

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.)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 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	Charlotte Charbonnier
School Board	Jennifer Wilmsmeyer
Parent/Teacher Org	Jessica Brewer
Ladies Sodality	Tammi Mooshegian
Holy Name Men's Club	Rob Hutson
Men at Prayer	Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners	Pam Ames
Athletic Director	Michelle Travnicek
Maintenance Team	Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 11 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, March 15– RCIA at 6:30 p.m. in PLC
 Friday, March 16 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Café
 Sunday, March 18 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
 Sat/Sun, March 17&18 - Gus's Pretzel Sale after Mass

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!!
 Thanks to all our sponsors on the back cover of our bulletin. This week we thank St. Elizabeth Men's Club, Meetings Monthly (Except July & August) 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria – All Men of The Parish Welcome

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES March 17 & 18

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	D. Fletcher, L. Black, V. Drennan, K. Haas, 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.	A. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	A. Bone

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Charbonnier, R. Curry, T. May
8:00 a.m.	M. Pamatot, M. Pamatot, A. Ghirardi
10:30 a.m.	R. Knobloch, M. Adams, W. Yehling, M. Roseman

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, March 12

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 13

8:15 a.m. Gene Robertson by Janet & Frank Cowley

Wednesday, March 14

8:15 a.m. Leo Scaturro by Terry & Teresa Shipton

Thursday, March 15

NO MASS

but ADORATION begins at 8 a.m.

Friday, March 16

8:15 a.m. Gene DeRuntz by Leonard & Paula Koliste

3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, March 17 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

4:30 p.m. Helen & Eddie Szczepanik by Ed

Szczepanik

Sunday, March 18 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

10:30 a.m. Wilma Ciabattani by St. Elizabeth Choir

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for March 12-16 –

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 12 – 16

– Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Greeter's Schedule for March 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,

Thank you to everyone who came to and assisted with our parish mission! Sr. Susan & Sr. Loredana loved their time here with our parish and school. Please pray for them!

Several people signed up for times of individual Spiritual Direction/Mentoring with the Sisters and expressed a desire to continue this. There are in fact several Lay persons in our area who have gone through their Spiritual Mentorship Program in Kansas and would love to help you (as would I). I have the contact information for the area members of the AVI Family who are Spiritual Mentors and would be glad to share that info with any interested parties. Please contact me. Email is fastest.

I don't have huge open slots to offer consistent spiritual direction, but I am always open to talk one-on-one by appointment if you ask. I'd be glad to work something out with you. The main thing is to remember that we are never alone, so please reach out for questions, or to share your joys and/or sorrows. It's worth making the time!

I again always encourage more people to consider trying out Eucharistic Adoration in Church on Thursdays and on First Fridays. We would love to have you come!

On that note, I like to invite you to spend an evening on an "Adoration Tour" after our 6 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday. There is an ancient tradition of going around to as many churches as you can to pray before Jesus in the Altars of Repose after the end of Holy Thursday Mass. I was able to do this in Rome (on foot) in 2011 with some of my best friends and I want to bring the tradition here. We will be doing this with the youth group and *everyone* of any age who is interested in caravanning around the area is invited. The plan is to visit 7 Churches, several in the central part of St. Louis (including the Cathedral Basilica) and to pray for about 10 minutes at each stop. There are some beautiful churches that are not well known that we'll visit before coming back to Holy Family and returning to St. E's. It will take a few hours to do this. 7:15 to possibly 10:30 p.m. A full schedule will come later in the month.

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

Finally, a reminder 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 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

"When I voiced my objections to do abortion-related services, I was terminated. It's against my conscience. I became a nurse to protect lives, not to take lives." – Sandra Mendoza, L.P.N.

Take Action: www.humanlifeaction.org

Video: www.bit.ly/StandWithSandra

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 was a great success. A lot of people ask about "How do I pray?" So I'm going to reproduce here the Sisters' Steps of Meditation: *Read, Reflect, Relate, Resolve.*

By example and word, Christ taught the necessity of prayer. **Prayer means to be with God** and sometimes speak with Him. The majority of people like to speak to God but very few speak **with** God. To speak with God implies that we also listen, not only speak. How can we listen to God? Besides vocal prayer we also need mental prayer. Meditation is a very simple process that involves your mind, your heart (emotions and affections), and your will. Anyone can do it. While meditation is not the only way to pray, thanks to teachings and experience of many saints, this is a simple method which seems to be particularly effective in helping people get started and be transformed.

- 1. Find a time and a place** for your **daily prayer** (write your date with God in your schedule). Make it a concrete plan.
- 2. Recollect.** Take a minute or two to close your eyes and recall the presence of God within you.
- 3. Invite the Holy Spirit** to come and guide your time of prayer.
- 4. Read** the chapter, paragraph, or Psalm containing a verse you would like to reflect on, and then re-read the verse alone.
- 5. Reflect** (involves your mind). You may find taking a few of the words at a time and mulling over them in your mind to be

helpful. Reflection is when you focus your attention on a passage, idea, icon, etc.

