

# 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.)*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 28, 2018

## PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN  
877-3300

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

	School	5	
Mass/Confession Times	3	Pre-School	6
Parish Office	4	Location Directory	7

## 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

Tuesday, January 30 – Team 1 Cleaning Crew will clean the church after morning Mass  
Wed., Jan 31 – Finance Council Mtg 6:30 pm in HR  
Thursday, February 1 – RCIA at 6:30 pm in PLC  
Friday, February 2 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 pm in Cafe

### PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!!

Thanks to all our sponsors on the back cover of our bulletin. This week we thank Kuberski Excavating Trucking, 931-3124.

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

### LITURGICAL ROLES February 3 & 4

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Schrenk, J. Hutson, C. Charbonnier, K. Haas, C. Kessler, R. Schaus, V. Schaus
8:00 a.m.	M. Loftus, B. Loftus, D. Fletcher, S. Carr, R. Carr, T. Lyerla, D. Wright
10:30 a.m.	T. Mooshegian, D. Gensert, T. Cholevik, P. Heuer, F. Faulkner, E. & D. Mooshegian

#### LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	K. Coley
8:00 a.m.	A. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	A. Yurko

#### SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	S. Strehl, S. Strehl, L. Strehl
8:00 a.m.	J. Williams, E. Williams, B. Babillis
10:30 a.m.	J. Callahan, W. Yehling, R. Knobloch

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, January 29

**NO MASS**

### Tuesday, January 30

8:15 a.m. Clarence & Mary Nonn by Nonn Family

### Wednesday, January 31

8:15 a.m. Leo Scaturro by Terry & Teresa Shipton

### Thursday, February 1

8:15 a.m. Johanna Bukovac by Butch Bukovac Family

**NO ADORATION**

### Friday, February 2

8:15 a.m. Intentions of First Friday Memorials

**ADORATION**

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

### Saturday, February 3 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. Special Intention for Angeline Teets and For An End To Abortion

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

### Sunday, February 4 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Joe Czworog by Marvin Wiedemer

10:30 a.m. Hedy Barth by Cheryl, Danielle & Ciara Folkerts

### Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for January 29 -

February 2 - Monday through Thursday – NO MASS and Friday – 8:30 a.m. Mass at School

Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for January 29 – February 2 – NO MASS THIS WEEK

### Greeter's Schedule for February 3 & 4

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,

This Friday we will have a special Mass to close Catholic Schools Week! It is the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, the Feast of The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, and the day where the church blesses candles that will be used throughout the year. Please come and join us in the Gathering Space at 8:15 on Friday for a special procession and the Blessing of Candles prior to Mass. Then, Saturday, all the Christmas decorations come down, and Lent will be upon us in the blink of an eye. Have you been trying to “practice” a Lenten penance to see if you can really pull it off day-to-day? It’s not too late to try out a few sacrifices this week. This would be a great week to set aside special time to pray explicitly for our teachers & staff in thanksgiving for all they do!

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.

Looking ahead to summer for a moment, I’d like to announce our new team of Picnic Chairpersons that Dennis Riggs will be passing the torch to during and after this year’s picnic: We will now have a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson each year. These teams will serve two-year terms. The General Chairperson is listed first, then the Vice-Chair. I am so grateful for their willingness to serve!

2019-2020 Steve Hay/Mike Levy

2021-2022 Mike Levy/Rob Hutson

2023-2024 Rob Hutson/Mr. & Mrs. Zach White

2025-2026 Mr. & Mrs. Zach White / TBD

They will be close collaborators with Dennis this year.

Now, back to Winter: This coming weekend is Feb. 3, the Feast of St. Blaise. I will do the traditional throat blessing (with blessed candles) AFTER the 8 a.m. Saturday Mass and at 4:10 p.m. BEFORE the Saturday evening Mass. On Sunday, I will offer the blessing prayer over the whole congregation at the end of both Masses, and this option does work just the same, even without the candles. So if you’d like to be *individually* blessed by a priest, please come to one of the two opportunities on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Blaise’s feast day itself.

Last week in the Catechism Corner, we started going through the three types of Prayer. I’d like to suggest a couple of great, concrete ways (of many) to help you take the next step in your prayer life.

