

# 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.)*

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 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  
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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 Travnicsek  
Bud Charbonnier

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 11 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 14–Fish Fry 4:00-**7:30pm** Cafe  
Thursday, February 15 – RCIA at 6:30 pm in PLC  
Friday, February 16 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 pm in Cafe  
Sunday, February 18 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

## PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!!

Thanks to all our sponsors on the back cover of our bulletin. This week we thank St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality. Meetings are in the Harmony Room the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. (Except June, July & December) All Ladies Are Welcome!

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

### LITURGICAL ROLES

February 17 & 18

#### 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, E. & D. Mooshegian, M. Williams, S. Carr, R. Carr
10:30 a.m.	D. Fletcher, F. Faulkner, T. Cholevik, M. & S. Poiter, S. Dombek, M. Boschert

#### LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	L. Black
8:00 a.m.	K. Clay
10:30 a.m.	M.A. Gensert

#### SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	M. Smith, R. Willaredt, L. Wilmsmeyer
8:00 a.m.	Meaghan & Madelyn Pamatot, B. Babillis
10:30 a.m.	C. Folkerts, G. Hale, A. Brewer, A. Hutson

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, February 12

NO MASS

### Tuesday, February 13

8:15 a.m. Francis Schwarzkopf by Linda Sabol

### Wednesday, February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Ash Service Only (No Mass)

8:15 a.m. Gene DeRuntz by Candy & Jason Thompson

12:05 p.m. Ash Service Only (No Mass)

6:00 p.m. Miles C. Filer by Dan & Ann Stock

### Thursday, February 15

8:15 a.m. Johanna Bukovac by Monte Laverna  
Secular Franciscans

#### ADORATION

### Friday, February 16

8:15 a.m. Bob Marcus by Joe Schuler

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

### Saturday, February 17 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

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

### Sunday, February 18 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Melvin Wilmsmeyer by Mark & Donna  
Yehling

10:30 a.m. Dale Fletcher by Darlene

#### Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for February 12 –

February 16 - Monday & Tuesday – NO MASS, Ash Wed – 8:30 am Mass @ School, Noon Ashes service only, 7 pm Mass, Thursday & Friday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for February 12 –

February 16 – Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Greeter's Schedule for February 17 & 18

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,

For the last several years, my high school students and I ran a food drive to help replenish what Catholic Charities in Effingham was low on at their food pantry after Christmas. With that in mind, we've asked Community Care what they are in most need of at the present time. You all do an amazing job every weekend with groceries for them! I had never seen a "list" so I thought we should ask; here is what they said:

Community Care Center is in need of **canned meals** such as **Beef stew, Spaghetti O's, ravioli**, etc., as well as **personal hygiene items** and **paper towels**. All donations are greatly appreciated! God bless you for the awesome support St. E's continually gives to Community Care!

This 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 and for our young adults!

**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)**

Thanks for all your positive feedback regarding the Sacred Reading Series from Advent! **We have new books for Lent** and you can get yours after Mass this weekend! Hope this helps you set that concrete time every day to pray.

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 course of Lent and we will have the typical 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 Cross Catholic Outreach in the bulletin on the First Sunday of Lent.

To facilitate your prayer life, some asked for the list of virtues that goes with each of the Commandments that I preached about last weekend. Always remember that God has a gift (a help) He wants to share with us to combat every negative thing out there! Here are 2 virtues for each Commandment that will help us live them out fruitfully:

- I. Fidelity & Trust
- II. Reverence & Prudence in Speech
- III. Service & Selflessness
- IV. Piety & Obedience
- V. Mercy & Meekness
- VI. Chastity & Perseverance
- VII. Generosity & Justice
- VIII. Honesty & Prudence in Speech
- IX. Purity of Heart & Mortification of the Senses
- X. Thanksgiving for Blessings & Temperance

I hope asking for these virtues benefits you greatly in your more closely seeking Our Lord in this Holy Season.

Finally, my favorite prayer/hymn/poem for Lent that I'd like to share with you. This is the Hymn for Evening Prayer for all 40 days and has beautiful lyrics describing what the season is all about:

O merciful Creator, hear!  
To us in pity bow Thine ear:  
Accept the tearful prayer we raise  
In this our fast of forty days.

Our hearts are open, Lord, to Thee:  
Thou knowest our infirmity;  
Pour out on all who seek thy face  
Abundance of Thy pardoning grace.

Our sins are many, this we know;  
Spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy show;  
And for the honor of Thy Name  
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

Give us the self-control that springs  
From discipline of outward things,  
That fasting inward, secretly,  
The soul may purely dwell with Thee.

We pray thee, Holy Trinity,  
One God, unchanging Unity,  
That we from this our abstinence  
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

~ Father Edgar

## RIGHT TO LIFE

“The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Planning”

[www.usccb.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.usccb.org/end-of-life-considerations)

## 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.*

Here is a reproduction of the norms on Fasting and on Abstaining from eating meat as Lent is now upon us:

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. May God bless you and yours abundantly for these small acts of obedience and self-denial that unite us to the Cross of Christ.

