

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

We Invite You To Join Us Often!

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

O my God, I firmly believe that You are really and corporally present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. I adore You, here present, from the very depths of my heart, and I worship Your Sacred Presence with all possible humility. O my soul, what joy to have Jesus Christ always with us, and to be able to speak to Him, heart to heart, with all confidence. Grant, O Lord, that I, having adored Your divine Majesty here on earth in this wonderful Sacrament, may be able to adore You eternally in Heaven. Amen.
(The month of April is traditionally dedicated to Jesus in the Eucharist.)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 1, 2018

PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN
877-3300

Dial the following extensions at any time during the message

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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 Travniczek
Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 1 – No Choir Practice
Monday, April 2 – **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
Tuesday, April 3 – Men's Club Meeting 7:30pm Café
Thursday, April 5 – RCIA Class at 6:30 p.m. in PLC
Sunday, April 8 – Picnic Meeting at 6:00 pm in Café
Sunday, April 8 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES April 7 & 8

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Shambro
8:00 a.m.	M. Groboski
10:30 a.m.	H. Leon

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	M. Smith, R. Willaredt, T. May
8:00 a.m.	A. Friedel, K. Friedel, G. Luna
10:30 a.m.	G Hale, I. Wilmsmeyer, A. Hutson, S Strehl

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, April 2

NO MASS

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena – Day 4

Tuesday, April 3

8:15 a.m. John "Jack" Hennrich by Mary Pat Fruin
10:00 a.m. Mass at Granite Nursing & Rehab Center
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena – Day 5

Wednesday, April 4

8:15 a.m. Leo Scaturro by Bob and Kathy Hotz
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena – Day 6

Thursday, April 5

8:15 a.m. Shirley Heath by Kathleen Aubrey
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena – Day 7

Friday, April 6

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

ADORATION

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena – Day 8

Saturday, April 7 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Guy Knight and a Special Intention for an End to Abortion

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena – Day 9
4:30 p.m. Miles C. Filer by Darrell & Sandy Wollin

Sunday, April 8 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family
10:30 a.m. Gene Cassy by Sr. Stephanie Turck
2-3:30 p.m. **Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Confessions**

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for April 2 - 6 –

Wednesday & Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Mass & Friday – 8:30 a.m. Mass at School

Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for April 2 – 6 -

Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Greeter's Schedule for April 7 & 8

4:30 p.m.	Team 1
8:00 a.m.	Team 1
10:30 a.m.	Team 1

FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISH FAMILY MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AT THE EASTER VIGIL - Shelby Booker, Erin Janek, Timothy Smallie, Randy & Jamie Hoge, and Thalia Diaz! Please welcome & pray for them!

Dear St. Elizabeth Parish family,

Happy Easter! Hope each of you is able to celebrate with those you love. Thanks to the Resurrection, and heaven being now open to us, we can still celebrate even with those we love who have gone before us every time we come to the Eucharist at Mass! How beautiful that the Church on Earth, in Purgatory, and in Heaven are all united through each and every Mass! April is the Month of the Holy Eucharist. You can see our new devotional prayer on page 1 of the bulletin this month. It's a fitting time for First Communion (which we will celebrate at 4:30 p.m. Mass on April 14th). We know that one of the Precepts of the Church is our "Easter Duty" to go to communion once a year during the Easter Season and to go to confession before we do so. While this is the bare minimum the Church asks of us –weekly attendance but only annual confession followed by one annual communion– so many people can bear witness to the joy of frequent confession and liberation from the chains of sin and knowing there is no longer any sin preventing us from receiving the fullness of God's grace coming to our souls the next time we go to Communion after a good confession. May many more hearts be opened to His Mercy in this beautiful season about having the hope of heaven!

Divine Mercy Sunday is a special, indulgenced day for Confession, and I invite all of you to come at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 8th for an hour of Adoration and Confessions prior to celebrating the 3 p.m. Hour of Mercy for Divine Mercy Sunday!

The special 2nd collection at Easter (today) is for our seminarians. This helps pay for their education. Thank you so much for your generosity; my family and I are still grateful for this aid! Please keep up your prayers for vocations and for our current seminarians. There are to be 4 new priests on May 26!

Finally, big thank yous to the Ladies Sodality for a wonderful bake sale last week, to all the people who decorated the Church, and all who helped sing and serve at the Holy Week Liturgies, and to Laura & Cheryl for all their help in preparing the RCIA candidates for their reception into full communion with the Church... may God bless you all for giving back your time!

~ Father Edgar

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Any adults (high school age and up) who have missed the Sacrament of Confirmation for any reason and now desire to be confirmed, these 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 by the Bishop (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.

RIGHT TO LIFE

"Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

USCCB *Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

2017-18 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid

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? Easter Edition:

- We have the "ALLELUIA" back! Did you know this is a compound Hebrew word that we have been using in the Liturgy for the whole existence of the Church? Alleluia / Hallelujah is a combination of the word "hallel" – to praise (in song) and the first syllable of the Divine Name of God (YHWH)... so "Yah-". So, quite literally, Alleluia is "Praise God" by singing. Furthermore did you know that the Alleluia must always be sung before the Gospel? (except for Lent) It can *never* be spoken. The instructions of the Mass say to either sing it before the Gospel or to omit it entirely! Singing it is in the name. So let's together sing praise to our Risen Lord in these 50 days! Alleluia! Praise God!

