

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.)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 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
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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 Travnicke
Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 18 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
Monday, February 19 – Parish Office Closed
Thursday, February 22 – RCIA at 6:30 pm in PLC
Friday, Feb. 23 – Special Friends Mtg 7pm in H.R.
Friday, February 23 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 pm in Cafe
Sunday, February 25 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES

February 24 & 25

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	A. Yurko
8:00 a.m.	A. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	B. Shambro

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	S. Strehl, S. Strehl, L. Strehl
8:00 a.m.	A. Friedel, K. Friedel, S. Luna
10:30 a.m.	R. Knobloch, M. Adams, J. Callahan, W Loftus

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, February 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 20

8:15 a.m.	Loretta Krekovich by John & Georgianne Obacina
10:00 a.m.	Mass at Stearns Nursing & Rehab Center

Wednesday, February 21

8:15 a.m.	Leo Scaturro by Bob and Kathy Hotz
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Thursday, February 22

8:15 a.m.	Mary Charney by Premo and Kay Clay
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ADORATION

Friday, February 23

8:15 a.m.	Bob Marcus by Joe Schuler
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, February 24 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
4:30 p.m.	Tony and Mary Bellue by Elaine & Angela

Sunday, February 25 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family
10:30 a.m.	Barbara Hargrove by Ramiro and Wanda Gutierrez

**Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for February 19 –
February 23 – No Masses This Week**

**Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for February 19 –
February 23 – Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass**

Greeter's Schedule for February 24 & 25

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,

This weekend at the 10:30 Mass we will have the Rite of Sending for those who are coming into the church at Easter. This has been a fantastic group of people to work with at RCIA class and I ask you to please pray for them. (Some of you who have come to Adoration may have noticed that we have little cards where you sign in to give to someone saying that "I prayed for you today at Adoration" – if you are able to come and do that this Lent, drop off those cards to myself or Laura at the parish office and we will gladly let everyone know that you spent time in prayer before Our Lord in the Eucharist just for them!) Sunday after Mass, this group will go to Springfield to our Cathedral for a ceremony called the Rite of Election (for those seeking baptism) and the Call to Continuing Conversion (for those already baptized but seeking Confirmation and First Eucharist). Then, on the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Lent, they will be among us for the "Scrutinies" where they will publically ask for our prayers and profess their readiness to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. This is an exciting time for our parish family. Any time at all that you know of someone that is seeking the Sacraments (or maybe missed confirmation for one reason or another) please send them to myself or Laura so we can help them. Most of the time, these situations can be handled apart from the Easter Vigil, so there's no reason to wait for the Fall. Any time is a good time to get things squared away.

Thanks for your support of the Newman Connection last week. Anytime you have a loved one in college and would like their Catholic Campus Ministry to reach out to them, please send their information to Sue Thoele in Teutopolis at sthoele@newmanconnection.com or 866-815-2034 ext 700. The \$5/mo. challenge is an extraordinary helpful campaign for this mission. I was extremely happy to hear how they have helped the numbers of young adults going to Mass at Mizzou double recently. Visit them online at <http://newmanconnection.com>

Please take a **new Sacred Reading book for Lent** home with you, or to share with someone, after Mass this weekend! Hope this helps you set that concrete time every day to pray. (please keep bringing in old palms too)

If you haven't had a chance to take the survey about creating a uniquely Catholic retirement center in our area (last weekend's bulletin insert) at your earliest convenience, today if possible, please go to www.dio.org/development and click on **Alton Deanery E-survey** to take the survey. Responses will be collected **through Monday, February 19**. They are trying to determine if this project is feasible at this time (meaning a capital campaign from the Diocese, which would effect us). So if you think this is a great or a bad idea, please fill out the survey so an accurate local opinion gets back to the people in charge of this project.

Inserted in the bulletin are materials from Cross Catholic Outreach's Lenten mission project in Kenya. There are small collection boxes in the gathering space for you to take home for you to use for spare change, etc., and every \$60 we collect

will both feed and educate one child at this school of mostly orphans. I am hoping we can help many children this Easter by doing this almsgiving project through our parish and school. I've been blessed to work with CCO and donate to them every year since 2010 as a seminarian. They truly stretch the US Dollar as far as it can go in the Third World. If you wish to forego the collection boxes, feel free to drop an envelope labeled "Cross Catholic Kenya Project" in the collection basket at any time. If we got even \$5 (\$1 a Sunday) throughout Lent from everyone, we'd be helping a large number of children in need. We will collect the boxes on Palm Sunday weekend, but donations are welcome at any time. There is a competition between classes at our grade school to see who can help the most children. If every class helps at least 1, that would be beautiful! Thanks for your generosity!

~ Father Edgar

RIGHT TO LIFE

"Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection---a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"A Perfect Gift," www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

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's a blurb from Fr. Mike Schmitz on why we give up meat: Part 1 this week, Part 2 next week....

What's the point? And why doesn't fish count as meat? So, what you're asking about is the Church's regulation with regard to abstinence. (No, not that kind of abstinence). This kind of abstinence refers to the rule binding all Catholics 14 years old

until death to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. There are always exceptions for people who are ill, who need the nourishment that comes from meat, or those who would give offense to a host who unknowingly served meat on one of these days.