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## PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- ❖ Only 2 weeks left until our **Annual Dinner Dance Auction**. Please support St. Elizabeth School and purchase your tickets this weekend after Mass.
- ❖ Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for having **outstanding perseverance**: Colby Nash, Megan Mangiaracino, Grant Mangi, Leigha Asbeck, Ian Reidl, Evan Mitchell, Addison Roberds, Riley Knobeloch, Karina Smith and Zion Ratchford.
- ❖ Look who excelled at the **Knights of Columbus Annual Hoop Shoot Contest!**
  - ✓ 12 yr. old division – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Autumn Hutson
  - ✓ 13 yr. old division – 1<sup>st</sup> place Emma Martinez
  - ✓ 14 yr. old division – 1<sup>st</sup> place Olivia Morris*The winners advance to the area competition in a few weeks. Good-luck ladies!*
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who helped the school in our efforts to **recycle plastic items** for a **Memorial Bench**. We have reached our goal and will be ordering our bench in memory of Billy Adams.

The item will be picked up and placed on the school property this spring.

- ❖ Alumni News: Congratulations to Loran Kromray who was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Loran is a sophomore at Fr. McGivney Catholic High School.

## 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.

**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](http://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](http://Morningoffering.com) and it will be in your inbox every day!

**THE 14-DAY CANDLE** by the tabernacle will be burning in memory of Josephine Rose Lampitt by Betty Lampitt.

**MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA** – “After each conversation with the Lord, my soul is extraordinarily strengthened, and a profound tranquility prevails therein and gives me such courage that I do not fear anything in the world, but fear only lest I make Jesus sad.” (Diary, 610)

## GC ROCK NEWS

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

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

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

**Sunday, February 11** – Attend 10:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth TOGETHER. Listen to short presentation at Mass. Deliver Valentines to nursing homes after 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. Bring a Friend! Invite an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader!

\*Mark your Calendars for the **YOU-Theology of the Body for Teens** on March 9-11 at Father McGivney High School! **This is for 8-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*Mark your Calendars for **Holy Thursday Mass**, then followed by our first annual **7 churches Adoration tour**, Starting at St. Elizabeth, including the Cathedral Basilica, and making Holy Family our last stop. More info to come!!

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**

As followers of Jesus we are called to offer our lives to God. Most of us are not called to be martyrs in the sense of dying for Christ. We are, however, called to take seriously the summons to loosen our grip on the things of this world in order to grasp more fully the realities of eternity. We are called to **sacrifice**: to give up or dedicate something that is dear to us...something that is even more precious than money. **What is that?** A fourteenth century mystical tract, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, tells us "**Nothing is more precious as time**". What all of us are able to offer to God is time: time for prayer; time for spiritual reading; time to reflect; time to listen to God and to others; time for service. (paraphrased from an excerpt from Michael Casey) Consider giving an hour of your time just once a month to talk to and listen to Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

There is a need for **one** more person for the following hours: Thursdays 8-9 pm, First Friday: 12-1; 1-2; 7-8; 11-midnight. Saturday 12-1am; 1-2am; 2-3am. No one has volunteered for the 3-4am...so two people are needed.

These hours are a real sacrifice. One generous person braved the cold for the 3-4 hour in February; but due to work cannot commit for every month. Who will come forth for the 3-4 hour in March?

Remember what you give to God from your heart is returned a hundredfold.

## EVENTS IN THE AREA

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – ENRICH YOUR LENTEN SEASON** – St. Mary's (Edwardsville) will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Women's Breakfast on Saturday, March 10, 2018 beginning with 8:00 am Mass celebrated by Father Dan Bergbower. A catered breakfast follows and a talk entitled "Onward---without Fear" presented by nationally recognized speaker, Patty Schneier. Sister M. Karolyn will serve as MC of the event. Tickets are \$15 per person with preregistration required. Download the registration form at [www.stmaryedw.org](http://www.stmaryedw.org). For more information please call Mary at \*618) 288-3091 or Melinda at (618) 659-0548.

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

	February 4	Over/
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u> ( <u>Short</u> )
Week 32 Regular Income	\$ 7,563.00	
184 Envelopes		
(Average Gift \$41.10)		
Loose	504.44	
Give Central	465.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,532.44</b>	<b>\$ 8,681.00 (\$ 148.56)</b>
<b>YTD</b>		
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>\$ 45,984.03</b>	<b>\$ 52,086.00 (\$6,101.97)</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	1,136.00
Annual Fund/Bingo Profit	10,000.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	230.00
Christmas Offering	15.00
Solemnity of Mary	80.00
Ash Wednesday	50.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	30.00
Special Projects	33.00
Candles	88.00
Catholic Charities	65.00
Catholic Times	275.00
Catholic Children's Home	25.00
Latin America	30.00
Central & Eastern Europe	70.00

## SCRIP PROGRESS

	Week ending 2/04/18		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National	
\$2,350.00	\$3,050.00	\$2,155.00	
	Total Sales: \$7,555.00		
Year to Date:			
Shop n Save	Walmart	National	

\$9,775.00	\$11,575.00	\$16,515.00
	<b>TOTAL: \$37,865.00</b>	
<b>APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:</b>		\$1,815.00
<b>APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES</b>		(\$133.00)
<b>APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE</b>		\$1,682.00

**ACSA 2017**

<b>Goal</b>	\$55,973.00
<b>Pledged</b>	\$30,745.00
<b>Pledge Payments</b>	\$26,590.00
<b>Summer Donations</b>	
<b>Balance Owed</b>	<u>\$29,383.00</u>
<b>129 of 879 Families Pledged</b>	
<b>Average Pledge - \$238.33</b>	

**NEW PARISHIONER**

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