

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.)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 25, 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
Parish Office	4	Location Directory	7

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

Sat./Sun., March 24&25 – Palm Sunday Bake Sale
Sunday, March 25 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
Tues., March 27 – Ladies Sodality Mtg 7:30pm HR
Thursday, March 29 – Parish Office Closes @ Noon
Friday, March 30 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, March 30 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Café
Sunday, April 1 – No Choir Practice
Monday, April 2 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!!
Thanks to all our sponsors on the back cover of our bulletin. This week we thank Uncle Linny's Family Restaurant, 4112 Pontoon Rd., Pontoon Beach, IL (618) 797-3333 ~~ 10% Senior Discount

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES March 31 & April 1

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

8:30 p.m. Those Who Volunteered
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. Mooshegian, D. Gensert, P. Heuer, E. & D. Mooshegian, D. Fletcher

LECTORS:

8:30 p.m. RCIA
8:00 a.m. M. Joyce
10:30 a.m. A. Yurko

SERVERS:

8:30 p.m. Wilmsmeyer's
8:00 a.m. J. Williams, E. Williams, R. Willaredt
10:30 a.m. Those Who Volunteered

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, March 26

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 27

8:15 a.m. Hedy Barth by Marty, Helen & Dan Dooley

Wednesday, March 28

8:15 a.m. Manuel Lopez by Jack, Connor & Mitchell Dumoulin

Thursday, March 28 – HOLY THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Miles C. Filer by the Simburger Family
ADORATION after Mass in Church

11:00 p.m. **Night Prayer & Adoration Concludes**

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY

2:00 p.m. Confession available
3:00 p.m. **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** followed by Divine Mercy Novena – Day 1

Saturday, March 30 – EASTER VIGIL

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena – Day 2
8:30 p.m. Sharon Rickert by Lucile & Leonard Friederich

Sunday, April 1 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Francis Schwarzkopf by Jean, John and Derek Benning (NO INCENSE)
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena – Day 3

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for March 26 - 30 –

Monday & Tuesday – No Mass, Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass, Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Mass & Friday – 3:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for March 26 - 30
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Mass, Thursday – 6:00 p.m. Mass & Friday – 3:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Greeter's Schedule for March 31 & April 1

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,

We're very grateful to have a combined choir for 10:30 Mass again with some of our school kids joining our adults for Palm Sunday (we will do this again for Mother's Day on May 13!) Thanks to Mrs. Cassy and Mrs. Davis for all they do!

Our Holy Week Schedule is as follows: **6 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper** with 7-Churches tour to follow (see below for details), Night prayer and Silent Adoration **concludes at 11 p.m.** on Holy Thursday. **Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is at 3 p.m.**, followed by the prayers for the 1st Day of the Divine Mercy Novena. (Please see the notice later in the bulletin about joining us for the Novena 3 p.m. each day from 3/30 thru 4/7). Confession will be available starting at 2 p.m. on Good Friday. **The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m.** There will be 2 baptisms, 6 confirmations, and 6 1st communions! Easter Sunday Masses are at 8 a.m. (no incense) and 10:30 a.m.

For Holy Week, votive candles will not be available because the Church is to be totally dark on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Votive candles may be lit again following the Easter Vigil. If you have never been to the Easter Vigil, I highly encourage you to give it a try and you'll see how the church transitions from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of the Resurrection! Please pray for those who are joining the Church.

