

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

We Invite You To Join Us Often!

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to Mary and Joseph, You sanctified family life by Your holy virtues. Grant that we, with the help of Mary and Joseph, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family, and may, after our death, enjoy everlasting companionship with you. Lord Jesus, help us ever to follow the example of Your Holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother and Saint Joseph may come to meet us, and we may be made worthy to be received by You into the everlasting joys of heaven.

You who live and reign forever. Amen.

(February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family.)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2018

PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN
877-3300

Dial the following extensions at any time during the message

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PARISH LEADERSHIP

Finance Council
School Board
Parent/Teacher Org
Ladies Sodality
Holy Name Men's Club
Men at Prayer
Funeral Dinners
Athletic Director
Maintenance Team

Charlotte Charbonnier
Jennifer Wilmsmeyer
Jessica Brewer
Tammi Mooshegian
Rob Hutson
Tom Cholevik
Michelle Travnicek
Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 4 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 6 -Men's Club Meeting 7:30pm in Cafe
Thursday, February 8 – RCIA at 6:30 pm in PLC
Thursday, Feb. 8 – PTO Meeting at 6:00 pm in Cafe
Sunday, February 11 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES February 10 & 11

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	M. Black, L. Black, K. Haas, V. Drennan, B. Schrenk, C. Charbonnier, 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:

4:30 p.m.	L. Black
8:00 a.m.	M. Joyce
10:30 a.m.	B. Shambro

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Charbonnier, S. Strehl, T. May
8:00 a.m.	K. Smith, M. Pamatot, E. Travnicek
10:30 a.m.	M. Adams, J. Callahan, M. Roseman

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, February 5

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 6

8:15 a.m.	Karen Whaley by Loretta Marcus
10:00 a.m.	Mass at Granite Nursing & Rehab Center

Wednesday, February 7

8:15 a.m.	Charles Marcus by Tracy McIntyre Cook
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Thursday, February 8

8:15 a.m.	Loretta Krekovich by Jim & Karen Kocarnik
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ADORATION

Friday, February 9

8:15 a.m.	Johanna Bukovac by Monte Laverna Secular Franciscans
3:00 p.m.	Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, February 10 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
4:30 p.m.	Lorraine White by Hannah Edgar

Sunday, February 11 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m.	Theresa Straubinger by Straubinger Family
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for February 5 – February 9 - Monday & Tuesday – NO MASS, Wednesday & Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Mass & Friday – 8:30 a.m. Mass at School

Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for February 5 – February 9 – Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Greeter's Schedule for February 10 & 11

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,

Next weekend we will have a guest speaker at the start of Mass from the Newman Connection, an apostolate that connects high school graduates to the Catholic churches and Newman Centers nearest to their college choice, so that they can remain active in the faith. This program is based in our very own diocese in Teutopolis, IL. There is *not* a second collection for this, but it is an opportunity to raise more awareness for how we all can help the next generation hang onto the Faith. It is clear that many do drift away, so this program attempts to counter that and I appreciate your prayers and support of their efforts!

Lent will be upon us on February 14, so here are the annual reminders about Fasting on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday and abstaining from meat on those 2 days and on all the other Fridays of Lent presented as a *Did You Know*:

What are fasting and abstinence? A day of **fast** is one on which Catholics who are 18 to 59 years old are required to keep a limited fast. In this country you may eat a single, normal meal. Two other smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Children are not required to fast, but their parents must ensure they are properly educated in the spiritual practice of fasting. A day of **abstinence** is a day on which Catholics 14 years and older are required to abstain from eating meat. Outright rejection of these disciplines is mortally sinful. (Even if it's Valentine's Day) While accidentally forgetting that it's Friday and eating meat at one meal is not mortally sinful.

What is the Eucharistic Fast? This is the fast required of Catholics when they receive the Eucharist. Canon law states, "One who is to receive the most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion" (CIC 919 §1). Elderly people, those who are ill, and their caretakers are excused from the Eucharistic fast (CIC 191 §3).

In addition to Ash Wednesday, are any other days during Lent days of fast or abstinence? Yes. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Also, Good Friday, the day on which Christ was crucified, and Ash Wednesday are days of both fast and abstinence. *All days in Lent are appropriate* for fasting or abstaining, but canon law does not require it. Such fasting or abstinence is voluntary outside of Fridays and Ash Wednesday.

Why are Fridays during Lent days of abstinence? Because Jesus died for our sins on Friday, making it an especially appropriate day of mourning our sins by denying ourselves something we enjoy. (By the same token, Sunday-the day on which he rose for our salvation-is an especially appropriate day to rejoice.) During the rest of the year Catholics in this country are permitted to use a different act of penance on Friday in place of abstinence, though all

Fridays are days of penance on which we are required to do something expressing sorrow for our sins.

