

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

We Invite You To Join Us Often!

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from your sublime height turn upon me your eyes of pity. Filled with confidence in your goodness and knowing full well your power, I beseech you to extend to me your assistance in the journey of life, which is so full of dangers for my soul. And in order that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may ever live with my heart humble and pure, I entrust myself wholly to you. I consecrate my heart to you forever, my only desire being to love your divine Son Jesus. Mary, none of your devout servants has ever perished; may I too be saved. Amen.

(December is traditionally dedicated to Mary's Immaculate Conception.)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 2, 2018**

PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN
877-3300

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PARISH LEADERSHIP

Finance Council	Charlotte Charbonnier
School Board	Jaime Pamatot
Parent/Teacher Org	Natasha Reidl
Ladies Sodality	Tammi Mooshegian
Holy Name Men's Club	Rob Hutson
Men at Prayer	Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners	Pam Ames
Athletic Director	Dustin Brewer
Maintenance Team	Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 2 – PSR Class at 9:00 am at School; and 5th-8th Grade Youth Group from 11:30-1:00pm in Harmony Room; and Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 4 – Ladies Sodality Advent Mass at 5:30 pm with Dinner following in the Harmony Room
 Tuesday, December 4 – Men's Club Mtg 7:30 p.m. in Cafe
 Thursday, December 6 – RCIA Class at 6:30 p.m. in PLC
 Friday, December 7 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Cafeteria
 Sunday, December 9 - PSR Class at 9:00 a.m. at School; and Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE SUPPORT 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 School Cafeteria. All Men of Parish Welcome!

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES December 8 & 9

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	B. Schrenk, P. Mills, C. Charbonnier, J. Hutson, C. Kessler, R. & V. Schaus
8:00 a.m.	M. Loftus, B. Loftus, M. Williams, P. Ames E. & D. Mooshegian, T. Lyerla
10:30 a.m.	D. Fletcher, F. Faulkner, T. Mooshegian, T Cholevik, S Dombek, P Heuer, M Poiter

LECTORS:

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

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	M. Smith, L. Strehl, H. Rios
8:00 a.m.	J. Williams, E. Williams, B. Babillis
10:30 a.m.	J & N Wilmsmeyer, M. Borrer, W Yehling

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 3

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 4

8:15 a.m.	Tina Howard by Norma Lesko
5:30 p.m.	Mass for Ladies Sodality

Wednesday, December 5

8:15 a.m.	Rich Logan by Betty Alvarado Cooper
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Thursday, December 6

8:15 a.m.	John McCarthy by Premo and Kay Clay
NO ADORATION	

Friday, December 7

8:15 a.m.	Intentions of First Friday Memorials
24-HOUR 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION	
3:00 p.m.	Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace
VIGIL: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

Saturday, December 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 a.m.	Louise Rees by Betty & Bob Stegemeier
11:00 a.m.	Helen Hawkins by Cathy Cassy
4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

Sunday, December 9 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m.	Marian Ratermann by Paul Ratermann
10:30 a.m.	Joyce Jenness by The Jenness Family

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family & St. Mary/St. Mark's

for December 3-7 – Monday - No Mass, Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Wednesday & Thursday - 8:00 a.m. Mass & Friday – 8:30 Mass at School , 7:00pm Holy Day Vigil Mass & Saturday – 10:00am Immaculate Conception Mass

Greeter's Schedule for December 8 & 9

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

FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear Parish Family,

Today we begin this season of hope and preparation for Christmas – the Church's "New Year." As always, the main encouragement at the busiest times of our lives is to still make time to pray. To borrow a phrase that I've borrowed many times before, "You need to pray for half an hour every day. Unless you're busy: then you need to pray for an hour." Feeling taxed or burnt out or overwhelmed has a lot to do with how "self-sufficient" we think we are (or we think we ought to be) but our true inner strength comes from the grace of God. Making time daily to say that we rely on Him and that we believe His words that "without [Him] you can do nothing" is a great starting place to let Him more fully into our lives.

Thanks to all who took an Advent book by Bishop Barron and Word on Fire ministries! If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost, just drop it in the collection. I pray this is a helpful resource these next 24 days!

