

# 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.)*

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 21, 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

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  
Tuesday, Jan 23 – Ladies Sodality Mtg 7:00pm HR  
Thursday, January 25 – RCIA at 6:30 pm in PLC  
Friday, January 26 – Special Friends Mtg 7pm in HR  
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**Thanks to all our sponsors on the back cover of our bulletin. This week we thank Thomas Saksa Funeral Home, 2205 Pontoon Rd, 876-4321.**

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

### LITURGICAL ROLES January 27 & 28

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	J. Hutson, C. Kessler, R. Schaus, V. Schaus, M. Black, L. Black, V. Drennan
8:00 a.m.	M. Williams, S. Carr, R. Carr, T. Lyerla, P. Ames, P. Mills, J. Pamatot
10:30 a.m.	T. Mooshegian, M. Boschert, K. Boschert T. Cholevik, S. Dombek, M. & S. Poiter

#### LECTORS:

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

#### SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	M. Smith, R. Willaredt, T. May
8:00 a.m.	A. Friedel, K. Friedel, S. Luna
10:30 a.m.	A. Hay, A. Knobloch, G. Smith

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Monday, January 22

NO MASS

#### Tuesday, January 23

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

#### Wednesday, January 24

8:15 a.m. Joe Czwornog by Ann Czwornog

#### Thursday, January 25

8:15 a.m. Loretta Krekovich by Michael and Barbara Chance

#### ADORATION

#### Friday, January 26

8:15 a.m. Mark Friederich by St. Elizabeth Choir  
3:00 p.m. Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

#### Saturday, January 27 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
4:30 p.m. Johanna Bukovac by Premo and Kay Clay

#### Sunday, January 28 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Charles Marcus by Agnes & George Friedel  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

#### Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for January 22 - 26

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Mass, Tuesday - No Mass, Wednesday & Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Mass and Friday – 1:00 p.m. Mass at the Fountains

#### Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for January 22 - 26

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Greeter's Schedule for January 27 & 28

4:30 p.m.	Team 1
8:00 a.m.	Team 1
10:30 a.m.	Team 1

## FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear St. Elizabeth Parish family,

This weekend, January 21, we will have Adoration & Confessions between the Sunday Masses. **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 pray for the safe return of all the pilgrims from our Diocese who attended the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 19. Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Day of Prayer and Fasting (the actual 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 of Life in our divided world. Your prayers and sacrifices go much farther than the eye can see. Thank you for having an open heart to this.

As I mentioned at the end of Masses last weekend, a special THANK YOU to everyone who puts time in to making our Wednesday BINGO so successful and to all who participate. Thanks to an especially outstanding November and December, there was an increase of over \$64,000 in what was taken in from 2017 compared to 2016! This is phenomenal news and goes a long way in helping address some other shortfalls. So thanks to everyone who has had a hand in supporting Bingo! I also want to reiterate thanks to everyone who supported the second collection at Christmas to help boost our tuition assistance fund much closer to being able to fulfill its purpose for this entire school year. Your continued support of our school is deeply appreciated; may God bless you for it.

Catholic Schools Week kicks off next Sunday with some of our students assisting at 10:30 Mass and a Taco Sale sponsored by our Men's Club, so please stop by for Lunch after Mass (they'll be there serving til 4 pm). There will be all kinds of exciting events that week, including a visit from some of our seminarians, a special All School Mass on Feb. 2 to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> and final day of the Christmas Season, and we'll even be represented on local radio (WBGZ 94.3 FM/1570 AM Alton) by some of our students at 10:30 on the morning of Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup>.

On a separate note: This month, if at all possible, please turn in your donation envelope for the *Catholic Times* magazine. Every little bit helps. They just started a brand new format, so please let me know if you are not receiving yours for some reason and I will pass that information on to the editor in Springfield so their mailing list can be corrected. Suggested donation for the year is \$30 (which I believe is \$1.25 per issue). If you misplaced your envelope, please write *Catholic Times* on the outside of a blank envelope and we'll get your donation to the correct place. The parish is assessed whatever part of the bill doesn't get collected. We have been assessed \$7,726 and have collected \$1,740. So the balance owed is still almost

\$6,000. I'm going to chip in \$60 (which I think would be \$2.50 per issue)...if 100 families could match that we'd be done! (And if you're like me and keep forgetting about this, just drop it by the office any time you think of it **before Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**) Thank you! I don't doubt for a second this parish's generosity which I've already seen over and over again, so I know we can do this together bit by bit.

Again, just a reminder to 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 for burning.

Finally, I again ask for *each of you* to *please* 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 (except 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.

We need to have at least 2 people present at all times in case 1 person would have an emergency. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left alone during Adoration. You will never regret trying this, I promise! Even if you can't commit to a specific time, please stop in regularly.

~ Father Edgar

## RIGHT TO LIFE

“When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?” Find out in “What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion: [www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion).”

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 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.*

As we prepare for Lent, we’ll take some time to look at the three levels of prayer in the spiritual life, and how we can try to implement them in our daily time that we give back to God.

