

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.)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 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
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
Pam Ames
Michelle Travnicek
Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 25 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Feb 27 – Ladies Sodality Mtg 7:30 pm in HR
Thursday, March 1 – RCIA at 6:30 p.m. in PLC
Friday, March 2 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Café
Saturday-Monday, March 3 - 5 – **PARISH MISSION**
Sunday, March 4 – No Choir Practice

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES

March 3 & 4

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	L. Black
8:00 a.m.	R. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	H. Leon

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Charbonnier, S. Strehl, T. May
8:00 a.m.	Wilmsmeyer's
10:30 a.m.	G. Hale, A. Hutson, E. Wilmsmeyer, C. Folkerts

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, February 26

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 27

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 28

8:15 a.m. Loretta Krekovich by Kristy Krekovich

Thursday, March 1

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

NO ADORATION

Friday, March 2

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

ADORATION

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, March 3 – **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:15 a.m. A Special Intention For An End to Abortion and for David C. Marty

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

Sunday, March 4 – **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 a.m. Douglas Oestrick by Oestrick Family

10:30 a.m. Miles C. Filer by Ohren & Connie Simburger

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for February 26 – March

2 – 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 26 –

March 2 – Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Greeter's Schedule for March 3 & 4

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,

We are hosting a Parish Mission next weekend! What is a parish mission? It is a *mini-retreat* of sorts where we will take time on 3 consecutive days (March 3, 4, and 5 at 6:30 PM) to ask God to help us get to the next level in our spiritual life, whatever that is for each of us.

Some of the most wonderful and approachable spiritual directors and mentors I have ever met are the Apostles of the Interior Life, whom I first met when I was 15 when they came to my home parish to give a retreat and spiritual direction. At the time, they were working at St. John's Newman Center at the U of I in Champaign, and now have flourishing campus ministry apostolates at Texas A&M and Kansas U in Lawrence, while running the Catholic Spiritual Mentorship Program for lay persons for the Archdiocese of Kansas City. They also have a type of "3rd Order" for lay people called "Collaborators of Your Joy." Sr. Susan Pieper and Sr. Loredana Mazzei have been long-time spiritual companions of mine and of many, many people in our diocese who have come to know them in the last 20 years, especially in Vandalia and Maryville. I was overjoyed that Sr. Susan said it would work with their schedules to travel to Overland Park, KS, to be with us and give our Parish Mission on Saturday- Monday next weekend! Please invite your friends, regardless of what parish they attend, to come hear the Sisters speak each night on our Call to Holiness and Prayer, our Call to Jesus in the Eucharist, and our Call to Conversion – each night at 6:30 pm. On Monday the 5th, we will precede the mission with a 6 p.m. Mass. You will meet Sr. Susan and Sr. Loredana at all the weekend Masses next week and they are also making themselves available for individual appointments for spiritual direction/ mentoring for anyone who would like a one-on-one conversation with them about how to take the next step in their spiritual life. See a more detailed schedule for March 3-5 in today's bulletin insert!

There is absolutely no charge for the mission, they are simply here to share the faith with us. This is a great occasion for getting together for fellowship, and we will host a light reception AFTER the 6:30 pm Mission on Sunday the 4th, so please plan to stay for what the Ladies Sodality is preparing for all of us.

The Apostles of the Interior life both in the U.S. and in Italy, have helped bring people of all walks of life, from regular retreat-goers to even those with no faith background at all on college campuses, to a real and helpful encounter with Jesus Christ. Even if you feel like you are at "square one" most of the time when it comes to the faith – I promise these nights of the mission are for you! Come and See! There will be extra opportunities for Adoration and Confession as well – including between the Sunday Masses on March 4th. Again, see the reverse of the bulletin insert for more details!

Read more about the Apostles (AVI) online at www.en.apostlesofil.com

~ Father Edgar

RIGHT TO LIFE

"Sometimes our actions speak for themselves, other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Build a Culture of Life,"

www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

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: Here is Part 2 as promised. Check out last week's edition online.

...[M]eat has often been a luxury in many cultures. People didn't always have a McDonald's Dollar Menu, and meat cost a bit more. Maintaining a spirit of simplicity, people turned to other, less expensive fare. But what's included when we are asked to abstain from meat? Well, throughout the 2,000 year history of the Church, there have been varying definitions over what exactly constitutes abstinence from meat. In some regions of the world, Catholics abstained from all forms of meat and all animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish.

The brilliant thing in all of this is that this is simply a discipline of the Church. It can change. And it has changed. In a 1966 document, "Apostolic Constitution on Penance", Pope Paul VI reorganized and clarified the Church's practice. He determined that abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. Moral theologians have taken varying sides on this, but it seems that gravies, broths, and soups cooked or flavored with meat are permissible. It would seem a bit "off" to me to take this so far as to serve beef barley soup at the Lenten Soup Suppers, but one rule of thumb could be

“if you can drink it through a straw, you’ve got nothing to worry about”.

