

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

We Invite You To Join Us Often!

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

O Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life, that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

(The month of March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph.)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 4, 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
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Charlotte Charbonnier
Jennifer Wilmsmeyer
Jessica Brewer
Tammi Mooshegian
Rob Hutson
Tom Cholevik
Pam Ames
Michelle Travnicek
Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., Sun., & Mon. – March 3-5 **PARISH MISSION**
 Sunday, March 4 – No Choir Practice
 Tuesday, March 6 – Men's Club Meeting 7:30pm Cafe
 Thursday, March 8 – RCIA at 6:30 p.m. in PLC
 Thurs. March 8 – PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Cafeteria
 Friday, March 9 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Café
 Sunday, March 11 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES March 10 & 11

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Schrenk, K. Haas, C. Charbonnier, J. Hutson, C. Kessler, R. & 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, F. Faulkner, P. Heuer, S. Poiter, E. & D. Mooshegian

LECTORS:

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

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	M. Smith, R. Willaredt, L. Wilmsmeyer
8:00 a.m.	J. Williams, E. Williams, A. Ghirardi
10:30 a.m.	E. Wilmsmeyer, K. Smith, G. Hale, M. Pamatot

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, March 5

6:00 p.m. Hedy Barth by Diane Buchanan

Tuesday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Loretta Krekovich by Michael and Barbara Chance
 10:00 a.m. Mass at Granite Nursing & Rehab Center

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

8:15 a.m. Gene Cassy by Premo and Kay Clay

ADORATION

Friday, March 9

8:15 a.m. Shirley Pelletier by Lisa & John Dumoulin
 3:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, March 10 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 4:30 p.m. Richard Scharf by Special Friend of VMS

Sunday, March 11 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family
 10:30 a.m. Jim Gray by JoAnn & Mary

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for March 5 - 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 March 5 - 9 – Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Greeter's Schedule for March 10 & 11

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,

I hope you can make time to participate in our Lenten Parish Mission this weekend. Even if you can only attend one evening, it will be worth your while. See the "Catechism Corner" below for more info and the schedule. The "main event" each night will be at 6:30 pm Saturday, Sunday, and Monday in the Church. Please pray for Sr. Susan & Sr. Loredana and introduce yourselves to them after Mass this weekend!

A huge "thank you" to everyone who played a role in making our school auction happen! We are so grateful for all the generosity and time that made this event possible. Everyone who donated items – thank you! It wouldn't be possible to do this without you. God bless you for participating in Lenten almsgiving in this way.

On that note, please continue to help in whatever way you can our Cross Catholic Outreach project to help children in Kenya. Every \$60 we collect will pay for nutrition and education for a whole year for a child in need.

Lenten Confession times are abundant – not only are there many extra opportunities during our mission (like between the Sunday Masses this weekend) but listed below are the area parishes who are having special times for Confession. We are partnering with Holy Family and I encourage you to attend this opportunity the evening of Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for Fr. George Morelock. He passed away early on Sunday morning the 25th. His funeral was this past Friday evening. I was able to pass on almost all of your cards to Deacon Greg Maynerich, his nephew, who read them aloud to Fr. Morelock the afternoon before he passed. He was grateful! The rest of the cards that came in later will be given to the Maynerich family. I invite you to have Masses offered for him here, or at Sacred Heart in Virden, St. Joseph in Chatham, or our Cathedral in Springfield. I'll be saying my 3 *Requiem* Masses for him in short order on my days off.

Please continue to remember in prayer those who are about to join the Church at Easter! They appreciate it!

Finally an early heads up that we will have a special celebration on Wednesday, March 21 with a 6 p.m. Mass for the 16th anniversary of the Dedication of our Church building. This is a festive "break" from Lent for a day, so come and join us on this special Solemnity.

~ Father Edgar

LENTEN CONFESSIONS IN OUR DEANERY:

Sunday, March 4 ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ St. Ambrose, Godfrey
Tuesday, March 6 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ MPH, Maryville
Tuesday, March 6 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Elizabeth, Marine
Wednesday, March 7 ~ 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family, Granite City; for St. E's, St. Mary's, and Holy Family

Sunday, March 11 ~ 2:00 p.m. ~ St. Boniface, Edwardsville

Sunday, March 11 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Jerome, Troy

Monday, March 12 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ St. Paul, Highland

Friday, March 16 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon

Wednesday, March 21 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ St. Paul, Highland

Wednesday, March 21 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ St. Mary, Edwardsville

Wednesday, March 21 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Immaculate Conception, Pierron

RIGHT TO LIFE

"The dying process is a sacred time-----a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrectoin. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End,"
www.usccb.org/endoflifecare

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.

