

# 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.)*

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY April 8, 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 Travnicsek
Maintenance Team	Bud Charbonnier

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 8 – Picnic Meeting at 6:00 pm in Café  
 Sunday, April 8 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, April 12- PTO Meeting 6:00pm in Cafeteria  
 Thursday, April 12 – RCIA Class at 6:30 p.m. in PLC  
 Saturday, April 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion @ 4:30pm Mass  
 Saturday, April 14 – Fr McGivney Trivia Night  
 Sunday, April 15 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

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 Thanks to all our sponsors on the back cover of our bulletin. This week we thank GCS Credit Union, (618) 797-7993.

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

### LITURGICAL ROLES April 14 & 15

#### EUCCHARISTIC 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, R. Carr, S. Carr, D. Wright, T. Lyerla
10:30 a.m.	T. Mooshegian, D. Gensert, F. Faulkner, P. Heuer, M. Poiter, E. & D. Mooshegian

#### LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	K. Coley
8:00 a.m.	J. Mills
10:30 a.m.	A. Bone

#### SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	M. Adams, G. Hale, R. Curry
8:00 a.m.	J. Williams, E. Williams, B. Babillis
10:30 a.m.	E., I., J., & N. Wilmsmeyer

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, April 9 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**  
**7:15 p.m.** Mass in the Extraordinary Form in Latin

**Tuesday, April 10**

NO MASS

**Wednesday, April 11**

8:15 a.m. Francis Schwarzkopf by Richard and Janice Willaredt

**Thursday, April 12**

8:15 a.m. Doris Jean Nekola by Richard and Janice Willaredt

### ADORATION

**Friday, April 13**

8:15 a.m. Sharon Rickert by Premo and Kay Clay  
 3:00 p.m. Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

**Saturday, April 14 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 4:30 p.m. Patricia Thomas by Rebekah Donahay

**Sunday, April 15 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 a.m. Mary Charney by The Trtanj Family  
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

**Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for April 9 - 13 –**  
 Wednesday & Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Mass & Friday – 8:30 a.m. Mass at School

**Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary/St. Mark for April 9 - 13 -**  
 Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

### Greeter's Schedule for April 14 & 15

4:30 p.m.	Team 2
8:00 a.m.	Team 2
10:30 a.m.	Team 2

## FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** – Today we complete the Octave of Easter with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II declared this feast for the Universal Church in the year 2000. We open ourselves to the great mercy of our loving Savior. St. Faustina promoted calling upon the mercy of God, especially by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 - the hour Christ died on the Cross. Please join us Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 3:30 in Church for these prayers and confession.

**Happy Easter - again!** This weekend we conclude 8 consecutive Easter Days (or the Octave of Easter). I am so happy for our new parish family members! It was incredibly beautiful to be able to give them the Sacraments of Initiation, and especially to give them Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Thanks to the Ladies Sodality for providing a great reception for us after the Easter Vigil.

April is the Month of the Holy Eucharist. We will have First Communion at 4:30 p.m. Mass on April 14<sup>th</sup>, this coming Saturday. I'm very proud of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Now that they can speak for themselves and say "Amen" to receiving Jesus, this is a big step on their way to becoming the saint that God made them to be! We need the Lord's Real Presence alive in us when He calls us home for each one of us to be recognized by Him as disciples. May we pray intently in this month especially for those who have turned away from the Eucharist or do not truly believe in the Real Presence of Christ – the greatest gift we can receive while we live and breathe on this earth. May many thousands of hearts across the world on this Divine Mercy Sunday be opened to God's Mercy in Confession and His very life in Holy Communion. Sharing these two gifts with as many people as will accept them is the greatest joy for any priest.

This week you can listen to 92.7 FM and 1080 AM for the Covenant Network Spring Radiothon. I will be hosting the 10 am hour on Monday and Friday and the morning segment on Tuesday. Please pray for the station! Catholic radio is amazing!

As a parish, we want to say a big THANK YOU to our Men's Club for outstanding fish fries which we very well attended. The gross profit for all of Lent was over \$50,000! Thank you guys! With the repairs needed for the new wheelchair lift into the gym and the major project in the cafeteria kitchen this summer, these events not only bring our parish and community together but are a big help to not having to take out a loan for these major projects. Bingo also made a *very* generous donation to the chair lift project thanks to some very good recent months.

