

# WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

*We Invite You To Join Us Often!*

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Almighty, eternal God, You Who have created and redeemed us, graciously look upon our needs, and agree to receive with kindness and favor the Sacrifice of the Saving Victim, which we offer in the sight of Your Divine majesty, in honor of the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, with Your grace being poured out upon us, we too may have the joy of seeing our names written in heaven, under the glorious Name of Jesus, the sign of eternal predestination. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

*(January is traditionally dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.)*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

## PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN  
877-3300

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

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## PARISH LEADERSHIP

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	Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners	Pat Loftus & Erin Ruesing
Athletic Director	Michelle Travnicsek
Maintenance Team	Bud Charbonnier

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 11 – PTO Mtg 6 pm in Cafeteria  
Thursday, January 11 – RCIA at 6:30 pm in PLC  
Saturday, January 13 – School Trivia Night in Cafe  
Monday, January 15 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

### LITURGICAL ROLES

January 13 & 14

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	C. Kessler, R. Schaus, V. Schaus, M. Black, L. Black, V. Drennan, B. Schrenk
8:00 a.m.	P. Ames, D. Wright, M. Williams, R. Carr, S. Carr, E. Mooshegian, D. Mooshegian
10:30 a.m.	D. Fletcher, D. Hay, S. Poiter, T. Cholevik, S. Dombek, M. Boschert, M. Poiter

#### LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Shambro
8:00 a.m.	A. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	M. A. Gensert

#### SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	M. Smith, R. Willaredt, R. Curry
8:00 a.m.	Wilmsmeyer's
10:30 a.m.	M. Adams, M. Roseman, W. Yehling

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, January 8

NO MASS

### Tuesday, January 9

8:15 a.m. Johanna Bukovac by Cheryl Jones

### Wednesday, January 10

8:15 a.m. Leo Scaturro by Denise Cook & Girls

### Thursday, January 11

8:15 a.m. Mary Charney by Premo and Kay Clay

#### ADORATION

### Friday, January 12

8:15 a.m. Barbara Hargrove by St. Elizabeth Choir

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

### Saturday, January 13 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

#### TIME

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

### Sunday, January 14 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

#### TIME

8:00 a.m. Joe Czornog by Mike, Tom and Greg

10:30 a.m. Loretta Krekovich by Kristy Krekovich

#### Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for January 8 – 12

Monday & Tuesday - No 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 8 - 12

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Greeter's Schedule for January 13 & 14

4:30 p.m.	Team 3
8:00 a.m.	Team 3
10:30 a.m.	Team 3

## FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear St. Elizabeth Parish family,

Merry Christmas! Happy Epiphany! Happy New Year! As we begin this new Year of Grace together, we pray this month in a special way through the intercession of the Holy Name of Jesus, whose Feast day was this past Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special prayer is listed at the very beginning of this bulletin in honor of the Lord's Holy Name, and we especially remember our Holy Name Men's Club.

However, the shortest and one of the most helpful prayers out there – especially to calm fear and anxiety – is to simply repeat the Holy Name to yourself, softly and reverently, asking Him for whatever help you need. “Jesus...Jesus...Jesus.” His Name itself is a prayer!

As resolutions go, I simply ask for *each of you* to make more time for coming to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at Eucharistic Adoration. This is every Thursday from 9 am to 9 pm (excepting the Thursday that precedes the first Friday of each month) And from 9 a.m. on the First Friday of each Month to 8:05 a.m. on First Saturday – followed by 8:15 a.m. Mass. Adoration is also happening 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Maryville, and they are in need of filling some time slots too. I am happy to get you the information to sign up there, or get you the code to simply pop in and visit the Lord whenever you have time.

This quiet time is essential for the growth of our supernatural life; the only life that will matter after we and this world pass away. In the same way that you won't ever truly know me, or how much I care about you, until you know me as a Confessor, we will not know the Lord unless we know Him first through His Mercy and then through His Body and Blood, in that order. He will always desire us, but do we desire Him in the tabernacle and on the altar more than anything else in life? He will draw us in, if we allow Him. Silent time before Him is a big step, even if it starts out as coming to Mass early to pray or staying after.