I’m a person who needs visual reminders, so a friend told me about the “Morning Offering” email he signed up for, that, since he’s prone to immediately jumping on technology first thing in the morning, he could open this daily email and spend 15 minutes at the start of the day using the various prayers for petition and meditation that they provide. This is a **totally free service with incredible resources** and all you have to do is sign up at **Morningoffering.com** and it will be right there in your

inbox every day! Also don’t forget the huge amount of free Catholic content always available to you with our parish subscription to FORMED as advertised each week.

There’s no substitute for personal interaction, so I do encourage you to form a small prayer group with friends or to join one. We have our Men at Prayer group that any man of the parish is invited to join at any time. They meet at the Parish Offices next to the Church from 9 to 10 a.m. the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. It never goes over an hour and is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners. They pray with all the names written in the prayer intention book in the gathering space, and take time to dive into some of the Scripture readings. Please try it out some Sunday morning! We also have our 3 p.m. Friday afternoon group that meets to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet weekly, and I am so grateful to Kay Clay for so faithfully keeping that going. That would be a great thing to try during Lent – when I will lead the Stations of the Cross at 3, and then they will have their usual prayers. Consider it a worthwhile “errand” to put on your to-do list. We’d love to have you there.

~ Father Edgar

## RIGHT TO LIFE

“If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”:  
[www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-had-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.

Having discussed vocal prayer (prayer of petition) last week, today we'll consider prayer that is Meditation. This is a great way to make sure you open up your Bible at home (or in an app on your phone)! In meditation, we provide the starting point, and then we can use what we've read and considered and then see where God takes us from there.

For example, one of my favorite passages about conversion that we hear during Lent comes from Isaiah: ***A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice.*** Using this as a starting point, it is easy to think about the times that I've gone my own way, tried to be self-sufficient, and nearly put out that light of God's divine life that He's so generously given to me. From there, I'm moved to Thanksgiving for how God time and time again calls me back to himself, restoring and healing the bruises and wounds I've caused myself in the spiritual life, and fanning back into flame his light – when I allow His Mercy to reach me by seeking Him out in confession. A lot to think about there! *All from one little verse.* What are some of your favorite passages, or most challenging ones? Go find them, and use them as a starting point for quiet meditation!

I found a wonderful Carmelite resource online recently, and they gave a couple of great reminders about how much we need prayer to be who we were made to be. First, from St. Teresa of Avila, and then from one of the documents of Vatican II:

St. Teresa reminds us that God doesn't give Himself but to those who give themselves entirely to Him. There is no room here for inordinate self-love.

All of us are called to holiness as Vatican Council II reiterated in Chapter 5 of *Lumen Gentium*:

“The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition. He Himself stands as the author and consummator of this holiness of life: ‘Be you therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect’. [Even the highest form of prayer, contemplative] prayer, therefore, does not belong to a privileged few. It is a normal common experience of the Christian life open to all. It is God's to give when and where He wills. Our preparation is to live the Gospel life and to be receptive to the graces God continually gives us – to be watchful and receptive. Therefore, all the faithful of Christ are invited to strive for the holiness and perfection of their own proper state. Indeed they have an obligation to so strive. Let all then have care that they guide aright their own deepest sentiments of soul. Let neither the use of the things of this world nor attachment to riches, which is against the spirit of evangelical poverty, hinder them in their quest for perfect love. Let them heed the admonition of the Apostle to those who use this world; let them not come to terms with this world; for this world, as we see it, is passing away.” (*Lumen Gentium* Ch. 5, #42)

## PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- **Catholic Schools Week** – The students and staff of St. Elizabeth School begin a celebration of Catholic Schools this weekend. Open House follows 10:30 Mass from 11:30 until 1:00. The Men's Club is having a Taco Sale in the cafeteria until 4:00. We would love for all parishioners to join us as we kick off our special week. Please pray for all priests, sisters, brothers and laypeople who dedicate their lives in service to Catholic Schools. We thank parents who give support to the importance of Catholic education. We thank students for their hard work and dedication. The staff would like to especially thank our community of volunteers who always support one another, the students and the staff. May God bless St. Elizabeth School and the many people who support our mission.
- **Annual Dinner Dance Auction** – Great News! Discounted ticket sales are available until February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets may be purchased after Mass, at the school during open house or directly from Michelle Williams. Please plan to attend our annual dinner on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee** – Congratulations to the following middle school spellers. These students will represent St. Elizabeth School at the area Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We offer special thanks to coach Tomlovic for working with our contestants.  
Luke Davis, Ciara Folkerts, Ethan McMann, Zion Ratchford, Jonathan Callahan, Nolan Spiewak, Isa Wilmsmeyer, Brooklyn Rudolph, Lauren Jones, Gwyn Hale, Taylor Bolden, Michael Adams, Emilee Travnicek