So what about fish? How’d that one slide by? I mean, it seems like meat, right? The thing is, fish never really had the same status as the flesh of mammals and birds. It isn’t associated with celebrations (in fact, I happen to associate having to eat fish with those other things parents force their children to do in order to “build character”). In Pope Paul VI’s aforementioned document, he uses a particular word, *carnis*, to indicate the type of food from which we are to abstain. In English, “meat” can refer to any flesh, but the Latin specifically refers to mammals and birds only. Fish was never considered as being on the same level.

But I still don’t see the point! I don’t even like meat, and I would rather eat fish! This isn’t difficult at all! I like that statement, because it strikes at the heart of why we are doing this. God doesn’t need us to give up meat. God doesn’t need us to have a file-t-o-fish on Fridays. What does God want? For you to suffer? Is the point of Lent to just grit your teeth and bear it, and if you happen to like fish then you just aren’t going to get holier because holiness comes from pain? NO! **The heart of holiness is love, and the way we express our love is through obedience.** [That’s the definition of the Gift of Piety] Abstaining from meat won’t make a person closer to God. But having a posture of obedience to the Church that Christ established will. This happens to be what the Church asks us to do. If the Church changed the discipline and told us to eat meat on all Fridays during Lent, then obedience to that discipline would help us to grow. Why? Because we sinners like to take the rebellious pose. We like to do it our way. It is hard for us to be told what to do. But to submit is to place our lives in our Father’s hands.

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL



Congratulations Oliva Morris and Emma Martinez! The girls earned 1st place in the Knights of Columbus Hoop Shoot Contest in their respective age groups. They will both compete at the regional level next month.

- ❖ Were you unable to attend the school auction but you would still like to donate to our annual fund raiser? **Please see the bulletin insert today** for how you can help with some upcoming projects. Just return the bottom of the form in an

envelope marked “Auction” to the weekly collection baskets, or drop it off at the parish or school offices.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Shelby Booker, Erin Janek , Timothy Smallie, Randy & Jamie Hoge, and Thalia Diaz who participated in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion last Sunday with Bishop Paprocki at our Cathedral. Please keep them in your daily prayers as they make their final preparations for the Easter Sacraments!

****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 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.

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!

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 is 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.

LADIES SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP – High school seniors: Please apply for the Ladies Sodality Scholarship of \$1,000.00. To be eligible, you must be a graduate of St. Elizabeth School, a practicing member of the church, and plan to attend a university or trade school.

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 Virginia Kellogg by Pat Devine.

MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA – “In the sufferings of soul or body, I try to keep silence, for then my spirit gains the strength that flows from the Passion of Jesus. I have ever before my eyes His sorrowful Face, abused and disfigured. His divine Heart pierced by our sins and especially by the ingratitude of chosen souls.” (Diary, 487)

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! Participate now in our events and our fundraisers so that you can take part in our summer conference and fun! Please come and join us and bring a friend!

Sunday, February 25 – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Invite an 8th Grader! **Theology of the Body** registration due. We are extending our Baby Layette item collection to give to the Ladies Club through March.

Sunday, March 4 – Gathering at St. Elizabeth 6:30-8pm. Bring a Friend!

Friday-Sunday, March 9-11 – **YOU - Theology of the Body for Teens** at Father McGivney High School. **This is for 8-12th Grade.** You can call Rita 972-4022 for more info or Becky Bauerle at 618-322-4597. **NO Sunday Gathering.**

Sunday, March 18 – Gathering at St. Elizabeth 6:30-8pm. Bring another friend!

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday, View “**The Passion of the Christ.**” Parents and Parishioners are welcome to join us at St. Elizabeth Cafeteria at 6pm. *Mark your Calendars for **Holy Thursday**, 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.

GC Rock Invites You! It has become a "tradition" for GC Rock to view the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, on Palm (Passion) Sunday. This year we would like to invite parishioners/friends to join us on **Sunday, March 25 at 6pm in the St. Elizabeth Cafeteria!** Due to the graphic nature of the movie (R Rating), we must limit this to adults and mature teens. Please bring a sharable snack and we will have drinks available. Hope you can join us!!

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.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

The prayer intentions for March are on the table in the Gathering Space. God Bless You!

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

	February 20	Goal	Over/ (Short)
	<u>Actual</u>		
Week 34 Regular Income	\$ 5,554.00		
182 Envelopes			
(Average Gift \$30.52)			
Loose	322.00		
Give Central	<u>715.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$ 6,591.00	\$ 8,681.00	(\$2,090.00)
YTD			
Total YTD	\$ 60,566.03	\$ 69,448.00	(\$8,881.97)

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	172.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	790.00
Ash Wednesday	917.50
1 st Offering	20.00
All Souls Day	20.00
Special Projects	441.00
Candles	71.00
Catholic Charities	50.00
Catholic Times	70.00
Central & Eastern Europe	188.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 2/20/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,100.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,075.00
Total Sales: \$5,575.00		
Year to Date:		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$12,700.00	\$14,300.00	\$21,690.00
TOTAL: \$48,690.00		
APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:		\$2,354.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES		(\$171.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE		\$2,183.00

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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