Our Lenten Parish Mission this 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. They are wonderful guides and I hope you will sign up in the gathering space for an individual time to speak with them over these days. We will be using the choir room & harmony room for this. **See the Mission schedule here:**

Saturday, March 3:

4:30 PM MASS & Introducing the Sisters
6:30 PM **Session 1 of the Mission: A Call to Holiness & Prayer** (in Church) with CONFESSION available afterwards

Sunday, March 4:

8:00 AM MASS & Introducing the Sisters
9:00 AM ADORATION & CONFESSION
10:30 AM MASS & Introducing the Sisters
Afternoon: Sign-ups available in gathering space (starting March 3) for Spiritual Direction with the Sisters
5:30 PM ADORATION Holy Hour with CONFESSION
6:30 PM **Session 2 of the Mission: A Call to the Eucharist** (in Church) with CONFESSION available afterwards
Ladies Sodality hosting a Reception with Refreshments in the Harmony Room after the Session; come meet the Sisters!

Monday, March 5:

AM & PM Sign-ups available in gathering space (starting March 3) for Spiritual Direction with the Sisters
5:00 PM ADORATION Holy Hour with CONFESSION
6:00 PM MASS for Monday of the 3rd Week of Lent
6:30 PM **Session 3: A Call to Conversion** (in Church) with CONFESSION available afterwards

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

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- ❖ **2018-2019 St. Elizabeth School Registration** will be held on March 20th in the school cafeteria from 6:30 – 8:30pm. New families who would like to schedule a tour or arrange a “spend a day” for your

child, please call the school office at (618) 877-3300 ext. 5.

- **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.
- ❖ **The Missouri Network for Opiate Reform** will speak to parents about current situations facing our youth in the school cafeteria on March 8th beginning at 6:30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend the presentation.
- ❖ **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.

PARISH NEWS

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!

******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.

BLESSING BOX - We are in need of 2 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest baptized member, Edwin Gonzales, Jr!

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 – “Only love has meaning; it raises up our smallest actions into infinity.” (Diary, 502)

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, March 4 – Gathering at St. Elizabeth at Church at 6:20 for Parish Mission! 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. 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. Adults and mature teens only. Bring a sharable snack!
*Mark your Calendars for **Holy Thursday, March 29, for 6 pm Mass** at St. E’s - followed by our first annual **7 churches Adoration tour**, Starting at St. Elizabeth, including the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 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.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

SAVE THE DATE!!! TOTUS TUUS is coming the week of July 8-13. Totus Tuus is for all youth entering 1st grade through 12th. Keep a look out for further details.

COUPLE'S SPIRITUAL GET-AWAY -----

March 23 – 25 at Villa Maria Conference and Retreat Center, 1903 E. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL.

Register online at

<http://www.dio.org/plasm/events.html>. or call 217-698-8500, ext. 161 or email: dmoore@dio.org.

Deadline for registration is March 10, 2018, \$175 per couple. (Includes meals, lodging, materials and services)

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

February 26

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Short)</u>
Week 35 Regular Income	\$ 6,573.00		
175 Envelopes			

(Average Gift \$37.56)

Loose	574.00
Give Central	315.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,462.00 \$ 8,681.00 (\$1,219.00)
YTD	
Total YTD	\$ 68,028.03 \$ 78,129.00 (\$10,100.97)

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	101.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	21.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Good Friday	30.00
Ash Wednesday	12.00
1 st Offering	30.00
Special Projects	131.00
Candles	80.00
Catholic Charities	902.00
Catholic Relief Services	100.00
Catholic Times	70.00
Central & Eastern Europe	11.00
Cross Catholic Outreach	260.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 2/26/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,275.00	\$1,475.00	\$ 670.00

Total Sales: \$3,420.00

Year to Date:

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$13,975.00	\$15,775.00	\$23,835.00

TOTAL: \$53,585.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$2,589.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(\$188.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$2,401.00

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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