Holy Thursday Adoration (7-Churches) Tour

Mass at St. E's at 6 p.m. and Silent Adoration in the Church until 11 p.m. with Night Prayer just before 11 p.m. We will have pizza for the youth and anyone joining us who wants a quick bite in the Harmony Room right after Holy Thursday Mass (approx 7:10). After this, we will begin our caravan to St. Louis between 7:25 and 7:30 p.m. Here is a list of the 7 Churches, Addresses and Approximate travel times:

1. **St. Francis de Sales** @ 2653 Ohio Ave. South St. Louis City - 7:55 p.m. (approximate)
2. **Our Lady of Sorrows** @ 5020 Rhodes Ave. S St. Louis City - 8:20 p.m. (approximate)
3. **St. Gabriel the Archangel** @ 6303 Nottingham South City - 8:35 p.m. (approximate)
4. **St. Michael the Archangel** @ 7622 Sutherland Shrewsbury - 8:55 p.m. (approximate)
5. **St. James the Greater** @ 1360 Tamm Ave. in Dogtown - 9:20 p.m. (approximate)
6. **Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis** @ 4431 Lindell Blvd - 9:45 p.m. (approximate)
7. **Holy Family** in Granite City - no later than 10:30 p.m.
8. Return to St. Elizabeth (Night Prayer 10:45 p.m. *for those who wish to stay*)

These are some of the most beautiful churches in St. Louis, we plan to spend 7-10 minutes of silent prayer in each place. Please caravan with us or join in one of our vehicles. You won't regret it!

The special 2nd collection at Easter each year is for our seminarians. This helps pay for their education. Please be generous; my family and I are still grateful for this aid!

Finally, please continue bringing in the little collection boxes for Cross Catholic Outreach. Make any check donations to St. Elizabeth and we'll send in 1 check. Thanks for your almsgiving and prayers for these kids in need.

~ Father Edgar

HOLY WEEK IN OUR DEANERY:

Holy Thursday 3/29

6 PM – St. Elizabeth & St. Mary's in Madison

7 PM – Holy Family, MPH in Maryville, Ss. Peter & Paul in Collinsville, St. Mary & St. Boniface in Edwardsville, St. Cecilia in Glen Carbon

Good Friday 3/30

3 PM – St. Elizabeth & Holy Family & St. Mary's St. Boniface Edwardsville, St. Cecilia Glen Carbon, Ss. Peter & Paul in Collinsville

7 PM – St. Mary's in Edwardsville & MPH Maryville

Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil 3/31

6:30 PM – St. Boniface, Edwardsville

7 PM – St. Mary's in Edwardsville, Holy Family

8 PM – Collinsville, St. Mary's in Madison, MPH

8:30 PM – St. Elizabeth & St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon

RIGHT TO LIFE

“Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that ‘everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as ‘another self,’ above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity.’”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1931. www.bit.ly/CCC1931

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.

Did You Know items for Holy Week:

- Lent Ends with Daytime Prayer on Holy Thursday, the Sacred Triduum begins with Evening Prayer or the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

- The **Good Friday Fast (1 meatless meal and 2 smaller meatless meals not equaling 1 meal)**, by tradition, may last until the Easter Vigil. (By strict obligation it ends at 11:59 pm Friday)

- Only 1 crucifix should be used for veneration, and it is to remain in the sanctuary with 4 candles for silent prayer.

- Holy Water is never to be removed from any Church except from Holy Thursday thru Holy Saturday afternoon. The new water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil and used for baptisms.

- The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil should take place at night, that is, it should begin after nightfall and end before the dawn of Sunday (Universal Norms #21). This rule is to be taken according to the *strictest* sense. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses. (Ordo for the Celebration of Mass)

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL



- **Congratulations to our speech contestants!** Students competed in the Annual Speech Meet last Saturday at SJN Catholic School. Meaghan Pamatot and Emilee Travnicek received 2nd place for their duet. Autumn Hutson and Sofia Luna received 1st place in the duet category. Nolan Melton, Karina Smith and Ciara Folkerts received 1st place in the humorous category.
- For information regarding **2018-2019 St. Elizabeth School Registration** please call the school office at (618) 877-3300 ext. 5. We will be happy to schedule a school tour or a “spend a day” for your child.

PARISH NEWS

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.

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. Mr. 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.

