

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.)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 14, 2018

PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN
877-3300

Dial the following extensions at any time during the message

	School	5	
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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	
Athletic Director	Michelle Travnicke
Maintenance Team	Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 15 – **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Thursday, January 18 – RCIA at 6:30 pm in PLC

Sunday, January 21 – Holy Hour 9-10 am in Church

Sunday, January 21 – Men's Club Football Sunday
1:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES January 20 & 21

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	K. Haas, C. Charbonnier, D. Fletcher, J. Hutson, C. Kessler, R. Schaus, V. Schaus
8:00 a.m.	T. Lyerla, P. Ames, P. Mills, J. Pamatot, M. Loftus, B. Loftus, D. Wright
10:30 a.m.	K. Boschert, T. & D. Mooshegian, D. Hay D. Gensert, P. Heuer, F. Faulkner

LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	K. Coley
8:00 a.m.	R. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	H. Leon

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Charbonnier, S. Strehl, L. Wilmsmeyer
8:00 a.m.	B. Babillis, M. Pamatot, M. Pamatot
10:30 a.m.	A. Brewer, A. Hutson, G. Hale

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 15

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 16

8:15 a.m.	Charles Marcus by Don Cook Family
10:00 a.m.	Mass at Stearns Nursing & Rehab Center

Wednesday, January 17

8:15 a.m.	Johanna Bukovac by Monte Laverna Secular Franciscans
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Thursday, January 18

8:15 a.m.	Gene DeRuntz by Janice Harding
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ADORATION

Friday, January 19

8:15 a.m.	Miles C. Filer by Ed & Margaret Barth
3:00 p.m.	Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, January 20 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
4:30 p.m.	Deceased Petras Family Members by Florence Petras

Sunday, January 21 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family
10:30 a.m.	Gene Cassy by Ramiro & Wanda Gutierrez

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for January 15 - 20

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 15 - 20

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Mass

Greeter's Schedule for January 20 & 21

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

FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear St. Elizabeth Parish family,

Thanks to everyone who took blessed chalk and the New Year's house blessing prayer home last week! If you wish, please return the chalk and we'll give it out again next year. Once something is blessed, it should never be thrown in the trash. (So if you ever break a Rosary or something, please feel free to bring it so that I can see that it is properly buried.) That reminds me that we are now just 1 month out from Ash Wednesday. Please bring your old Palms from Palm Sunday last year to the church or to the parish office at any time so that they can be collected. I have a friend in Vandalia that burns them for me. Palms are blessed too, so please never trash them.

On Sunday, January 21, we will have Adoration & Confessions between the Sunday Masses. This seemed to work well during Advent, so I would like to continue periodically doing this especially to give an opportunity for Confession on Sunday. (You can always ask me at any time too.) **This date is chosen with a purpose. This will be a holy hour from 9 to 10 a.m. in reparation for all offenses against human life, especially abortion, as we again remember the tragic anniversary of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.** There will be a special Litany that we will pray together at the end of 8 a.m. Mass. Please also remember in your prayers all the pilgrims from our Diocese who will be attending the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 19.

There is so much to pray for in our world. I continue to be very strongly persuaded that the more time we spend on our knees before Jesus in the tabernacle and at Adoration, the more deeply impacted our souls and our parish, friends, etc., will be transformed in the way that God desires. Please join me in making the time in our busy schedules to do this. Again, I simply ask for *each of you* to make some time to commit to praying before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at Eucharistic Adoration at our parish. **Please utilize the sign-up sheets in the gathering space.** 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.

Monday the 22nd is a Day of Prayer and Fasting (the Roe v. Wade Anniversary). So please offer up some sacrifice that day, a meal or otherwise, for the conversion of hearts to the truth of the Gospel in our divided world.

~ Father Edgar

RIGHT TO LIFE

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain and suffering. ... Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Every Life is Worth Living,” Prayer Card
<https://goo.gl/iF9daj>

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.

Since January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, here is a brief “did you know” on Our Lord’s Name:

Jesus literally means “God saves.” We know that the name was given by the Angel Gabriel. (“Ang-El” itself means “messenger of God”). Names and their meanings are very important in Judeo-Christian culture: think of all the times someone receives a new name in the Old or New Testament to show that they have been “made anew” by God by entering into a covenant relationship with Him. They have put off the old self and put on the New Man in Christ.