At all the Masses this weekend, you will hear about the new Divine Mercy Senior Living Community that all 22 parishes in our deanery are taking a part in building. More info on that at right and in today's insert. If you have any questions, let me know. We are working on an F.A.Q. sheet to make sure correct information is getting out there. Hoping to have some great collaboration with all those interested in this project designed for Catholic seniors all over Madison Co.

Today, Sunday, December 2nd, we welcome Sr. M. Karolyn of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George of Alton to lead our youth group after 10:30 Mass. She is a great witness to handing on the Faith that you can tell she is deeply in love with!

Again, here is our Dec. 2018 parish Adoration schedule:

Friday, Dec. 7th 9am – Saturday, Dec. 8th 8am
(*Holy Day Mass on 12/7 at 6 pm will interrupt*)
No Adoration on Dec. 13th
Thursday, Dec. 20th: 9am-9pm
No Adoration on Dec. 27th

Holy Day Mass times for next weekend's Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception are listed below, and the *Catechism Corner* on the next page explains the **two separate obligations for Dec. 7, 8, 9.**

~ Father Edgar

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DEC. 7th & 8th AREA HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

St. Elizabeth: 12/7 @ 6:00pm (no incense, no music)
& 12/8 @ 8:15am & 11:00am

Holy Family: 12/7 @ 7pm; 12/8 @ 10am

St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon: 12/7 @ 7pm; 12/8 @ 8am

MPH, Maryville: 12/7 @ 7pm; 12/8 @ 7am

Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville: 12/7 @ 6:30 pm; 12/8 @ 8am

St. Boniface, Edwardsville: 12/7 @ 5:45 pm; 12/8 @ 8am

Holy Angels, Wood River: 12/7 @ 7pm; 12/8 @ 8am

St. Mary, Edwardsville: 12/7 @ 7pm; 12/8 @ 8am

ADDITIONAL AREA ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR DEANERY

12/4	7pm	St. Elizabeth in Marine
12/5	6:30pm	Ss. Peter & Paul in Collinsville
12/5	6:30pm	St. Paul in Highland
12/6	7pm	St. Mary's in Alton
12/12	6:30pm	@ St. Mary, Edwardsville (w/ St. Cecilia)
12/12	7pm	Immaculate Conception in Pierron
12/16	2pm	St. Boniface in Edwardsville
12/16	7pm	St. Jerome in Troy
12/17	7pm	St. Lawrence in Greenville
12/23	9am-10:15 am	St. Elizabeth in Granite City

DIVINE MERCY SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY –

Kickoff weekend for 9 of the 22 parishes in our Deanery for a new, Catholic community for Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care begins here Dec. 1 & 2. This community will be built adjacent to Fr. McGivney High School and our parish's share of the capital campaign runs from now through early February. 3 parishes just completed their part of the campaign and the final 10 begin in February. Father will be speaking about this uniquely Catholic project for retirement living at all the Masses next weekend. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to assist St. Elizabeth's campaign committee, please write to Julia Pearl at jpearl@ccsfundraising.com to learn more.

RIGHT TO LIFE

"Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

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, Kittery, ME; Dylan Niles, Lackland AFB, TX, Nolan Yehling, New Mexico, Justin Niles, Keesler AFB, MS

PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

Fr. Charles Nelson (Ordained in 1987)
Retired. In residence at St. Mark, Winchester

+Most Rev. Carl Kemme (Ordained in 1986)
Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita in Kansas

Fr. Chuck Edwards (Ordained in 1986)
Pastor at St. Anthony Padua, Effingham & Annunciation, Shumway; Diocesan
Consultant for Discipleship and Stewardship

Fr. Jim Flach (Ordained in 1986)
Pastor at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Robinson & Our Lady of Lourdes, Oblong;
Chaplain at Robinson Correctional Center

Fr. Arnaud Devillers, FSSP (Ordained in 1985)
Pastor at St. Rose of Lima, Quincy

Fr. John Burnette (Ordained in 1985)
Pastor at Ss. James and Patrick, Decatur; Chaplain at Millikin University

Fr. Jeff Holtman (Ordained in 1985)
Pastor Holy Family, Granite City, St. Mary and St. Mark Madison

CATECHISM CORNER

This section is meant to serve as a “Did You Know” or “Frequently Asked Questions” blurb about the faith.