LADIES SODALITY MEETING – March 27th in the Harmony Room – 7:00-7:30 Snack and Fellowship – 7:30-8:30 Meeting – Spring Cleaning? If you find an item or two that you no longer need/want, please bring it to our meeting. We will have an auction. Bring your quarters, dollar bills, or check book. You never know if we have a popular item how high the bid will go. Proceeds will go into our snack fund. See you there.

LOOKING FOR THAT “EGGCEPTIONAL” EASTER TREAT? Just visit the Harmony Room this weekend for the Ladies Sodality’s Bake Sale. This is your chance to select from our delicious variety of bakery items to complete your Easter Celebration.

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!

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.

THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY – Pope St. John Paul II established the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and continues until the Sunday after Easter. Pamphlets are available to guide you in daily prayer. The closing will be held at St. Elizabeth Church, Granite City, IL on Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour. The blessing and

veneration of the image will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome to attend. For those making the nine-day novena, you may say it privately or attend the prayer novena at 3:00 p.m. in the church at St. Elizabeth Parish. The novena begins on Good Friday and ends at the closing on Mercy Sunday.

THREE O'CLOCK: At three o'clock implore My mercy especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the HOUR OF GREAT MERCY for the whole world... In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (St. Faustina's Diary, 1320).

REMINDER: Pick up a pamphlet for the Divine Mercy Chaplet available at every Mass on Palm Sunday weekend. Novena pamphlets will be available also starting on Good Friday until Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018.

MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST.

FAUSTINA – "One must arm oneself with patience and cope bravely with exterior and interior difficulties. The interior difficulties are discouragement, dryness, heaviness of spirit and temptations. The exterior difficulties are human respect and time; one must observe the time set apart for prayer." (Diary, 147).

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

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

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!

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!

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!!

Thurs, March 30 - Mark your Calendars for **Holy**

Thursday Mass, and Adoration tour. See Fr.'s column!

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.

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

All of us by reason of our baptism are called to be sinless; pure of heart. God said to Moses, "Speak to the whole assembly of Israel and tell them to be Holy for I the Lord your God am Holy." Leviticus 19:1-2.

In Roman 6:3 St. Paul tells us, "We are all called to moral perfection." And Jesus told us He would not leave us orphans but would send the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit often inspires us to grow in holiness. But so often we respond with "Later, I don't have time now." We justify ourselves with all we already do like regular attendance at Sunday Mass, singing in the choir, helping with various fundraisers, the fish fries, the bake sales, the parish picnic, contributing to the support of the parish... Isn't that enough?

St. Augustine tells us that the interior life, like love, is destined to grow. If you say enough you are already dead. It is a lifelong job to grow in holiness. We can never do enough.

Becoming a saint is between God and us. No excuses needed, He knows our inmost thoughts. Most of the time we just have to adjust our schedules to make time for our spiritual growth.

Growing in holiness is a matter of priorities. Is it easy? No.

Eucharistic Adoration is a means at our disposal that we can use to grow in holiness.

We are still in need of at least one more person to commit to the early morning hours on the Saturday following First Friday. Thanks to those who committed to the 3-4 hour and to all those who have committed to praying before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour each Thursday and First Friday. Norma 618-931-1537.

PICNIC NEWS

It is time to begin thinking about the Parish Picnic! As we all know, it takes our entire parish working together to make the picnic a success. The dates are June 8-10. This year we are trying to get the workers scheduled in advance. There will be the ability to sign up at the school registration on March 20. There is a particular need on Saturday, June 2nd to begin the setting up. Please show up by 7:00 a.m. The next critical setup day is Tuesday, June 5th to continue the set up. Many hands make for *quick* work! The final *critical* work day is the Monday after the picnic for tear-down. Recently, Bob Mason, one of our most faithful

clean-up workers passed away. He is irreplaceable, but we are honoring him by naming the nightly clean-up crew after him. There is *always* a need for help after the picnic closes for clean-up. For families needing time and talent hours, the after evening close clean-up will be accumulated at time- and-a-half. So for every clean up hour, you'll get credit for 1.5 hours of work.