Last but certainly not least, we thank the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus for their two donations of \$25,000. This ends up paying about 80% of our annual bill for what we owe in pensions. We are extremely grateful to them for this aid! It is a true testament to the hard work that happens there every day of the year. I know of no other councils that come close to being able to be as generous as they are here in the Tri-Cities. Their good work bears tremendous fruit. The KCs also have given us an additional \$10,000 towards paying off our Annual Catholic Services Appeal assessment to the Diocese. Our bill this year is just over \$55,000 (see the last page of the bulletin). The Knights have now brought us within the last \$10,000 in our own pledges of paying off this bill. If you have not yet given to ACSA and are

able to help in any way with the even the smallest part of the remaining \$10,000, this will prevent that balance from having to come out of the parish account (which is not budgeted). A Big THANK YOU to the KCs and to all who have pledged to ACSA. I am told this is the time of year that a "push" is usually made for those still waiting to send in a pledge. God bless you for considering it.

~ Father Edgar

## RIGHT TO LIFE

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## 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.*

Since April is the month of the Eucharist, today's corner is about the doctrine "concomitance" – which means that we believe that whether we only receive a tiny fragment of the Host (as is often the case in nursing homes) or only a drop of the Precious Blood, we receive the whole Christ since God cannot be divided into parts. At times, as you'll remember with the flu outbreak, the Precious Blood is suspended (or at other times just runs out), yet no one is being deprived of anything since we profess the *entire* Body & Blood of Jesus to be present in each Form. Here we offer both Forms on days that rank as a Solemnity or Feast (unless it coincides with a school Mass, at which only the Lord's Body is distributed, so as to prevent spills).

Teaching reverence for every particle of Jesus in the Eucharist is so important. We genuflect to the tabernacle because His true Presence remains there in every part of the consecrated Host that has become His Body. (The Precious Blood is not to be reserved.) In the Fall, over the course of several weeks, between 10-20 Hosts were taken back to the pew unconsumed, many broken up and shoved into song books which our cleaning crew gradually found and I did my best to respectfully consume and clean the area. Because the desecration of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the very few things that incurs automatic excommunication, just by committing the act itself, we offered a penitential Mass of Reparation for these desecrations. Next to seeing chalices of the Lord's Blood dropped several times, this

was one of the most crushing moments of my priesthood. Belief in the Real Presence is THE reason to be Catholic and is my main reason for being a priest. To bring Him to anyone who will listen to the truth that this IS Him.

Our act of Communion is an act of faith. For when the minister says, "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ," the communicant's "Amen" is a profession in the Presence of Jesus, Body and Blood, soul and divinity, who now gives life to the believer who is free from mortal sin. The communicant makes this act of faith in the *total presence of the Lord Jesus Christ* whether in Communion under one form only or in Communion under both kinds. It should never be construed, therefore, that Communion under the form of bread alone or Communion under the form of wine alone is somehow an incomplete act or that Christ is not fully present to the communicant. The Church's unchanging teaching from the time of the Fathers through the ages—notably in the ecumenical councils of Lateran IV, Constance, Florence, Trent, and Vatican II—has witnessed to a constant unity of faith in the presence of Christ in both species. Clearly there are circumstances that require Communion under one species only, such as when Communion is brought to the sick or when one is unable to receive either the Body of the Lord or the Precious Blood due to an illness (or intolerance). Thus, the Church has always taught the doctrine of concomitance, by which we know that in the Lord's Body alone or in His Precious Blood alone, the whole Christ is sacramentally present and we "receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace." The Council of Trent had to condemn Martin Luther's position that everyone must receive from both Forms: "If anyone denies that in the venerable sacrament of the Eucharist the whole Christ is contained under each form and under every part of each form when separated, let him be anathema." (10-11-1551) (Anathemas are formal acts condemning false positions, or heresies.)

The Council of Trent also teaches that "the true Body and Blood of our Lord, together with His soul and divinity, exist under the species of bread and wine. His Body exists under the species of bread and His Blood under the species of wine, according to the import of His words."

## PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- Thank you to all the school families who supported **Cross Catholic Outreach** as part of our school wide Lenten journey. We collected \$1,094.83; an average of \$6.05 per student in kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade collected the most of all the classes. They collected over \$300. They also had the highest per student average. On average, each student in second grade contributed over \$12.00. As a reward the second grade class received three out of uniform days from Fr. Edgar. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach visit <http://www.crosscatholic.org>.

- Save the Date for **St. Elizabeth School Spring Concert on April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Students will perform at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend and hear the kids on the sound system donated by the dinner-auction. Hope to see you there!

-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

**CONGRATULATIONS** – to Phil Heath who was fully initiated into the Church this past week! We are glad to have you with us! Please remember him in your prayers.

**FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS** – **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://formed.org) - please check out this great resource!

**THE 14-DAY CANDLE** by the tabernacle will be burning in memory of Billy Adams by JoAnn, Michael & Makayla.

**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 MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA** – Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first

Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.” (Diary, 49).

## MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**RAFFLE TICKETS** will be available after Mass. Tickets are \$25 each or buy two get one free. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a 42” Flat Screen TV. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$10,000. (Need not be present to win.) The Drawing will be held Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**REMINDER:** The Men’s Club will have a pulled pork dinner on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

## GC ROCK NEWS

### CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH! GC Rock is for YOU!

Watch our FB page for more dates and times...

*8<sup>th</sup> 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 8** – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30 -8pm. Bring a friend!

**Sunday, April 15** – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Bring a friend or 2.

We are planning our May and summer activities. Please attend our Gatherings for YOUR input on these!

**“PRETZELS FOR JOSH” THANK YOU!** Your overwhelming generosity for the Gus’s Pretzel sale to benefit Josh Nelson was so very much appreciated. Two parishes came together for one special young man! GC Rock thanks you for helping us help Josh and his mom Carolyn. Please continue to pray that a kidney match is found for Josh very soon!

**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 local 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. There is a particular need on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> to begin the set up. Please show up by 7:00 a.m. The next critical setup day is Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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.** Mike Levy is in the process of creating a mechanism for signing up to work the picnic 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. **ST ELIZABETH PICNIC WORKER SIGN-UP NOW ONLINE AT: [www.volunteersignup.org/TLJLT](http://www.volunteersignup.org/TLJLT)**

Finally, let's all try to support the 5K Run. It has been moved to the weekend before: Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Levy's work hard to put this together. Participants can run or walk.

## EVENTS IN THE AREA

**FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT – APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>** – Always a lot of fun with lots of laughs, the annual McGivney Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:development@mcgivneygriffins.com).

**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

		April 1	Over/ (Short)
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Week 40 Regular Income</b>	<b>\$10,340.00</b>		
229 Envelopes	(Average Gift \$45.15)		
Loose	811.25		
Give Central	365.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,516.25</b>	<b>\$ 8,681.00</b>	<b>(\$2,835.25)</b>
<b>YTD</b>			
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>\$111,714.12</b>	<b>\$121,534.00</b>	<b>(\$ 9,819.88)</b>

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	952.00
Annual Fund/Bingo Profit	10,000.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	475.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
First Offering	10.00
Funeral Stipend	100.00
Special Projects	50.00
Candles	92.76
Catholic Home Missions	393.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	492.00
Seminarians	1,742.92
Cross Catholic Outreach	573.00

## SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 4/01/18

<b>Shop n Save</b>	<b>Walmart</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>\$1,225.00</b>	<b>\$1,025.00</b>	<b>\$2,325.00</b>

Total Sales: \$4,575.00

Year to Date:

<b>Shop n Save</b>	<b>Walmart</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>\$19,900.00</b>	<b>\$26,100.00</b>	<b>\$30,845.00</b>

TOTAL: \$76,845.00

<b>APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$3,584.00</b>
<b>APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES</b>	<b>(\$269.00)</b>
<b>APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE</b>	<b>\$3,315.00</b>

## ACSA 2017

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$55,973.00</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$45,265.00</b>
<b>Pledge Payments</b>	<b>\$42,915.00</b>
<b>Summer Donations</b>	
<b>Balance Owed</b>	<b><u>\$13,058.00</u></b>

**134 of 877 Families Pledged**  
Average Pledge - \$337.80

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