WHY must I go to Mass TWICE for both the holy day of obligation (Immaculate Conception) on Dec. 7 or 8 AND for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 8 or 9?

Today’s Corner is about how to fulfill Mass Obligations. When the Immaculate Conception or Christmas falls on a Saturday or a Monday, there can be a lot of confusion about fulfilling one’s Mass obligation for both Sunday and the Holy Day. Sundays are always ranked the highest in the Liturgical Calendar, and their obligation is *never* transferred or removed. For the 5 Holy Days that we observe in the U.S.A., the bishops *can* choose to transfer or remove the Obligation that will normally come with a Holy Day. Sometimes they remove the obligation, sometimes not.

By way of reminder, in the cases of the Holy Days of the Assumption of Mary (Aug.15), All Saints Day (Nov. 1), and Mary, Mother of God (Jan.1), if these fall on a Saturday or a Monday, the U.S. Bishops *have chosen to remove* the obligation for attending Mass on back-to-back days. **However**, in the case of Christmas (Dec. 25) and the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8, our national feast day) *they have chosen to retain* the obligation. **This year, we are obliged to attend Mass both on the Immaculate Conception and the 2nd Sunday of Advent.**

Missing Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day is a mortal sin, and we want the faithful to be capable of receiving Communion worthily. One must go to confession before returning to Holy Communion if one misses Mass on *any* Sunday or Holy Day, or else you commit the further grave sin of sacrilege each time you receive Our Lord with an unconfessed mortal sin on your soul.

Finally, it is worth noting, *hopefully without creating too much confusion*, that our obligation to attend Mass is tied to specific days and times and not necessarily to the prayers you

hear. For instance, if you attended our 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, November 17th – you heard the prayers and readings for St. Elizabeth of Hungary instead of the Sunday readings because she is our patroness and her feast day, for us here, trumps Sunday. Despite not hearing the Sunday readings, the 4:30 Mass crowd, just like always, fulfilled their Sunday obligation because they attended Mass after 4 pm on a Saturday. It didn’t matter that they heard different prayers from everyone else in our area that night. Obligation is tied to the time of Mass, not to its prayers and readings. Going to Mass between 4 PM on Saturday and 11:59 on Sunday is what technically fulfills the obligation. (And even in the further case of if a priest were to absent-mindedly use the *wrong* prayers on a Saturday night or Sunday, your obligation would still be fulfilled, despite his error.)

So this year for Dec. 7-9 we have two obligations, in the strict sense (the letter of the law) they are:

#1 to attend one Mass between 4 pm on Friday the 7th and 11:59 pm on Saturday the 8th to fulfill “the Immaculate Conception” obligation

#2 to attend a second, additional Mass between 4 pm on Saturday the 8th and 11:59 pm on Sunday the 9th to fulfill “Sunday.”

So, yes, you could technically attend the 4:30 Saturday Mass for the 7th/8th obligation, even though you’d hear the Sunday readings and miss the prayers for the Blessed Mother, *as long as* you come back to Church a 2nd time on Sunday too to fulfill the 8th/9th obligation. I don’t suggest it, as you’ll miss the prayers for Our Lady. There is no “double-dipping” - there are 2 obligations that must be fulfilled separately (hopefully with a willing and loving heart). Again, the point here is that obligation is technically tied to “time” and not to the prayers you may or may not hear at Mass for Sunday or a Holy Day. Likely a bit confusing on first glance, but this law is interpreted *broadly* to give people as much chance as possible to fulfill both obligations. In the end, hopefully the attitude is we “get” to go to Mass, not we “have” to. Hope to see you and yours twice that weekend!

Holy Day Masses: Friday 12/7 @ 6:00pm (no incense, no music) & Saturday 12/8 @ 8:15 am & 11 am
Sunday Obligation Masses: Saturday 12/8 @ 4:30 pm & Sunday 12/9 @ 8 am & 10:30 am

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

DINE TO DONATE – Thank you to everyone who supported our Applebee’s school night. We appreciate your generosity!