The other booths are always looking for help. This year the families of students will be required to work additional hours. The cost to educate our children is around \$5,000 a year. This picnic helps make up some of the difference not charged in tuition.

For some unknown reason there are strange rumors floating about: such as there will be no rides, beer or fence. All are 100% false. There will be the same rides as last year, the same fence, and draft and craft beer will be sold as usual. Please, if you hear any rumors in the community, dispel them. If you have an opportunity to explain the \$5 purchase of food tickets at the gate (after 5 p.m.) is refundable once you are in.

If you want to volunteer and have not been approached by a chairperson, please call me. I will connect you. Kay Rollins 618-670-1368 or 618-451-7339. Thank you in advance and let's work together to make this the best picnic ever.

Please take your picnic packet from the Gathering Space. Learn about the big changes planned for this year's family picnic.

SOME MORE PICNIC NEWS – Mike Levy is in the process of creating a mechanism for signing up on the internet. This is not an easy task so please be patient if there are glitches. We are trying to make volunteering for the picnic easy. We need everyone's help. The time for the set-up crew to show up on Saturday, June 2nd was posted as 8:30, it is really 7:00 a.m. All helpers are needed. If you are going to be unavailable picnic weekend and need time and talent, this is a great opportunity to knock it out. This year the time and talent hours for the picnic have doubled. Finally, let's all try to support the 5K run. It has been moved to the weekend before. The Levy's work hard to put this together. You don't have to run, you can walk.
ST ELIZABETH PICNIC WORKER SIGN-UP NOW ONLINE AT: www.volunteersignup.org/TLJLT

DIME PITCH GAME – The dime pitch is a game that has no budget. All our prizes are a direct result of the generosity of parishioners. We welcome all stuffed animals. New and gently used please. We also would be interested in other items for children. Beach balls, sidewalk chalk and any other items that might be enjoyed by older kids. If you see items you think would be good, we will take them. This year we are trying something different. Every hour from the start of the picnic there will be a new big item put on the board. Examples of items are gift cards for dinner, small appliances, electronics, baseball tickets, etc. The final prize will be a patio/cooler set

donated by Charbonnier State Farm. If you have any larger items you would like to donate, please call and we will make sure you have a tax receipt and pick up. If you have smaller items we will be grateful for all. The goal this year is to make \$5000. Thank you to all for your donations. Billy Rollins 618-670-1378, Stacy Rollins 618-696-7834.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

MEN'S RETREAT AT KING'S HOUSE IN BELLEVILLE, IL – April 20 thru April 22.

Registration required. Please call King's House at (618) 397-0589 to register. Contact Kevin Coley at (618) 512-1415 for questions and assistance.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

	March 19	Goal	Over/ (Short)
Week 38 Regular Income	<u>Actual</u> \$ 5,612.00		
172 Envelopes (Average Gift \$32.63)			
Loose	708.00		
Give Central	745.00		
TOTAL	<u>\$ 7,065.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,681.00</u>	<u>(\$1,616.00)</u>
YTD			
Total YTD	<u>\$ 92,439.03</u>	<u>\$ 104,172.00</u>	<u>(\$11,732.97)</u>

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	520.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	347.00
Easter Flowers	170.00
Good Friday	20.00
Ash Wednesday	25.00
1 st Offering	5.00
Special Projects	341.00
Candles	92.00
Catholic Charities	10.00
Catholic Relief Services	45.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

	Week ending 3/19/18	
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$ 575.00	\$1,625.00	\$1,765.00
	Total Sales: \$3,965.00	
Year to Date:		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$18,175.00	\$23,750.00	\$27,155.00
	TOTAL: \$69,080.00	
APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:		\$3,208.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES		(\$242.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE		\$2,966.00

ACSA 2017

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

NEW PARISHIONER

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ MOBILE _____

EMAIL: _____

Place in the collection basket

REQUEST VISIT

NAME _____

PLACE _____

PERSON REQUESTING _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Place in the collection Basket