## 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.**

**MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA** – “The Lord’s Promise: The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.” (Diary, 754)

**VISIT FROM THE NEWMAN CONNECTION** – We will have special guests to speak at the Masses on Feb. 10 & 11 from the Newman Connection. This apostolate operates from within our own Diocese, in Teutopolis, and its mission is to help keep students Catholic while they attend college. Why is Newman Connection important and necessary?

- 80% of students stop practicing their faith in college.
- We are addressing this by directly connecting graduating high school seniors to their respective campus minister. We are the *bridge* from high school to college for these students, helping ensure they stay connected to the faith.
- In the past 2 years – they’ve helped almost 150,000 students get connected
- Over 71 Dioceses are united with us
- Over 600 Catholic Parishes have participated in the High School Outreach Program.

(Unlike most Appeals, Newman Connection does not ask for a second collection)

**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!

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newest baptized member, Izaiah Bryant Torres.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the families of Francis Schwarzkopf, Tina Howard, and Christina Johnsee who have all passed away recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

**THE 14-DAY CANDLE** by the tabernacle will be burning in memory of Rich Scharf by Margaret Scharf.

## GC ROCK NEWS

### CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

#### GC Rock is for YOU!

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

**Sunday, January 28** – Gathering at St. Elizabeth 6:30-8pm. Bring a friend!

**Sunday, February 4** – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Valentines for the nursing homes/children at hospital.

**Sunday, February 11** – Deliver Valentines to nursing homes after 11am Mass

**Sunday, February 18** – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm.

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.



GC Rock went on a pilgrimage to the Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica in Washington DC, and then Marched for Life! It was a trip full of much prayer, fun, and fellowship with other teens from our area. We also visited several national sites as part of our trip. We are so thankful for everyone’s support to make this experience happen for our Rocks!

## 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**

**SILENCE is precious---by keeping silence and knowing how to listen to God the soul grows in wisdom and God teaches it what it cannot learn from men. (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)**

Let us come spend just one hour in silence listening to God our Creator and Redeemer speak to our souls. Thursday 9-9. Can we not give back just one of the 168 hours He has given us?

OR: maybe once a month is better...one out of 720

**Please use the new chart for Eucharistic Adoration 2018 to sign up 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. Rewards are much greater than you can imagine.

## EVENTS IN THE AREA

**SDCCW SCHOLARSHIP** - The Women of the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are offering four \$500 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic Senior Girls. Deadline to enter is March 30, 2018. Winners will be announced in May and honored at the Woman of Distinction Banquet in June. Application forms are available at the parish office and on the scrip table in the gathering space.

**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

	Actual	Goal	Over/ (Short)
January 22			
Week 30 Regular Income	\$ 5,755.00		
183 Envelopes (Average Gift \$31.45)			
Loose	383.00		
Give Central	765.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,903.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,681.00</b>	<b>(\$ 1,778.00)</b>
<b>YTD</b>			
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>\$ 29,477.59</b>	<b>\$ 34,724.00</b>	<b>(\$5,246.41)</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	220.00
Annual School Fund	20.10
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	485.00
Solemnity of Mary	80.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	180.00
Special Projects	443.00
Candles	89.00
Catholic Times	505.00
Latin America	20.00

## SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 1/22/18		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,725.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,930.00
<b>Total Sales: \$5,430.00</b>		
<b>Year to Date:</b>		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$6,375.00	\$6,125.00	\$10,845.00
<b>TOTAL: \$23,345.00</b>		
<b>APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:</b>		<b>\$1,153.00</b>
<b>APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES</b>		<b>(\$82.00)</b>
<b>APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE</b>		<b>\$1,071.00</b>

## ACSA 2017

Goal	\$55,973.00
Pledged	\$29,655.00
Pledge Payments	\$23,490.00

Summer Donations  
Balance Owed  
125 of 891 Families Pledged  
Average Pledge - \$237.24

\$32,483.00

**NEW PARISHIONER**

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