St. Bernardine of Siena, a 15th century Franciscan, greatly helped spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Recently, someone asked me about the symbols “IHS” which they saw on my surplice (the white garment I wear over my black cassock when hearing confessions or playing the organ, etc.) I explained that this was the first 3 letters of “Jesus” but in the Greek language. (ΙΗΣΟΥΣ) which, phonetically, gets pronounced like “Eh-sous.” Our faith first spread to the West through the Greek language, and then Latin. Abbreviations were very common for referring to Our Lord’s Holy Name. A couple others that come to mind are “DNJC” – *Domini Nostri Jesu Christi* – Latin for

“Our Lord Jesus Christ” and the title “INRI” from the Crucifixion - *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum* – Latin for “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” And yes, as you can see, the I and J are interchangeable in Latin (truthfully there really is no “J” in Latin, so “I” stands for both letters). Many of us probably learned that lesson from Sean Connery’s character as Harrison Ford’s father in the 1989 movie “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade” with his famous line “*but, in the Latin alphabet, Jehova begins with an ‘I.’*” (before Indiana nearly falls through the floor trying to get to the Holy Grail.) And who says Hollywood can’t be educational? ☺

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- **The Annual Dinner Dance Auction will be held on February 24th** at St. Gregory Hall. Discounted tickets are on sale for \$ 40 each until January 21st. Regular ticket sales (\$50 per person) begin on January 22nd – February 14th. Bella Milano is catering the annual event. Don’t delay – get your tickets now!
- The **Auction Committee is still accepting donations**. Please bring items to the school/parish office. Contact the school office (618) 877-3300 ext. 5 or Shawna Morris, Cheryl Folkerts, or Natasha Reidl with corporate donations, entertainment tickets, vacation rentals or other large items. Thank you for supporting our annual fundraiser.
- **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.
- **Trivia Night was cancelled** for this weekend. We hope to reschedule in the future. Thank you to everyone who was supporting the event.
- **St. Elizabeth School and preschool will be closed on Monday, January 15th** in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- **Congratulations to alumni Leann Smith**, who has been accepted to Mercy’s School of Medical Laboratory Science. The faculty and staff commend Leann on her accomplishments. We are proud of you, Leann!

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!

REMINDER!! Next week, January 21st, is our week for the blessing box.

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 – “I would not know how to give glory to God if I did not have the Eucharist in my heart.” (Diary, 1037)

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 23rd in the Harmony Room, 7:00pm-7:30pm **PIZZA**. 7:30-8:30pm Meeting. Please join us as we plan for 2018.

14 DAY CANDLE – If you would like to have the 14-day candle by the tabernacle (sanctuary lamp) in memory of your loved one, please call the parish office and let us know. The cost is \$10. We will

announce in the bulletin weekly whose memory we are honoring for those two weeks.

FLOCKNOTE – If you are interested in receiving notices of deceased members of our parish, or any other important parish news via e-mail or text, please sign up for **FLOCKNOTE** at www.flocknote.com/stegranitecity where you can enter your e-mail address and/or cell phone information, or text ROYALS to 84576 from your cell phone to subscribe to updates. A link will be given for you to register. Let's keep in touch....

GC ROCK NEWS

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

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

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.

SENIOR NEWS

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

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!

EVENTS IN THE AREA

MARQUETTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORERS CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT – Saturday, January 27, 2018 in the Marquette Gymnasium.

Doors open at 6:00pm and trivia starts at 7:00pm.

\$160.00 PER TABLE

- Eight (8) people per table
- Beer, water & soda provided (*Bring your own food, snacks & other preferred beverage*)
- Send ALL table reservations to Diana Root at dianaroot96@gmail.com or 618-401-2315.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS – An Adult Understanding of the Four Last Things: Heaven, Hell, Judgment & Purgatory, Saturday, January 20, 10 am – 12 Noon. Presenter: Fr. John Mark Etensohn, OMI. In the words of St. Paul how might "the God who began a good work in you continue to bring it to completion?" As adults we can search the Scriptures, the richness of our Catholic tradition, and our understanding of the world for clues as to what we call the last things: death, heaven, hell, judgment, purgatory. Cost: \$20 – Registration

required. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270, snows.org/programs.

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 28th 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. Contact Development Director, Emily Joellenbeck at 618-855-9010 or ejoellenbeck@mcgivneygriffins.com for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST – Sunday, February 4, 2018 at K of C Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road. Contest starts @ 12:30. Registration starts @ 11:30. For boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Must bring proof of age. Winners in each age group advance to the next contest level. Any questions, please call Bob Palus at 444-8700.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

	January 8		Over/ (Short)
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	
Week 28 Regular Income	\$ 7,487.00		
177 Envelopes (Average Gift \$42.30)			
Loose	366.00		
Give Central	840.00		
TOTAL	\$ 8,693.00	\$ 8,681.00	(\$ 12.00)
<u>YTD</u>			
Total YTD	\$ 15,733.87	\$ 17,362.00	(\$1,628.13)

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	1,820.00
Annual Fund/Bingo Profit	10,000.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	170.00
Christmas Offering	40.00

Christmas Flowers	35.00
Solemnity of Mary	128.00
Immaculate Conception	40.00
1 st Offering	675.00
Special Projects	20.00
Candles	115.00
Catholic Times	240.00
Catholic Children's Home	35.00
Retired Religious	10.00
Latin America	20.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 1/08/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$2,000.00	\$1,850.00	\$2,315.00

Total Sales: \$6,165.00

Year to Date:		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$3,625.00	\$3,050.00	\$6,165.00

TOTAL: \$12,840.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$644.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(\$45.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$599.00

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

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