FMCHS – Please join us Sunday evening December 9th at 7 PM at McGivney to discuss the future of the McGivney baseball program and plans for our outdoor athletic facilities behind the school. We’ll be discussing where we are today, where we want to be in the future, and how to get there. Please RSVP with doug@secondstreet.com

FREDBIRD IS COMING! – Our school was chosen out of many schools for an assembly on Teamwork, given by Fredbird. Thank you Mrs. Mangi for filling out the application. Fredbird will be visiting in early January.
SCHNUCKS - Now that Shop N Save is closed, we are trying to help shift our SCRIP buyers to pick up a Schnucks eScrip card. They are available at the SCRIP table in the

gathering space at all Masses, along with an F.A.Q. paper, as well as at the parish and school offices. Every time you grocery shop at Schnucks you could help our school, please take a moment to learn about this great opportunity!

PARISH NEWS

150 CLUB WINNERS – The December winner is #16 Steve & Colleen Vrenick. Congratulations!

LADIES SODALITY ANNUAL ADVENT DINNER

Please join us as we begin the holiday season with our Advent Dinner & Party on Tues., the 4th of December. The evening will begin with the Celebration of Mass at 5:30 p.m. to be followed by our catered dinner in the Harmony Room. In lieu of a gift exchange, we are donating baby items to Church Women United to create their “Gift Layettes.” The following are requested items: sleepers-bibs-socks-hats-large crib blankets-cloth wash cloths-bottles-Desitin Ointment-baby wipes-baby lotion and baby wash. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend. The cost is \$10.00. Hostesses for the evening: Carol 876-7620 & Bootsie 931-0418.

ANNUAL TOY COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES (EARLY DEADLINE!)

– from this weekend until **Thursday, December 6**, we will be collecting toys for families in need. Catholic Charities will distribute the toys at Christmastime. If you wish to participate, please place *unwrapped* toys in the boxes provided in the gathering space until Dec. 6th. Thanks for your consideration and generosity!

DIVINE MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

– “Once when I was suffering greatly, I left my work and escaped to Jesus and asked Him to give me His strength. After a very short prayer, I returned to my work filled with enthusiasm and joy.. By the grace of God, we can attain a point where suffering will become a delight to us, for love can work such things in pure souls.” (Diary, 303)

GC ROCK NEWS

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

GC Rock is for YOU!

ALL high school youth are welcome!

Sunday, Dec. 2 – Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Lock-in planning!

Saturday, Dec. 8 – Help at Billie’s Kids Christmas Party!

Sunday, Dec. 9 – NO Gathering

Sun., Dec. 16 – Sort Giving Tree gifts and fill family bags after 11am Mass @ Holy Family. Gathering 6:30-8pm at Holy Family. Last March for Life info. Parents welcome!

Sunday, Dec. 23 – NO Gathering.

Christmas LOCK IN date! Thursday, Dec. 27/Friday, Dec. 28 at Holy Family. Mark your calendars!

Sunday, December 30 – NO Gathering

Sunday, January 6 – Gathering 6:30-8pm

Wednesday, Jan. 16 – Meet after school at Mother of Perpetual Help in Maryville, IL to board buses for March for Life Pilgrimage.

March for Life, Friday, Jan. 18. Return home by Sunday morning, January 20

GC ROCK CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN - ALL 8TH

GRADERS INVITED! 8th Graders, mark your calendars for December 27! You are invited to GC Rock’s ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN! Come and have some Rockin’ fun with us from 7:30-10:30 on Thurs., Dec. 27 at Holy Family Community Center. You’ll enjoy some fun, food, and fellowship with our Rocks! Dress comfortably and wear tennis shoes. No spending the night though, until you are officially a Rock. Hope to see y’all there!

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

I am the living bread from heaven.

The Eucharistic Lord changes our life view. He helps us to grow in our faith and transforms our ideas about beauty and worth; and He makes us happy.

Eucharist means thanksgiving and whenever we give thanks we call to mind our blessings. Jesus himself is our greatest blessing and that He remains with us always in the Blessed Sacrament is beyond our comprehension.