As I said at Christmas, if we want “Joy to the World, the Lord is come” to be true – then we must choose each day to allow Him to come to us, in the time we make for daily prayer, so that each of us can “receive our King.” *Lord, give us all hearts to receive You, as You desire.*

~ Father Edgar

## RIGHT TO LIFE

“To women with an unplanned pregnancy, Maya says, ‘This is survivable. Have hope.’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption,” [www.goo.gl/srj6L3](http://www.goo.gl/srj6L3)

## 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 Corner is about Epiphany. There is the custom of asking for God's blessings on our homes each new year, that has been traditionally associated with the arrival of the Three Wise Men to see the infant Jesus. Reproduced below is part of an article I found online that gives the instructions on how you also can perform this blessing in your own residence. The prayers below, along with blessed chalk, will be present for the taking at this weekend's Masses:

All who live at the home/residence gather to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It's an invitation for Jesus to be a guest each day in our homes, in our comings and goings, in our conversations, in our joys and sorrows, etc.

A traditional way of doing this is to use blessed chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 18. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless this house.” The “+” represents the Cross and 2018 is the year.

### Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel above your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying:

*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became man over two thousand years ago. May Christ bless our home (or “this place”) and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home [place] with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the*

*knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedictat*, “May Christ bless this house.”

What does not fade, is allowing Christ to dwell in the house of our soul through the grace of Holy Communion, that Jesus may truly be the King and center of our hearts. May we seek Him in the Real Presence in the Eucharist with the same desire that the Wise Men sought the Child Jesus, the King of Kings.

## PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- 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.
- St. Elizabeth School Trivia will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria. Tables of 8 cost \$120. Doors open at 6:30. Trivia begins at 7:00. Call (618) 877-3300 ext. 5 to reserve a table.
- Congratulations to the following students who are being recognized for demonstrating outstanding “caring” character traits: Aiden Berg, Morgan Yehling, Lillian Mathes, Ethan Skalsky, Reilly Curry, Lily Meyenburg, Grace Ratchford, Mayelin Rios, Mackenzie Levy, Ella Wilmsmeyer
- St. Elizabeth School and preschool will be closed on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## PARISH NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newest baptized member, Tobias James Kupinski!

**THANK YOU!** We had wonderful people come out to decorate our church. Thank you & God Bless You!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://formed.org) - please check out this great resource!

**MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA** – “Oh what awesome mysteries take place during Mass! A great mystery is accomplished in the Holy Mass. With what great devotion should we listen to and take part in this death of Jesus. One day we will know what God is doing for us in each Mass, and what sort of gift He is preparing in it for us.”  
(Diary, 914)

**FUNERAL MEALS** - Ladies Sodality is looking for someone to take on the responsibilities of the Funeral Meals. Father Edgar suggested we break the work up into sections so it does not seem so overwhelming.  
**Person to call to request food for the funeral.**  
**Person to make sure there is paper products, coffee, sugar, cream, table cloths.**  
**Person to work the day of the funeral to set up the food, make the coffee, ice water.**  
**Person to organize clean up after the funeral meal.**  
If you can fill any of these positions, please call Tammi Mooshegian at 618-876-4819 and let her know.

**LADIES SODALITY JANUARY MEETING** – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Harmony Room, 7:00pm-7:30pm **PIZZA**. 7:30-8:30pm Meeting. Please join us as we plan for 2018.

## GC ROCK NEWS

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

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

## EVENTS IN THE AREA

**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**

St. John Paul II tells us:

“The church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

Each person that spends time in the presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament grows in holiness and brings God’s blessing upon our families, our church and our country.