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

-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.

-**Alumni News** – Congratulations to Sam Roberds and Meredith Glass. They have been selected for May Carousel at Granite City High School.

-May God bless our school families with a beautiful Easter. School resumes on April 3rd. *All candy money is due Tuesday morning when school begins.*



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.

PARISH NEWS

BAKE SALE THANK YOU... Thank you to all who cheerfully agreed to bake for this event. Without all of you, the success of making \$1,250 would not have been possible. Also, we want to thank the parishioners (and a few non-members) who came through our doors and purchased our delicious breads, pies, cakes, muffins, cookies, brownies and assorted sweet treats. We are blessed to live in a community where neighbors are always helping neighbors and are so supportive to our organizations. Wishing You & Your Family a Happy Easter. Carol, Bootsie & Marilyn

OUR SYMPATHY to the families of Louise Rees, Joyce Jenness, Carl Macios and Gertrude Rutkowski who passed away recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

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.

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 applications are due to the parish office by **Monday, April 30, 2018**.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Next Sunday, April 8, 2018, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. This is the culmination of a novena that lasts from Good Friday until the Second Sunday of Easter. Every day this week there will be a recitation of the Novena at 3:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth’s Church. Everyone is welcome. **The closing begins at 2:00 p.m. on April 8th with Exposition and Confessions throughout the hour. We will close the novena with the Blessing and Veneration of the Vilnius Divine Mercy Image, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.** This is a great feast and a day of grace for all people. Refreshments will be served following the closing around 3:30 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA – “May You be blessed, O God, for everything you send me. Nothing under the sun happens without Your will. I cannot penetrate Your secrets with regard to myself, but I press my lips to the chalice You offer me.” (Diary, 1208).

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!

Sunday, April 1 – Have a very Blessed Easter!

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

Sunday, April 15 – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm.

“PRETZELS FOR JOSH” THANK YOU! Your overwhelming generosity for the pretzel sale to benefit Josh Nelson was so very much appreciated!

A ROCK “SOCK CHALLENGE” - What if every family in our 3 parishes in Granite City would give JUST ONE PAIR of socks each month! GC Rock could give Socks-a-Lots Ministry over 500 pair of new men’s crew socks to the homeless in our area each month! As we fill

each bag of rolled socks, we donate them to the local Socks-a-Lot ministry so our homeless brothers and sisters may have fresh socks. Look for the “sock bin” in the back of church! Thank you for your generosity in this important service ministry!

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

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT – APRIL 14TH –

Always a lot of fun with lots of laughs, the annual McGivney Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, **April 14th** at 7 PM. Play trivia, visit, eat, and play our raffles. This year's trivia night will be held at St. Elizabeth's School Cafeteria, 2300 Pontoon Road, Granite City, IL. Reservation forms and sponsorship information can be found at <http://mcgivneygriffins.com/event/annual-mcgivney-trivia-night/>. For more information regarding the Trivia Night, call the Development Office at (618) 855-9010 or email Emily at development@mcgivneygriffins.com.

LARGE RUMMAGE SALE – Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary 1098, April 6 & 7 – 8 am to Noon, Knights of Columbus Hall (In the Gym), 4225 Old Alton Road, Granite City, IL.

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.

THE ALTON DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will hold their meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at Mother of Perpetual Help Church, 200 N. Lange St., Maryville, IL. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Havrilka at 8 a.m., followed with a light breakfast and the meeting. Carol Mechler will do a presentation about the Schoenstatt Apostolic Movement, which is Roman Catholic Marion Movement founded by Fr. Joseph Kentenick in Germany in 1914. All women of the deanery parishes are welcome to attend. Join us for a morning of faith, food, and fellowship. If there are questions, contact Marie Kladar, Alton Deanery President, at 618-254-0405.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 26

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/ (Short)</u>
Week 39 Regular Income	\$ 6,998.00		
204 Envelopes (Average Gift \$34.30)			
Loose	435.84		
Give Central	<u>375.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$ 7,808.84	\$ 8,681.00	(\$ 872.16)
YTD			
Total YTD	<u>\$100,197.87</u>	<u>\$112,853.00</u>	<u>(\$12,655.13)</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	2,176.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	21.00
Easter Flowers	111.00
Easter Offering	241.00
Funeral Stipend	100.00
Special Projects	146.00
Chairlift	1,838.78
Candles	65.05
Catholic Charities	30.00
Catholic Relief Services	46.00
Catholic Home Missions	5.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	136.00
Seminarians	30.00
Cross Catholic Outreach	267.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 3/26/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$ 500.00	\$1,325.00	\$1,365.00

Total Sales: \$3,190.00

Year to Date:

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$18,675.00	\$25,075.00	\$28,520.00

TOTAL: \$72,270.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$3,351.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(\$253.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$3,098.00

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

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