In the section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on prayer, we read:

**2721** The Christian tradition comprises three major expressions of the life of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. They have in common the recollection of the heart.

**2722** Vocal prayer, founded on the union of body and soul in human nature, associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart, following Christ's example of praying to his Father and teaching the Our Father to his disciples.

**2723** Meditation is a prayerful quest engaging thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. Its goal is to make our own in faith the subject considered, by confronting it with the reality of our own life.

**2724** Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery.

People are most used to thinking of prayer as “vocal prayer” or prayers of petition. We ask God for something for ourselves or another. This is meant to be a sort of “step #1” towards using the Scriptures (or other starting points) for Meditation (which I’ll write about next time), and finally lead us to silent contemplation – like in Eucharistic Adoration.

In the Catechism, #2700, we read that “[I]t is most important that the heart should be present to him to whom we are speaking in prayer: “Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of words, but on the fervor of our souls” (St. John Chrysostom).

Catechism #2701: “Vocal prayer is an essential element of the Christian life. To his disciples, drawn by their Master's silent prayer, Jesus teaches a vocal prayer, the Our Father. He not only prayed aloud the liturgical prayers of the synagogue but, as the Gospels show, he raised his voice to express his personal prayer, from exultant blessing of the Father to the agony of Gethsemani.” (Mt 11:25-26; Mk 14:36).

Consider praying together at home, if this is not already done. Even briefly before bed – making some concrete time together for vocal prayer is irreplaceable (*essential*, as we read above). Praying the Rosary together is a great way to move from one intention to another, you’ve got 57 prayers there in less than 20 minutes, and each one could potentially be for something or someone different. At a minimum, make concrete time to get *your* prayers of petition in each day. We are called to continually rely on God to ask, seek, knock... otherwise we risk acting as if we are self-sufficient and can make it just fine without asking.

## PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

### ❖ Alumni News

- College – Congratulations to the following alumni who recently graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville:
  - Brandon Broadwater – Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Finance
  - Elizabeth Jakich – Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
  - Lindsey Jones – Bachelor of Science in Computer Management and Information Systems
- High School – Congratulations to the following Fr. McGivney Honor Roll Recipients:
  - Nicole Boyd
  - Lorraine Eden
  - Maggie Fine
  - Marcus Gardner
  - Ali Hay
  - Abby Knobloch
  - Loran Kromray
  - Vanessa Luna
  - Dylan Ortiz
  - Logan Shumate
  - Guin Smith
  - Megan Smith
  - Haydee Rios

*The faculty and staff congratulate the alumni on all their achievements!*

*To share alumni news email*

[steroyals@hotmail.com](mailto:steroyals@hotmail.com)

### ❖ St. Elizabeth School Service

The theme for Catholic School’s Week (beginning Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>) is Catholic Schools: Learn Serve Lead Succeed. The faculty and students have a full week of activities planned. Please pray for us during our celebration of Catholic Education.

- ❖ The **Annual Dinner Dance Auction** will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. **Discounted tickets are available**

**this weekend after Mass.** Please reserve your tables now.

## PARISH NEWS

**TACO SALE** – There will be a Taco Sale on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. **until 4:00 p.m.**

**MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** on January 21st in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. 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 - please check out this great resource!

**MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA** – "It is only in eternity that we shall know the great mystery effected in us by Holy Communion. O most precious moments of my life!" (Diary, 840)

**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.

**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](http://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....

**REMINDER!!** The week of January 21<sup>st</sup> is our week for the blessing box.

## GC ROCK NEWS

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

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

**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!

**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](mailto:dianaroot96@gmail.com) or 618-401-2315.

**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.

**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**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Short)</u>
Week 29 Regular Income	\$ 6,357.00		
170 Envelopes (Average Gift \$37.39)			
Loose	318.72		
Give Central	<u>165.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,840.72</b>	<b>\$ 8,681.00</b>	<b>(\$ 1,840.28)</b>
<b>YTD</b>			
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>\$ 22,574.59</b>	<b>\$ 26,043.00</b>	<b>(\$3,468.41)</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	320.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	854.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Immaculate Conception	40.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	312.00
Special Projects	25.00
Candles	124.00
Catholic Times	1,220.00
Retired Religious	10.00
Latin America	50.00

**SCRIP PROGRESS**

Week ending 1/15/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,025.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,750.00

Total Sales: \$5,075.00

Year to Date:		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$4,650.00	\$4,350.00	\$8,915.00

TOTAL: \$17,915.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$902.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(\$63.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$839.00

**ACSA 2017**

Goal	\$55,973.00
Pledged	\$29,655.00
Pledge Payments	\$23,490.00
Summer Donations	
Balance Owed	<u>\$32,483.00</u>

125 of 891 Families Pledged  
Average Pledge - \$237.24

## NEW PARISHIONER

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## REQUEST VISIT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON REQUESTING \_\_\_\_\_

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