your generous donations of canning jars! We are selling our delicious soup and cookie mixes until they are gone! Proceeds from this sale will help us meet our goal to attend the National March for Life in January in Washington D.C. and other activities for our high school youth! Thank you!!!

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Thursdays 9 am – 9 pm

First Friday/Saturday 9 am Fri. through 8 am Sat.
St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) speaks of the importance of Eucharistic Adoration in our lives.

SHE SAYS... “Jesus has made Himself the *Bread of Life* to give us life. Night and day He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist. **Come back to Adoration.**

We at St. Elizabeth’s have the opportunity every **Thursday** and **First Friday weekend** for special prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. Consider taking advantage of this time.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

TK14 March 17-19, 2017 Registration forms are in the Gathering Space. Please pick one up and think about taking the time to make this your Lenten sacrifice for 2017. Questions, please contact Tammi Mooshegian 618-920-1792.

CHRISTMAS PIANO SOLO CONCERT

Featuring Rich McKinney, Sunday, December 18th, 2016 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Unity Baptist Church, 2500 Saint Clair Ave., Granite City, IL. Donations of nonperishable food items and / or Love offerings will be graciously accepted. All proceeds collected will benefit Granite City Community Care Center Inc.

Refreshments will be served after the concert.

**MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES
PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS** – If you are

interested in adopting a family in need this Christmas season or if you are a struggling family, please contact one of our two office locations during the month of November. Individual items donated for children and young adults are always appreciated. We are currently scheduling intakes. Alton (618) 462-0634 x 221 and Granite City (618) 877-1184.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

November 21

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| Week 21 Regular Income | |
| 188 Envelopes | \$ 6,409.00 |
| (Average Gift \$34.09) | |
| Loose | 356.00 |
| Tuition Assistance | 575.00 |
| Bldg. Repair & Maintenance | 393.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 5.00 |
| All Saints Day | 2.00 |
| All Souls Day | 5.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 50.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | 15.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | 35.00 |
| Stole Fee | 100.00 |
| Special Projects | 515.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 8,460.00</u> |

OTHER GIFTS

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| Candles | 87.00 |
| Catholic Children's Home | 120.00 |
| Retired Religious | 110.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | 1.00 |
| Campaign for Justice & Hope | 160.00 |
| Archdiocese for Military Services, USA | 30.00 |

November 28

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| Week 22 Regular Income | |
| 178 Envelopes | \$ 6,475.00 |
| (Average Gift \$36.38) | |
| Loose | 303.00 |
| Tuition Assistance | 201.00 |
| Bldg. Repair & Maintenance | 276.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 5.00 |
| All Saints Day | 10.00 |
| All Souls Day | 10.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 165.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | 25.00 |
| Stole Fee | 100.00 |
| Special Projects | 391.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 7,961.00</u> |

OTHER GIFTS

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| Candles | 129.00 |
| Catholic Children's Home | 30.00 |
| Campaign for Justice & Hope | 1.00 |

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 11/21/16

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| Shop n Save | Walmart | National |
| \$3,975.00 | \$3,625.00 | \$5,405.00 |

Total Sales: \$13,005.00

Year to Date:

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| Shop n Save | Walmart | National |
| \$ 96,850.00 | \$106,000.00 | \$144,955.00 |

TOTAL: \$347,805.00

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| APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE: | \$16,592.00 |
| APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES | (1,219.00) |
| APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE | \$15,373.00 |

Week ending 11/28/16

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| Shop n Save | Walmart | National |
| \$1,775.00 | \$2,100.00 | \$4,130.00 |

Total Sales: \$8,005.00

Year to Date:

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| Shop n Save | Walmart | National |
| \$ 98,625.00 | \$108,100.00 | \$149,085.00 |

TOTAL: \$355,810.00

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| APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE: | \$16,992.00 |
| APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES | (1,247.00) |
| APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE | \$15,745.00 |

**KEEP US IN MIND FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.
PLEASE PURCHASE AND/OR ORDER SCRIP EARLY!**

ACSA 2016

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| Goal | \$50,535.00 |
| Pledged | \$22,405.00 |
| Pledge Payments | \$11,855.00 |
| Summer Donations | |
| Balance Owed | <u>\$38,680.00</u> |
| 80 of 899 Families Pledged | |
| Average Pledge - \$280.06 | |

NEW PARISHIONER

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

