

**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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 18, 2016**

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

**MAIN**  
**877-3300**

*Dial the following extensions at any time during the message*

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**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sat/Sun, Dec 17&18 - Ladies Sodality Christmas Cookie Sale after all Masses in the Harmony Room  
 Monday, December 19 – PSR Class at 6:30 p.m. at School  
 Tuesday, Dec 20 – Team 4 Church Cleaning at 1:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 21 – No RCIA Class  
 Friday, December 23 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
 Monday, December 26 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
 Tuesday, December 27 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

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Thanks to all our sponsors on the back cover of our bulletin. This week we thank Scott's Auto Service, 4012 North St., Granite City, IL. Monday - Friday 8am-5pm. 618-797-7812.

**LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**  
**December 24 & 25**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

4:00 p.m.	M. Boschert, D. Schrenk, C. Charbonnier, K. Boschert, V. & R. Schaus, C. Kessler
11:00 p.m.	T. Lyerla, B. Loftus, M. Loftus, M. Landis, E. Mooshegian, D. Mooshegian, D. Wright
9:00 a.m.	T. Cholevik, T. Mooshegian, S. Dombek, M. Ryan, K. Jakich, L. Alegre, C. Mangi

**LECTORS:**

4:00 p.m.	THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED
11:00 p.m.	THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED
9:00 a.m.	THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED

**SERVERS:**

4:00 p.m.	THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED
11:00 p.m.	THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED
9:00 a.m.	THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 19**

6:30 p.m. Richard Horbelt by St. Elizabeth Choir

**Tuesday, December 20**

8:15 a.m. Dorothy Willaredt by Richard & Janice Willaredt

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

**Wednesday, December 21**

8:15 a.m. Manuel Lopez by Chester Owca

**Thursday, December 22**

8:15 a.m. Jay Hill by Woody & Rita Halbrook

**ADORATION**

**Friday, December 23**

8:15 a.m. John Straubinger by Joe & Rose Krystopa

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

**Saturday, December 24**

**VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

4:00 p.m. Joe Czwornog by Gary & Jeannie Wilbur

11:00 p.m. George Smolich by Peggy Law

**Sunday, December 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Father Chris & Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

**Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for Dec. 19-23 – Mon & Tues – No Mass, Wed – 7 pm Mass, Thurs & Fri 8 am Mass with 1pm Mass at the Fountains on Fri. ---- Christmas Eve – 9:00 pm Mass, Christmas Day 10:30 am Mass**

**Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for Dec. 19-23 Tues. – 8:00 a.m. Mass, Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - No Mass Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm Mass, Christmas Day – No Mass**

**Greeter's Schedule for December 24 & 25**

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

## FATHER CHRIS'S CORNER

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

### **CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Monday 5:30-6:15pm

Wednesday After 8:15am mass

Thursday 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday 10:00-11:00am

### **THERE WILL NOT BE CONFESSIONS AT 3:00 ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.(NO INCENSE)

To all those traveling this week, I wish you a safe journey and a healthy and happy return to us!

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Be sure to come early to Christmas Eve Masses. The choir has worked **very hard** preparing to sing of the Glory of the Lord not only for the mass but a concert before each service. We will start the concert at **3:35 pm and again at 10:35 pm on Christmas Eve**. A very special small group of students from the school will sing for the 9am mass on Christmas morning. Blessings, peace, and joy to all now and in the New Year. Cathy

### **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.

### **4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25-26).

This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22-23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of the Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33-34; Ephesians 1:20-21).

He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4-5).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.”

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and Kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean, made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24-28).

From *Breaking the Bread* by Dr. Scott Hahn

## RIGHT TO LIFE

“Help one another: This is what Jesus teaches us and this is what I am doing, and doing with all my heart.”  
~~Pope Francis, *Homily on Holy Thursday*. 2013  
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## 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

### ❖ Calendar Raffle - \$500 Winners

- 12/11 Angela Succaralks
- 12/12 Mary Ann Fann
- 12/13 Dennis Wilmsmeyer
- 12/14 Karen Quick
- 12/15 DeeDee Durdorow
- 12/16 Christina McNall
- 12/17 Mark Yehling (for Matt)
- 12/18 Gregory Czornog

### ❖ Looking Ahead:

- ✓ 12/21 11:00 Dismissal (Kid's Klub and Preschool open until 6:00pm)
- ✓ 12/23, 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)

### ❖ Auction Donation Request

Mr. and Mrs. Jakich are going to chair a wine and alcohol raffle at the Annual Dinner Dance Auction. If you would like to donate a standard size bottle of wine or liqueur, please drop off your donation at the parish office by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! *Other donation items may be brought to the school or delivered to Shawna Morris/Cheryl Folkerts.*

## PARISH NEWS

**SEARCHING FOR THAT LAST MINUTE GIFT....** Why not visit the Harmony Room for an

extraordinary assortment of delicious homemade cookies and treats. Just think no crowded malls, no parking meters and no taxes, just the friendliest customer service in town. Let us help you to complete your Christmas shopping this weekend. Bootsie, Carol, Maggie & Marilyn

**150 CLUB WINNER** – The winner of the 150 Club drawing for December is #114 Chris & Carolyn Layloff. Congratulations Chris & Carolyn!!

**ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY ADDRESS** – Clara Popovchak is also at Cambridge Assisted Living House, 6960 State Route 162, Apt. 210, Maryville, IL 62062.

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

**THE 14-DAY CANDLE** by the tabernacle will be burning in memory of Billy Adams by JoAnn, Michael and Makayla Adams.

**MERCY MINUTES FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY** – “For my part, I have done everything, and it is now Your turn, my Jesus, and in this way Your cause will be made apparent. I am totally in accord with Your will; do with me as you please, O Lord, but only grant me the grace of loving You more and more ardently.” (From the Diary of St. Faustina, 751)

## GC ROCK NEWS

### **CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!** **GC Rock is for you!**

**Sunday, December 18** – Assist with Giving Tree gifts at Holy Family after 11am Mass. Final commitment AND last planning meeting for **LOCK-IN**, 6:30-8pm at Holy Family.

**Merry Christmas!**

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

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

**Sunday, January 8** – Gathering at St. Elizabeth 6:30-8pm. Bring a friend! Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign begins at Holy Family!

**Sunday, January 15** – Gathering TBD.

**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!!!

## **SENIOR NEWS**

Holy Family Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Lunch served from 11:00-12:00pm. Cost \$3.00. Bunco will be played for 50 cents.

## **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**

**RETROUVAILLE OF ST. LOUIS ~ YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or so you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call**

1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of February 3, 2017.

### **DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE**

**UNIVERSITY ~** St. Mary's Parish in Edwardsville will be offering the Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course January 11 – March 8. Video viewing begins at 6:30pm, discussion at 7:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$75 per kit, scholarships available. Contact St. Mary's Parish Office at 618-656-4857 to register.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME ~** The mission of the Catholic Children's Home is to aid, protect and care for the needs, education and welfare of dependent, neglected, abused or otherwise hurting children and families without regard to poverty, riches, race, religion or national origin. Every year we depend on the Christmas Day collection as the most important part of our fundraising. What better day to remember the children who, through no fault of their own, are less fortunate than our own. Your monetary donation to the Catholic Children's Home is a wonderful way to ensure that we will continue to bring help to the most needy children and to ensure that they have a brighter hope for the future.

**MARQUETTE'S PLACEMENT TEST** for incoming freshmen will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Marquette Catholic High School. The test will be given at 8:30 a.m. and there will be a question and answer period for parents at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. The test will be over at approximately 11:30 a.m. You can earn a \$1,000 academic scholarship for your freshman year tuition if you score in the top 10% of the students on the Entrance Exam! Marquette Catholic awards more than \$300,000 annually in scholarships and financial assistance.

Every opportunity will be made to assist students and families that choose and deserve to continue their Catholic education at Marquette. Please let us know if you have any questions. Marquette really wants you!! Go to the admissions tab at [www.marquettecatholic.org](http://www.marquettecatholic.org) and follow the directions to begin your application. Please call Meg Miller at 618-463-0585 ext. 2 or email [mmiller@marquettecatholic.org](mailto:mmiller@marquettecatholic.org) for more information. "It's a great time to be an EXPLORER!"

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

## ACSA 2016

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

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

December 12

<b>Week 24 Regular Income</b>	
<b>188 Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 6,373.00</b>
(Average Gift \$33.90)	
<b>Loose</b>	<b>389.00</b>
<b>Tuition Assistance</b>	<b>881.00</b>
<b>Bldg. Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>976.00</b>
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>All Souls Day</b>	<b>13.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>575.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>1,077.00</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>	<b>1,062.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,451.00</b>

### OTHER GIFTS

<b>Candles</b>	<b>135.00</b>
<b>Catholic Children's Home</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>Retired Religious</b>	<b>678.00</b>
<b>Campaign for Justice &amp; Hope</b>	<b>2.00</b>

## NEW PARISHIONER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Place in the collection basket

## SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 12/12/16

<b>Shop n Save</b>	<b>Walmart</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>\$2,425.00</b>	<b>\$6,400.00</b>	<b>\$8,970.00</b>

**Total Sales: \$17,795.00**

**Year to Date:**

<b>Shop n Save</b>	<b>Walmart</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>\$104,700.00</b>	<b>\$121,700.00</b>	<b>\$163,765.00</b>

**TOTAL: \$390,165.00**

<b>APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$18,558.00</b>
<b>APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES</b>	<b>(1,368.00)</b>
<b>APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE</b>	<b>\$17,190.00</b>