- a. If you are using a verse from the Gospels, you can use imaginative meditation. You could imagine that you are there and that Jesus is speaking to you. You could imagine that you are Jesus, one of the disciples, or other characters in the story that are being healed, rebuked, forgiven, or welcomed.
- b. You can also just think about the meaning of something that you read. You should learn about the context of the passage by reading the surrounding text and using footnotes in your Bible. You can think about parts of other prayers that you may have memorized or other passages you know that are related to the passage you have chosen.
- c. You can think about how it applies to your life. For example, you might think of some sin in your life or someone else's sin has hurt you, and of how God can bring forgiveness and healing to that sin or injury.

6. Affectual prayer (involves your heart): While you are reflecting your heart may be inspired to talk to God about a particular aspect. As you focus on this aspect, your desires or affections are engaged. You can invoke these affections with or without feelings. When you find an area of focus spend some time talking to God about what your heart is experiencing. For instance, if you were meditating on a verse on Jesus' suffering and death and you think of a time that you suffered unjustly, that is a signal that you should pray about it you can talk it through with God and thank Jesus for suffering that same humiliation and rejection like you. You might ask Him to help you forgive those who did it to you by asking the Holy Spirit to help heal you, and to guide you in how to respond in a Christ-like manner to those who hurt you. If you experience awe and taste the presence of God, you can stop thinking and let Him work in you while you simply trust and enjoy His presence.

7. Resolution (involves your will): After you have thought about Christ and His words or actions, and your heart is on board, you should now engage your will. Your ability to change, and grow in Christ-likeness comes from this part or the prayer. A will that is resolved to do good, is fortified by the Holy Spirit. You will want to make a precise and practical resolution in response to your experience in prayer. For example, if you experienced gratitude while meditating on the suffering and death of Christ, you might make this type of a resolution: "Lord, I resolve to spend five minutes tonight writing down two things I am grateful for. Note that it is *precise*; it is attached to a specific time and it gives you a specific spiritual homework. It is *practical*; you are now resolving to be aware of two things you are grateful for today.

8. Entrust your Resolution: Ask Mary, a favorite or patron saint, or your guardian angel for help. You can entrust your resolution to them and ask them to pray for you to help you.

9. Carry a Word for the Day: Carry in your heart the word you felt God speaking to you in prayer.

Meditation has a double finality, one intellectual and the other affective and practical. The intellectual purpose is to arrive at firm convictions concerning some supernatural truth; hence the importance of the intellect in meditation. But one could acquire firm convictions by speculative study, and therefore this cannot be the principal finality of meditation nor that which makes meditation true prayer. The most important element in meditation is the act of love aroused in the will on the

presentation of some supernatural truth by the intellect. As St. Teresa points out, meditation consists not so much in thinking a great deal, but in loving a great deal. When the will bursts forth with love, an intimate relationship is established between the soul and God, and then it is that the soul can truly be said to be praying. To read something spiritual is merely a preparation for the arousal of love... Mental prayer transforms the person so that he/she can reach the fullness of Christian life, which is Holiness. Mental prayer prepares the way for union with God, which is a foretaste of Heaven. It will lead to the **fullness of joy**.

Read more about the Apostles (AVI) online at www.en.apostlesofil.com and please pray for them!

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- ❖ **Congratulations** to the following students being recognized for demonstrating outstanding honesty during the month of February: Lyla Janek, Jackson Dimitroff, Larkin Cox, Maddie Wineburner, Lucas Perich, Evan Brewer, Aaron Broadwater, Emilee Travnicek, Sophie Luna, Wyatt Loftus. *This month students are focusing on self-control.*
- ❖ **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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE ~ Jacob White and Haley Endicott will be married here at St. Elizabeth's Church next Saturday, March 17th.

CONGRATULATIONS – to Edwin Gonzalez, Jr. and Hannah Hoge of our parish who were just baptized!

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS – Friday, April 13th is the deadline to sign up for our First Friday Memorials which will be printed on the inside last page of our bulletin from May 2018 to April 2019. If you have any questions or would like to sign up or renew, forms are available in the gathering space and at the parish office.

IT IS QUILT RAFFLE TIME! Next weekend, members of the Ladies Sodality will be passing out Quilt Raffle ticket packets in the gathering space as we are leaving church. It is time to get this very special fundraiser started. Our talented and most generous quilters have ONCE AGAIN donated 6 queen size quilts especially for this fundraiser. We are indeed blessed to be able to offer to you the opportunity to win one of these beautiful, one of a kind, hand quilted works of art. Please accept the packets from the ladies. The cover letter will give the details how you can participate. During the next few weeks we will have on display some of the quilts that will be raffled off throughout the year. Make sure you turn your tickets in early as there will be 2 drawings at the April Ladies Sodality meeting. After that, there will be a drawing every other month during the year with the last drawing being in December at our Advent Dinner. Your participation in this fundraiser not only helps the Ladies Sodality raise money for the needs of our church, but it gives you an opportunity to hopefully win a beautiful treasure. Thank you once again for supporting our efforts!