For me personally, I find it more simple to just abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year rather than find another type of penance for the Fridays outside of Lent. If you were under the impression that nothing is required of us on the Fridays outside of Lent, please reconsider this incorrect position, as this has been the un-changed norm for the last 50 years despite misinformation to the contrary. (As always, you are not held accountable for what you truly did not know.)

Liturgically, there is no "St. Valentine's Day" this year, as Ash Wednesday causes it to be omitted entirely in the Ancient Roman calendar. At our grade school, we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day one day early on Mardi Gras. In fact Monday and Tuesday before Ash Wednesday will both be "festive" days and I'd ask you to do the same in your families. Ash Wednesday (which falls on Feb. 14 for the first time since 1945) is a day of penance, the beginning of a beautiful season of renewal, and we should not look for ways around this.

At St. Elizabeth on Ash Wednesday, there will be FOUR opportunities to receive Ashes. Twice within Mass and twice during a 15-minute service with a Liturgy of the Word & Ashes. We will also be going to as many nursing home residents and homebound people on Ash Wednesday as possible.

7 AM – 15 minute Ashes Service (no communion)

8:15 AM – All School Mass with Ashes (school choir)

12:05 PM – 15 minute Ashes Service (no communion)

6:00 PM – Mass with Ashes (adult choir)

This Lent our parish will be partnering with one of my favorite charitable organizations - Cross Catholic Outreach. We'll be supporting one of their missions in Kenya that I'll share information about over the next several weeks and we will have the typically little donation boxes for you to take home and return at the end of Lent. I'm excited that CCO is sending one of their priests here July 14 & 15 this summer to share more about their ministry. I'll share more about how I got involved with their ministry when I have space!

~ 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

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, New Mexico

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’re taking 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 both vocal prayer (prayer of petition) and meditation, today we’ll consider **Contemplative prayer**. To dispel any myths, this is not just for monks and nuns. Silence and giving God time to be heard without any “agenda” of our own, is a necessity to growth in the spiritual life. While there is a natural progression from vocal prayer, to meditation, to contemplation, it doesn’t all have to work in a linear fashion. We can bounce around from one to the other, but they all require the loving sacrifice of our time. This is why I am so insistent on those who have never tried Eucharistic Adoration (even if you cannot sign up for a consistent slot) - **please come** and **try** praying this way. It is, in fact, for everyone. It prepares us for our constant worship of God one day in heaven, God-willing that we make it there. God gives us every second and every breath. May we all be more faithful in giving our time back to Him. One day that’s all we’ll have is time, so let’s help one another now not let these golden opportunities slip away.

Our willingness to try silent contemplation – no media, no phones, no distractions – can be a reflection of our desire for God. Do we desire Him? Is there something we’re afraid of dealing with that we need to let go of, be healed of in confession? One thing is for sure: His desire for us is so great we can only begin to contemplate it. He loved us first. **God pursues you** every day. Do we run towards Him with open arms like a loved one returning home from war or a long journey? Or do we chase after other things first that are not Him – with our arms wide open to those things that, ultimately, will not satisfy us? He can show us all these things in contemplation if we give Him the chance.

Silence, and not providing our own starting point in prayer, is a type of total self-surrender for all of us. It is not an “easy” form of loving God. But to make the time for Him to be heard is the main point. Maybe nothing will “happen” in the silence sometimes, but the act of love to make the time for God is a great gift in itself. Prayer that we perceive as “dry” or quiet time where “nothing happens” is much better than saying “this is a waste of my time” and not praying at all. Someone once said that we are not “human doings” we are “human beings” – we need to be okay with just sitting with God (“being”) before the tabernacle or in Adoration.

There is a story about St. John Vianney encountering an older gentleman, perhaps a farmer, in his parish Church just staring at the tabernacle. Fr. Vianney asked him what he was doing and the man said simply, “I look at Him, and He looks at me.” And even if one were to cynically see this as “wasting time” – what better place to “waste time” if we’re going to do it somehow, than wasting time with God? We do want to spend every second of eternity with Him, after all. Contemplation, Adoration, is good “practice” for this.

St. John of the Cross once wrote, “No matter how much you are searching for God, He is searching for you much more.” This recalls the Scripture passage where God reminds us, “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you to go and bear fruit that will last.” He chooses us, asks us to be receptive to everything He wants to give us, including making the time to receive what He wants to show/give us. Then and only then can we go “do” and “bear fruit” – putting in action the good gifts of God – 100% of which have come from Him.

