

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

We Invite You To Join Us Often!

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from your sublime height turn upon me your eyes of pity. Filled with confidence in your goodness and knowing full well your power, I beseech you to extend to me your assistance in the journey of life, which is so full of dangers for my soul. And in order that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may ever live with my heart humble and pure, I entrust myself wholly to you. I consecrate my heart to you forever, my only desire being to love your divine Son Jesus. Mary, none of your devout servants has ever perished; may I too be saved. Amen.

(December is traditionally dedicated to Mary's Immaculate Conception.)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY December 31, 2017

PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN
877-3300

Dial the following extensions at any time during the message

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PARISH LEADERSHIP

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 1 – Parish Office will be closed!

Tuesday, January 2 – Men's Club Mtg 7:30pm Café

Thursday, January 4 – RCIA at 6:30 pm in PLC

Friday, January 5 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Café

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES January 6 & 7

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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| 4:30 p.m. | D. Fletcher, L. Black, C. Charbonnier, V. Drennan, B. Schrenk, K. Haas, J. Hutson |
| 8:00 a.m. | P. Ames, P. Mills, J. Pamatot, M. Loftus, B. Loftus, D. Wright, M. Williams |
| 10:30 a.m. | T. Cholevik, S. Dombek, T. Mooshegian, M. & K. Boschert, D. Gensert, P. Heuer |

LECTORS:

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| 4:30 p.m. | L. Black |
| 8:00 a.m. | J. Mills |
| 10:30 a.m. | A. Yurko |

SERVERS:

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| 4:30 p.m. | S. Strehl, L. Strehl, S. Strehl |
| 8:00 a.m. | Wilmsmeyer's |
| 10:30 a.m. | M. Pamatot, G. Hale, K. Smith, C. Folkerts |

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, January 1 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 2
NO MASSES**

Wednesday, January 3
8:15 a.m. Miles C. Filer by Ed & Margaret Barth

Thursday, January 4
8:15 a.m. Joe Czwornog by Jim & Connie Wheeler
NO ADORATION

Friday, January 5
8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorials
ADORATION

Saturday, January 6 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:15 a.m. Special Intention for His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke & for an end to abortion

4:30 p.m. Bob Marcus by Loretta Marcus
Sunday, January 7 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family
10:30 a.m. Hedy Barth by Marty, Helen & Dan Dooley

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for January 1 – 5 Monday - 10:30 a.m. Mass, Wednesday & Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Mass and Friday – 8:30 a.m. Mass at School

Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for January 1 - 5
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Mass
January 1st Masses 8am @St Cecilia, Glen Carbon, 9am @ MPH, Maryville and 10:30am @Holy Family, Granite City

Greeter's Schedule for January 6 & 7

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

FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear St. Elizabeth Parish family,

Merry Christmas! Happy Feast of the Holy Family! Let us pray in a special way this weekend for Fr. Jeff and our neighbors as they celebrate their parish feast day.

We resume school on Wednesday with All School Mass at 8:15 a.m. for the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. We want to pray for all our Men's Club members on their feast day – we are so grateful for all you do! The whole month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, so keep that special intention running all month long.

If you still need a 2018 calendar, we have plenty left, just contact the parish office.

Again, please let me know how you liked the new Advent & Christmas spiritual reading books from Ave Maria Press. They all disappeared fast! I hope they have helped you find a few quiet moments each day amid all the busyness of this season. We'll do it again next year, pending your feedback.

This coming weekend as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, I want to make note to say that I am serving as organist at a 1 p.m. Wedding Mass in St. Charles County, MO, on the 6th and cannot guarantee what time I will be back to hear confessions prior to 4:30 Mass. I know I will not be here at 3 p.m. but I hope to arrive by 3:45 and appreciate your understanding. The Mass is a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Latin, 1962 Missal) and my friend who is the celebrant needed somebody who was familiar with the Ancient Use of the Mass to play the organ. Please pray for all those who will be married in the church in 2018! May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph guide their hearts always!

During the 40 days of Christmas, we will be using the Kyrie from Mass VIII (the Mass of the Angels) during the Penitential Rite. If you ever watch Mass on TV, especially EWTN, you have very likely heard this one many times, so please sing along as we pray this Apostolic prayer imploring the Lord's Mercy before we enter into the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Even though Dec. 31 / Jan. 1 does not carry an obligation to attend Mass this year, there are still special indulgenced prayers one can pray on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (with your family) to give thanks to God for the year that has ended and to ask for the help of the Holy Spirit for the year that has just begun. See the "Catechism Corner" for more details!

Last, but certainly not least, a big **THANK YOU** to Gail Gargac, Cathy Cassy, and Howard Shim, and all who assisted them with beautifully decorating our church, with singing at multiple Masses in a short span of days, and with serving at the altar. God bless all of you for your generosity.

~ Father Edgar

RIGHT TO LIFE

"Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End," www.goo.gl/fvSEYp

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 and Shea Niles, Lackland AFB, TX, Nolan Yehling, Qatar

CATECHISM CORNER

This section is meant to serve as a "Did You Know" or "Frequently Asked Questions" blurb about the faith.

Today's column is a "Did You Know?" about the traditional prayers that accompany the new year. I would encourage you to pray them with your family, or any group of people that is willing to pray together.