THREE O'CLOCK – THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY – The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 and ends on April 8, 2018. In the message to St. Faustina, Our Lord requested that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. On April 30, 2000 Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the

Universal Church. On that same day he canonized Sister Faustina as the first “Saint of the Jubilee Year”. After completing the Novena in 2005, Pope John Paul II died on the eve of Mercy Sunday. He was beatified on Mercy Sunday in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI and canonized in 2012.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Picnic packets will be collated on **Tuesday, March 20th** in the parish office beginning at 10am. Last year it only took a few hours to assemble, label and organize packets before they were moved to the gathering space. The more hands the easier for everyone. Thank you!

EASTER EGG HUNT – The Easter Egg Hunt is requesting donations of candy for the annual Egg hunt scheduled for Holy Saturday at 1pm in back of the school. All children through fifth grade are welcome. Donations can be dropped in the box in the gathering space or dropped off at school or the Parish office.

MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES RAFFLE TICKETS will be available after Mass. Tickets are \$25 each or buy two get one free. 2nd prize is a 42” Flat Screen TV. 1st prize is \$10,000. (Need not be present to win.) The Drawing will be held Saturday, April 14th at the Catholic Charities Annual Fund Raiser/Dinner. The event is at the Best Western Premier in Alton, IL. Tickets are \$40 per person and are also available after Mass or at the Parish Office. Mrs. David Gensert will be presented with the Mary Alyce Beardslee Distinguished Service Award. We hope to have lots of representation from St. Elizabeth honoring Mr. Gensert.

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.

REISKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –

Applications are now available at the Parish Office and are due by Monday, April 2, 2018, no later than 4:00 p.m.

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.

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 11 – NO Sunday Gathering.
Saturday/Sunday, March 17 & 18 – Gus’s Pretzel Sale after all Masses! Proceeds will be donated to a very good cause. Sunday 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 and a chair!

*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 of St. Louis, and Holy Family.

Sunday, April 1 – Have a very Blessed Easter!

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

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 your own comfortable chair ☺ and we will have drinks available. Hope you can join us!!

“PRETZELS FOR A CAUSE” - Lent – A time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. This is a perfect time for GC Rock to sell pretzels for a very good cause. We will be at the doors after all Masses on March 17/18 selling the famous Gus’s Pretzels. Our Rocks decided where the proceeds will go...Your generosity will be very much appreciated!

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

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH – “Celebrate Lent: From Wilderness to Wonder” the theme of a spiritual nourishment day on March 24th from 9:00am-3:00pm at Holy Family Parish in Granite City. Come to explore your inner wilderness, the Lenten landscape, and the wonder and possibility of new growth and life. Sr. Barbara McMullen will feed your soul and Fr. Jeff will provide your lunch! You’ll have a great day!! You must register by March 15, 2018. Call Holy Family parish office (618-877-7158) and let them know if you will be coming ~ they need a count so Father Jeff knows how much to cook. Suggested donation ~ \$20.00 per person.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 5

	Actual	Goal	Over/ (Short)
Week 36 Regular Income	\$ 9,771.00		
214 Envelopes (Average Gift \$45.66)			
Loose	465.75		
Give Central	1,065.00		
TOTAL	\$11,301.75	\$ 8,681.00	(\$2,620.75)
YTD			
Total YTD	\$ 79,329.78	\$ 86,810.00	(\$ 7,480.22)

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	1,225.00
Annual Fund/Bingo Profit	10,000.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	295.00
Easter Flowers	1,093.00
Good Friday	60.00
Ash Wednesday	5.00
1 st Offering	10.00
Special Projects	37.00
Candles	113.00
Catholic Charities	90.00
Catholic Relief Services	70.00
Central & Eastern Europe	10.00

Cross Catholic Outreach 125.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 3/05/18		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$1,825.00	\$3,100.00	\$1,815.00
Total Sales: \$6,740.00		
Year to Date:		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$15,800.00	\$18,875.00	\$25,650.00
TOTAL: \$60,325.00		
APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:		\$2,872.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES		(\$211.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE		\$2,661.00

ACSA 2017

Goal	\$55,973.00
Pledged	\$30,805.00
Pledge Payments	\$27,505.00
Summer Donations	
Balance Owed	\$28,468.00
129 of 878 Families Pledged	
Average Pledge - \$238.80	

NEW PARISHIONER

NAME _____	NAME _____
ADDRESS _____	PLA _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____	PER _____
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