**Coming soon is a new sign up chart for Eucharistic Adoration 2018.**

Some of our prayer warriors have moved or are no longer able to keep their original committed hour and/or would like to change their time.

**Please sign up again for the hour that fits best into your schedule.**

While it is only necessary that one person keep Jesus company each hour, it would be great if there would be three or four. In the event that one cannot come, there would still be two or three. That would only be 48 people weekly for Thursday and 96 once a month on First Friday. Thanks for your generosity!

**ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS - MARQUETTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INCOMING FRESHMAN ENTRANCE EXAM, JANUARY 13, 2018.** 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.

**THE ALTON DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** will hold their meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at St. Elizabeth Parish, 120 N. Windmill, Marine, IL 62061. Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. by Fr. Paul Habing, followed by a continental breakfast and the meeting in the Parish Hall. All women of the Alton Deanery parishes are welcome to attend. Come join us for a morning of fellowship and sharing with new friends.

**FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is Enrolling Now for 2018-2019 School Year!** Join us for an Open House on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. Learn more about our school by touring the building and meeting our faculty, staff, students, and fellow McGivney parents. Apply online at [www.McGivneyGriffins.com](http://www.McGivneyGriffins.com). Contact Development Director, Emily Joellenbeck at 618-855-9010 or [ejoellenbeck@mcgivneygriffins.com](mailto:ejoellenbeck@mcgivneygriffins.com) for more information.

## SENIOR NEWS

Young at Heart will meet Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room at Holy Family Church.

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

	December 27	Goal	Over/ (Short)
	<u>Actual</u>		
<b>Week 26 Regular Income</b>	\$ 6,538.00		
181 Envelopes (Average Gift \$36.12)			
Loose	368.00		
Give Central	<u>285.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,681.00</b>	<b>\$(1,490.00)</b>
<b>YTD</b>			

Total YTD **\$196,477.57** **\$225,706.00** (**\$29,228.43**)

APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE **\$18,059.00**

Weekly and YTD Goals were calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and is what is required to break even.

**OTHER GIFTS**

Tuition Assistance	2,870.64
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	95.00
Christmas Offering	5,833.25
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	68.00
Immaculate Conception	55.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	290.00
Special Projects	180.00
Candles	85.00
Catholic Times	70.00
Catholic Children's Home	1,651.00
Retired Religious	20.00
Latin America	20.00

Week ending 1/02/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,625.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00

Total Sales: \$4,825.00

Year to Date:

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,625.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00

TOTAL: \$4,825.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE: \$237.00

APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES (\$17.00)

APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE \$220.00

January 2

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/ (Short)</u>
Week 27 Regular Income	\$ 5,723.00		
211 Envelopes (Average Gift \$27.12)			
Loose	927.87		
Give Central	390.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,040.87</b>	<b>\$ 8,681.00</b>	<b>(\$1,640.13)</b>
<u>YTD</u>			
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>\$ 7,040.87</b>	<b>\$ 8,681.00</b>	<b>(\$1,640.13)</b>

Weekly and YTD Goals were calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and is what is required to break even.

**OTHER GIFTS**

Tuition Assistance	610.00
Annual School Fund	200.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	100.00
Christmas Offering	575.00
Solemnity of Mary	538.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	170.00
Special Projects	260.00
Candles	59.00
Catholic Times	60.00
Catholic Children's Home	272.00
Retired Religious	20.00

**ACSA 2017**

Goal	\$55,973.00
Pledged	\$23,095.00
Pledge Payments	\$16,120.00
Summer Donations	
Balance Owed	<u>\$39,853.00</u>
99 of 882 Families Pledged	
Average Pledge - \$233.28	

**SCRIP PROGRESS**

Week ending 12/27/17

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$ 925.00	\$3,550.00	\$12,230.00

Total Sales: \$16,705.00

Year to Date:

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$86,575.00	\$134,900.00	\$187,860.00

TOTAL: \$409,335.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE: \$19,494.00  
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES (\$ 1,435.00)

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