For year's end, the traditional prayer of Thanksgiving is the *Te Deum* (To God we give praise). You can watch Pope Francis pray this prayer as part of Evening Prayer at the Vatican on the afternoon of Sunday the 31st on EWTN. Here is the text:

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.
Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded. Amen.

The prayer to begin the new year to ask for God's help is the *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Come, Creator Spirit)

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
and grant us Thy peace instead;
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
the Father and the Son to know;
and Thee, through endless times confessed,
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given,
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,
henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

I hope these prayers help you transition not only from year to year but day to day. Each in our own way giving thanks to God at the end of each day and calling on the help of the Holy Spirit each new morning. May God grant you a fruitful 2018 as His servant!

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- As we reflect on our memories of 2017 and prepare to begin a New Year, may we always remember that "God is with us." Some had a difficult year, many faced changes and challenges, some have struggled and other have walked through a great year. People and events may change, but our God

never changes. May we find courage and strength to face challenges in the road ahead. May we have a renewed compassion for those in need and offer forgiveness for past disagreements. May we look for Christ in others and ourselves. May we make a difference of peace, hope and compassion with the Lord leading us with purpose. We celebrate the birth of our king and we begin anew. God bless you all with a beautiful Christmas.

May your new year be filled with goodness,

Mrs. Jakich

(See you "back at school" on January 3, 2018)

- St. Elizabeth Preschool has openings in the 3yr. old class for the spring session. Please call the office at (618) 877-3300 ext. 5 for information.

PARISH NEWS

MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE on January 21st in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 1:30pm. Food, drinks and a good time. We will be watching the Championship games for the NFC and AFC. All Men of the church and school are invited. We will also be having our 2nd Annual Chili cook-off. Let me know if you are bringing some. Thank you!

FREE CATHOLIC CONTENT ONLINE FOR YOU: "FORMED" – Take advantage of our parish subscription to FORMED, which is an online on-demand resource for solid Catholic content. There is no individual cost (movies, programs, talks, ebooks, etc.) Just enter our Parish Code VCR7ZM and your email address when you click on Register at formed.org - please check out this great resource!

MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA – "The clock struck twelve, the last hour of the year. I finished it in the Name of the Holy Trinity, and I also started the first hour of the New Year in the Name of the Holy Trinity. I asked each of the Three Persons to bless me and, with great confidence, looked toward the New Year which certainly would not be sparing of suffering." (Diary, 355)

HELP NEEDED AT FISH FRY – We are looking for volunteers to help getting the cafeteria ready before the fish fry and help afterwards getting the cafeteria put back together for the school. All help is greatly appreciated! Thank you very much for your consideration!

FUNERAL MEALS – Ladies Sodality is looking for someone to take on the funeral meals. After many funerals and wonderful compassion for all of the families that have lost loved ones in our parish, Pat Loftus has turned in her keys and is unable to continue in this role. We are looking for someone who can organize the meal, pick up the meat and bread, take care of contacting others for dishes, and to work the day of the funeral making sure there is enough coffee, ice water, paper products, and to facilitate clean-up of the Harmony Room. This can be a wife/husband team or a team of two or three ladies. Please consider this mission and pray about your commitment to serve in this role. Contact Tammi Mooshegian at 618-920-1792 for questions or to say YES.

GC ROCK NEWS

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH! GC Rock is for YOU!

Watch our FB page for more dates and times....

Sunday, December 31 – NO Gathering, Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 7 – MOSAIC Baby bottle Campaign begins at Holy Family/St. Mary's. Gathering at St. Elizabeth 6:30-8pm.

Sunday, January 14 –Gathering at St. Elizabeth 6:30-8pm.

Wednesday, January 17 –Leave for March for Life in Washington DC! Board buses after school, Time TBD.

Sunday, January 21 - Return from March for Life (evening). NO Gathering.

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

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

First Friday/Saturday

9:00 am Friday through 8:00 am Saturday

Would you like to DEVELOP A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS? When we want to get to know someone what is the first thing we do? We look to spend more time with them, conversing with them often. We become closer to someone by sharing our feelings, thoughts, hopes and aspirations for the future and we listen to them. When one person loves another, they want to be with this person whom they love. This is true for whatever type of relationship one may think of. A mother and her newborn infant, a father and his child, two friends, sweethearts, husband and wife. Love seeks to be with the object of its love. This helps us to understand the great mystery of our faith. If we want to develop a personal relationship with Jesus, we have to make an effort just as we would in our relationship with Jesus. We have to make an effort just as we would in our interactions with others. Spend some time with Jesus in EUCHARISTIC ADORATION and watch your life change. On Thursday, we need you for the hours: 12-1; 1-2; 4-5; & 5-6. On First Friday, the hours most needed are 5-6; 7-8; 8-9; 9-10; 2-3am, 5-6 and 6-7. Call Norma at 931-1537 or the parish office.

Cast all your anxieties upon the Lord who cares for you.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

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Concerned about how you will pay for a child's college education? Not sure if you have enough savings for retirement?

FINANCIAL *Peace*
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Plan to attend the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University. It could be the help you need and change your life! Nine sessions starting Mondays, January 8 – March 3, 2018. 6:30 pm at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Morris Hall, Morrison & Johnson St., Collinsville, IL 62234. Cost: \$75 (payable at 1st session) To register, email your name and phone number to sspeterpaulcollinsville@gmail.com or call 618-345-4343.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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| Pledge Payments | \$16,120.00 |
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