We are so privileged to have exposition for 12 hours each Thursday and 24 hours once a month where we can adore and praise our Eucharistic Lord. May your personal devotion to Jesus in this Sacrament of His Love bring you joy and continued growth in holiness.

7-8 p.m. Berta Milianis 12-1 a.m. John Waller
11-12 p.m. Norma Lesko 3-4 a.m. Turner Brooks

Each of the above hours could use a committed prayer partner. Only **one** person has committed to these hours. It would be good to have at least **two** to worship each hour. Can you give just one hour once a month to join these men and women praying before the Blessed Sacrament? Consider forming a habit of prayerful adoration of Eucharistic Lord on the first Friday of each month; just one hour a month in silent prayer. Your life will be blessed beyond compare.

The scheduled adorers are guardians of the exposed Blessed Sacrament and their presence is important and necessary. Please seriously consider making a firm commitment to one of the 12 hours **ONCE A WEEK on THURSDAY** or to one of the twenty four hours **ONCE A**

MONTH on FIRST FRIDAY/SATURDAY. Come visit our God in the Holy Eucharist.

Thanks to all who have committed to praying before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour each Thursday and First Friday. The list of those who have made a commitment is posted on the bulletin board by the sacristy. Call Norma @ 618-931-1537 when you are ready to make this sacrifice or just add your name to the hour you choose.

November 26

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Short)</u>
Week 22 Regular Income	\$ 5,543.00		
155 Envelopes (Average Gift \$35.76)			
Loose	501.50		
Give Central	230.00		
TOTAL	\$ 6,274.50	\$ 8,592.00	(\$2,317.50)
YTD			
Total YTD	\$164,566.25	\$189,024.00	(\$24,457.75)

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.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

SPARKLES & SWEETS – The Ladies Auxiliary 1098 will be hosting a **Sparkles and Sweets** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City on Friday, December 7 from 4:00pm-9:30pm and Sunday, December 9 from Noon-9pm. Come out to the Knights of Columbus for some early Christmas Shopping. Our **Sparkles** are jewelry that you can purchase at reasonable prices and our **Sweets** are homemade baked items – Cookies, Cake, Candy, etc.

ALTON DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 at SS Peter & Paul Church on State St., Alton, IL. Fr. Jason Stone will celebrate Mass at 8:15 a.m. The new officers for 2019-2020 will be installed at the mass. A light breakfast and the meeting will be held following the Mass in the Slone Room. All women of the Alton Deanery are welcome & encouraged to attend. Come join us for a morning of faith & fellowship.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

November 19

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Short)</u>
Week 21 Regular Income	\$ 5,682.00		
158 Envelopes (Average Gift \$35.96)			
Loose	433.10		
Give Central	900.00		
TOTAL	\$ 7,015.10	\$ 8,592.00	(\$1,576.90)
YTD			
Total YTD	\$158,291.75	\$180,432.00	(\$22,140.25)

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	25.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	323.00
All Saints Day	5.00
Special Projects	371.00
Candles	47.00
Campaign for Justice and Hope	201.00

OTHER GIFTS

Tuition Assistance	743.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	380.00
Christmas Offering	5.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Welfare Fund	157.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
All Saints Day	2.00
All Souls Day	14.00
Special Projects	178.00
Advent Booklets	5.00
Candles	72.00
Catholic Children's Home	100.00
Retired Religious	50.00
Campaign for Justice and Hope	30.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 11/26/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$ 0.00	\$2,650.00	\$3,635.00

Total Sales: \$6,285.00

Year to Date:		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$49,625.00	\$95,050.00	\$111,295.00

TOTAL: \$255,970.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$11,843.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(\$ 897.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$10,946.00

ACSA 2018

Goal	\$50,340.00
Pledged	19,294.00
Pledge Payments	<u>13,383.00</u>
Balance Owed	\$36,957.00
82 Families Pledged	

NEW PARISHIONER

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ MOBILE _____
EMAIL: _____
Place in the collection basket

NAME _____
PLACE _____
PERSON REQUESTING _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____
Place in the collection Basket