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PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- ❖ **Alumni News** – Thank you to Nicole Boyd, Ali Hay and Guin Smith for serving our Catholic School Mass. The girls attend Fr. McGivney Catholic High School, where all three are having great success. The faculty and staff are proud of all your accomplishments. Our hearts swell to see you growing and continuing to embrace your faith.
- ❖ **Catholic Schools Week** – The students had an amazing week celebrating our community, our nation, vocations and our fabulous volunteers! We thank all of our school families and friends for supporting St. Elizabeth School.
- ❖ **PTO Dinner Dance Auction** – Don’t forget to purchase your auction tickets this weekend. Our annual event will be held on February 24th. Hope to see you there!



PARISH NEWS

LADIES SODALITY NEEDS YOUR HELP – We are in need of new names for providing funeral meal dishes to help meet the demands of funeral luncheons. If you would be interested in assisting with the outreach by preparing a dish and dropping it off, please sign up in the gathering space. Please let us know your name, best way to contact you, and a dish preference (i.e. dessert, vegetable, cold salad, jello salad, meat dish). We thank you for your time and effort in keeping this tradition of hospitality and fellowship moving forward!

REISKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Applications are now available at the Parish Office. Any college bound parishioner is eligible who:

- Graduated from St. Elizabeth School
- Presently is a member of St. Elizabeth Parish
- Is active in the Parish
- Attends Mass EVERY WEEKEND
- Has financial need

Applications are due by Monday, April 2, 2018, no later than 4:00 p.m. Fr. Edgar and the Selection Committee will then review the applications and present their selection to the Pastoral Council. First time applicants will have preferential consideration and no one applicant will be awarded the scholarship more than two times.

THANK YOU – Sincere thanks to Father, participants in the funeral services, and the whole parish family for all your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless you all.
~ The Schwarzkopf Family

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 DAILY DEVOTIONAL – Need a reminder each morning to stop for a few minutes and pray before you get too busy? Sign up for the “Morning Offering” email at Morningoffering.com and even if you immediately jump into technology first thing in the morning, this “Urgent” message will be there waiting for you! Sign up and spend a few minutes at the start of the day using the various prayers that they provide. You choose to dive into as much or as little as you want. 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 in your inbox every day!

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Marlen Perkins who passed away on January 25th and whose Mass of Christian Burial will take place on February 10th at our parish. May he 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.

150 CLUB WINNERS – The 150 Club Winners for January are Mickey and Mavis Smith, #127 and the winners for February are Rick and Vicki Schaus, #121. Congratulations!

CARE PACKAGE NEWS – Thanks to all who participated in our November drive to collect items to those serving in our military. Thanks to your efforts and the coordinating of Zach Hay, over 250 items were collecting and 4 international care packages and 2 domestic packages were sent. The 4 that were sent overseas roughly weighed 30-40 lbs each, which took care of multiple service members. All packages were received! Thanks again for your prayers and support of those who serve in our Armed Forces!

GC ROCK NEWS

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

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

8th Graders are welcome to attend our Gatherings as of January! Please come and join us and bring a friend!

Sunday, February 4 – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Bring a ‘Sweet treat’ to share, AND a friend! We are collecting baby layette items to donate to Mosaic Pregnancy Center. (See list of items on our FB page). Prepare Valentines for the nursing homes/children at hospital.

Sunday, February 11 – Attend 10:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth TOGETHER. Listen to short presentation at Mass. Deliver Valentines to nursing homes after 11am Mass/Lunch together. Bring a baby item to donate to Mosaic Pregnancy Center. NO evening Gathering.

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday / Lent Begins.

Sunday, February 18 – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Bring a friend!

Sunday, February 25 – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm.

*Mark your Calendars for the **YOU-Theology of the Body for Teens** on March 9-11 at Father McGivney High School! **This is for 8-12th grade students.** Registration forms will be given out on February 4. You can call Rita 972-4022 for more info or Becky Bauerle at 618-322-4597.

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 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

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.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

	January 29	Over/ (Short)
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Week 31 Regular Income	\$ 7,186.00	
190 Envelopes		
(Average Gift \$38.82)		
Loose	498.00	
Give Central	290.00	
TOTAL	\$ 7,974.00	\$ 8,681.00 (\$ 707.00)
<u>YTD</u>		
Total YTD	\$ 37,451.59	\$ 43,405.00 (\$5,953.41)

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	106.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	391.00
Ash Wednesday	30.00
1 st Offering	71.00
Funeral Stipend	100.00
Special Projects	156.00
Candles	142.00
Catholic Times	561.00
Latin America	248.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 1/29/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,050.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,515.00
Total Sales: \$6,965.00		
Year to Date:		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$7,425.00	\$8,525.00	\$14,360.00
TOTAL: \$30,310.00		
APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$1,485.00	
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(\$106.00)	
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$1,379.00	

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	

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