The “why Friday?” question is pretty obvious: it is one way we commemorate the Passion and death of Our Savior Jesus Christ. But the question of “why meat?” seems to come up again and again.

There are documents that indicate that meat was singled out as being a food Christians occasionally abstained from since the first century. This has nothing to do with the Catholic Church “requiring abstinence from foods” that St. Paul talks about in his letter to Timothy (1 Timothy 4:3). In that letter, St. Paul is referring to the practice of maintaining Jewish dietary laws. The foods prohibited by God in the Old Testament were declared “unclean” and this is why they were forbidden. The Catholic Church’s practice of occasionally not eating meat has nothing to do with this perspective. It is precisely because meat is so good that we are asked to give it up at certain times. It wouldn’t make a whole heck of a lot of sense if we offered something we considered bad as a sacrifice to God.

More to the point, meat was singled out because it is associated with celebrations and feasts. I understand that there has been a slight cultural shift in the last number of years with more and more people eating a more vegetarian diet, but most of us still base the food we eat during celebrations around a meat entrée (Thanksgiving turkey, Easter ham, Fourth of July brat, burger and a steak). A day devoted to remembering Christ’s Passion doesn’t seem like a day to feast. Interestingly enough, the day we celebrate the Resurrection is a day for feasting (and we get one of those every single week: Sunday).

(Due to space constraints, we will publish the 2nd part of this article next week!)

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- Congratulations to **Lauren Jones** who placed 2nd in the **Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Contest**. Lauren will be advancing to regional competition in March. The staff congratulates the Spelling Bee Team on their hard work.
- **Ella Wilmsmeyer** has been accepted to attend **Rosati Kain High School** this fall. Ella will graduate from St. Elizabeth School in May. Congratulations on your achievements Ella!
- **Marvin Wiedemer Scholarship Applications** are currently available at the parish office and school office. Scholarships are available to continuing scholarship recipients and to St. Elizabeth School 8th grade students who plan to attend a Catholic

High School this fall. The application deadline is March 23, 2018.

- **St. Elizabeth School** can earn **Free Money** between now and April 15th through H&R Block. Visit an office near you or go to hrblock.com. For every new client who files their taxes with H&R Block the school earns \$20. Share this great news with friends and family everywhere. The total donation is unlimited. Our Nonprofit Referral ID is 40010001097987. Our registered name is St. Elizabeth Parish and School.
- **No School Monday February 19, 2018** in honor of President’s Day.

PARISH NEWS

****ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES****

Any adults (high school age and up) who have missed the Sacrament of Confirmation and now desire to be confirmed, the Confirmation classes will begin in April. There will be 3 classes and attendance at all 3 classes is mandatory. Any adults attending these classes will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday by the Bishop on May 20th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Please register as soon as possible for these classes so we are able to order the materials needed. For more information or to register, please contact Laura Black at 877-3300 ext. 223.

COMMUNITY CARE 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! If you are able to especially focus on these needs when bringing groceries to Mass during Lent, that would be great!

LADIES SODALITY MEETING – Please make plans to join us for our February meeting, Tuesday, February 27th in the Harmony Room. Popcorn, pretzels and fellowship 7:00-7:30, Meeting 7:30-8:30. Review of yearly budget and calendar dates. Every lady welcome to join us.

MEN’S CLUB is looking for volunteers to fill in as part-timers for sit-down jobs at the fish fry. If interested, please call Rob Hutson at 973-5459.

BLESSING BOX - We are in need of 3 volunteers to help supply the blessing box once a month. Please call Tom for details, 789-0337.

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.

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!

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!

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

MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA – “Often during Mass, I see the Lord in my soul, I feel His presence which pervades my being. I sense His divine gaze; I have long talks with Him

without saying a word; I know what His divine Heart desires, and I always do what will please Him the most. I love Him to distraction, and I feel that I am being loved by God.” (Diary, 411)

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 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 8th 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 8-12th 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.

*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.

SENIOR NEWS

YOUNG AT HEART will meet on Monday, February 19th 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

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

10TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN’S BREAKFAST – ENRICH YOUR LENTEN SEASON – St. Mary’s (Edwardsville) will be hosting the 10th 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. For more information please call Mary at *618) 288-3091 or Melinda at (618) 659-0548.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

February 12

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Short)</u>
Week 33 Regular Income	\$ 5,550.00		
137 Envelopes			

(Average Gift \$40.51)

Loose	351.00	
Give Central	<u>2,090.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 7,991.00	\$ 8,681.00 (\$ 690.00)
YTD		
Total YTD	\$ 45,984.03	\$ 52,086.00 (\$6,101.97)

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	696.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	413.00
Ash Wednesday	69.00
1 st Offering	10.00
Funeral Stipend	100.00
Special Projects	25.00
Candles	150.00
Catholic Charities	15.00
Catholic Times	50.00
Central & Eastern Europe	32.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 2/12/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,825.00	\$1,325.00	\$2,100.00

Total Sales: \$5,250.00

Year to Date:

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$11,600.00	\$12,900.00	\$18,615.00

TOTAL: \$43,115.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$2,071.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(\$151.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$1,920.00

ACSA 2017

Goal	\$55,973.00
Pledged	\$30,745.00
Pledge Payments	\$26,590.00
Summer Donations	
Balance Owed	<u>\$29,383.00</u>

129 of 879 Families Pledged

Average Pledge - \$238.33

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