

# 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.)*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 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 |
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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 9 - PSR Class at 9:00 a.m. at School; and Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11 - PTO Meeting @ 7pm in Cafeteria

Thursday, December 13 - RCIA Class at 6:30 p.m. in PLC

Sat/Sun, Dec 15 & 16 - Ladies Cookie Sale after Masses

Sunday, December 16 - PSR Class at 9:00 am at School; and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group from 11:30-1:00pm meet in Harmony Room, with pick-up at school cafeteria; and Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

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## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

### LITURGICAL ROLES

December 15 & 16

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 4:30 p.m.  | M. Black, L. Black, V. Drennan, J. Hutson<br>P. Mills, C. Charbonnier, B. Schrenk |
| 8:00 a.m.  | D. Wright, J. Pamatot, M. Williams, S Carr,<br>R. Carr, M. Loftus, B. Loftus      |
| 10:30 a.m. | M. & K. Boschert, T. Mooshegian, P. Heuer<br>A. Roseman, F. Faulkner, S. Poiter   |

#### LECTORS:

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 4:30 p.m.  | L. Black    |
| 8:00 a.m.  | M. Groboski |
| 10:30 a.m. | B. Shambro  |

#### SERVERS:

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|------------|---|
| 4:30 p.m.  | L. Curry, R. Curry, H. Rios             |
| 8:00 a.m.  | Wilmsmeyer's                            |
| 10:30 a.m. | S. Strehl, G. Hale, A. Hutson, C. Pyles |

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 10

NO MASS

### Tuesday, December 11

NO MASS

### Wednesday, December 12

NO MASS

### Thursday, December 13

NO MASS

### NO ADORATION

### Friday, December 14

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 8:15 a.m. | Janet Fineshriber by Jim & Helen Lorden  |
| 3:00 p.m. | Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace |

### Saturday, December 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 8:00 a.m. | Communion Service                           |
| 4:30 p.m. | Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family |

### Sunday, December 16 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Douglas Oestricker by Norma Lesko         |
| 10:30 a.m. | Kenny Kessler by Mother of Dolors Friends |

**Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family & St. Mary/St. Mark's for December 10-14** - 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

### Greeter's Schedule for December 15 & 16

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| 4:30 p.m.  | Team 3 |
| 8:00 a.m.  | Team 3 |
| 10:30 a.m. | Team 3 |

## FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear Parish Family,

May Our Lady intercede for you in all your prayers! It is one of my favorite Liturgical times of the year. In just a short span of days we honor Mary's Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and recall her appearing to St. Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531 as Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12). I will be on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wisconsin this week and will be praying for you all while there. Please always feel free to send me particular intentions that you'd like me to pray for at any time of year. I am taking several with me on this trip.

Advent is moving fast. If you weren't able to make it to our time for confessions the last week of November, please note the list at the end of this article for further times for confession. The last time listed here on the 23<sup>rd</sup> will only be with myself available. There will be many, many priests available at St. Boniface at 2 pm on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank our students that sang at the 11 a.m. Holy Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Saturday. Please come out and support Mrs. Davis and the kids at their Christmas Concert in the school gymnasium on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Matinee at 1:30 p.m. and evening performance at 6:30. I have the honor of getting to play a couple of the songs on the piano that the kids are singing – for the K/1<sup>st</sup> group and for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I think they are even more excited than me! It is really heart-warming to hear how well they sing.

Finally thank you to our Ladies Sodality for a wonderful evening of fellowship on the 4<sup>th</sup> for Mass, officer inductions, and dinner! Don't forget their bake sale on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with all kinds of Christmas treats. To our youth group students and parents, we will **still** gather in the harmony room after 10:30 Mass to get everyone together and take attendance before we move over to the cafeteria and gym for the days program. Pick-up at 1 will be at the cafeteria. Everyone who attends will be receiving 1 service hour. Then I'll be off to Vandalia to celebrate the Edgar side's family Christmas and my grandparents' 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (12/14/52). Have a great week!

~ Father Edgar

### ADDITIONAL AREA ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR DEANERY

|       |        |   |
|-------|--------|---|
| 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 |

## RIGHT TO LIFE

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?” Learn ten tips at [www.usccb.org/support-her](http://www.usccb.org/support-her)”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## 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. Pat Jakel (Ordained in 1985)  
Pastor at St. Paul, Highland

Fr. Bob Jallas (Ordained in 1984)  
Pastor at St. Agnes, Springfield

Fr. Steve Pohlman (Ordained in 1984)  
Pastor at Holy Ghost, Jerseyville, St. Francis, Jerseyville, St. Mary, Fieldon, St. Patrick, Grafton

Fr. Gerald Bunse (Ordained in 1983)  
Pastor at St. Mary, Farmersville; St. Maurice, Morrisonville; St. Raymond, Raymond

Fr. Kevin Laughery (Ordained in 1983)  
Judge at Diocesan Tribunal, Pastor at St. Jerome, Troy; St. James, St. Jacob

Fr. Joe Molloy (Ordained in 1983)  
Pastor at Holy Family, Decatur; Dean of the Decatur Deanery

Fr. Rick Weltin (Ordained in 1983)  
Pastor Our Lady of Lourdes, Decatur; St. Thomas the Apostle, Decatur

## CATECHISM CORNER

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

During Advent, Lent and other penitential times of the year we see Violet vestments worn at Mass. Next Sunday, however, the priest can wear Rose instead (which is why the 3<sup>rd</sup> candle on the advent wreath is a different color). Rose symbolizes hope and the joy that Christmas is near. (In Lent, it shows our joy that Easter is near). This joy is re-emphasized in the liturgy in the Entrance Antiphon (Introit) from St. Paul: *Guadete in Domino semper! Iterum dico, Gaudete!* – Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again, rejoice! May we be renewed in hope in the face of daily trials and anxieties and let Christ prepare our hearts for His coming at Christmas, His coming in the Eucharist, and for the perfect joy of heaven that we hope to experience one day.

## PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

**CHARACTER TRAIT** – The following students were caught being Outstanding Citizens in the month of November. Emily M., Mackenzie U., Ian S., Reagan G., Lynn L., Jordyn D., Jacob J., Lucas P., Nate W., Jack J., Jonathan C., & Autumn H. Way to go Royals!

**FREDBIRD** – We have exciting news.... Fredbird is coming to St. Elizabeth’s. Thanks to Mrs. Mangi (5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher), our school was selected out of many school applications to have Fredbird come visit. He will put on an assembly during the school day about teamwork for the students. Mark your calendar for January 7<sup>th</sup>. St. Elizabeth school will be decorated in red and white and we will be showing off our Cardinal spirit.

**RAFFLE** – The Christmas raffle has started. Winners will be posted daily on the St. Elizabeth Catholic School Granite City, Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.

## PARISH NEWS

**LADIES, PLEASE START YOUR OVENS** – Our Cookies and Sweet Treats will be on display next weekend in our Harmony Room. We will be setting up at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. You can deliver your goodies then or before & after either Mass on Sunday. Should you have a problem with delivery, please call and we will gladly pick-up the cookies from your house. We are looking forward to

seeing what “Special Family Recipes” you will be sharing with us again this year. Please note our “Cookie Flyer” in the bulletin this weekend. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Marilyn ~797-6545, Maggie ~541-9973 Carol ~ 876-7620 Bootsie ~ 931-0418

**DIVINE MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA** – “I find myself so weak that were it not for Holy Communion I would fall continually. One thing alone sustains me, and that is Holy Communion. From it I draw my strength; in it is all my comfort. I fear life on days when I do not receive Holy Communion. I fear my own self. Jesus concealed in the Host is everything to me. From the tabernacle I draw strength, power, courage and light. Here, I seek consolation in time of anguish.” (Diary, 1037)

**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) - check out this great resource!

**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](http://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](http://Morningoffering.com) and it will be in your inbox every day!

## GC ROCK NEWS

**CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!**

**GC Rock is for YOU!**

ALL high school youth are welcome!  
**Saturday, Dec. 8** – Help at Billie’s Kids Christmas Party! 11am-2pm.

**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. Christmas cards for shut-ins and March for Life packing information. Parents welcome!

**Sunday, Dec. 23** – NO Gathering.

**Sunday, December 30** – NO Gathering

**Sunday, January 6** – Gathering 6:30-8pm at St. Elizabeth

**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 Sunday morning, January 20

**GC ROCK CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN - ALL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS INVITED!** Sorry, but due to some scheduling conflicts, we are changing the date of our LOCK-IN. We will post the new date on both school FB pages ASAP! 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to GC Rock's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN! Come and have some Rockin' fun with us from at Holy Family Community Center. You'll enjoy some fun, snacks, 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!

**CAN YOU STILL SPARE A PAIR?** GC Rock will be leaving the "sock bins" in the back of each church to continue this ministry through the cold months. Feel free to drop a pair of men's crew socks or a homeless snack item in whenever you can and know they will be put to good use. Thank you for helping us help those who need it most.

## 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/or 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.**

## 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.



**“Helping Others Provide Encouragement”** Do you have a friend or loved one who has lost a spouse, or you yourself have lost a spouse? Each month there is an open-invitation social gathering which may be very helpful. Often times widowed people feel isolated and alone, believing no one really understands how he or she feels. Because of this, he or she is commonly reluctant to become involved with organizations or new people. H.O.P.E. surrounds you with people who share these similar circumstances.

The objective of this ongoing group for widows and widowers is to support one another in a social setting.

H.O.P.E. luncheons are held at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville, Illinois, **on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 a.m.**

Entertainment is provided. The cost is \$14.00, which is payable at the luncheon.

Widows and Widowers interested in attending are asked to contact the Glen Carbon Irwin Chapel funeral home to RSVP. Please call 618-288-9500 Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. [Randall and Linda Irwin, Sponsors, Margaret Vaught, Director]

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Christmas Flowers        | 1,122.00 |
| Welfare Fund             | 100.00   |
| Solemnity of Mary        | 40.00    |
| Immaculate Conception    | 60.00    |
| Special Projects         | 30.00    |
| Advent Booklets          | 104.00   |
| Candles                  | 225.00   |
| Catholic Children’s Home | 25.00    |
| Retired Religious        | 25.00    |
| World Mission Sunday     | 5.00     |

## SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 12/03/18

|             |            |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Shop n Save | Walmart    | National   |
| \$ 0.00     | \$3,925.00 | \$5,775.00 |

Total Sales: \$9,700.00

|               |             |              |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Year to Date: |             |              |
| Shop n Save   | Walmart     | National     |
| \$49,625.00   | \$98,975.00 | \$111,070.00 |

TOTAL: \$265,670.00

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE: | \$12,304.00 |
| APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES      | (\$ 931.00) |
| APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE    | \$11,373.00 |

## ACSA 2018

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Goal            | \$50,340.00      |
| Pledged         | 25,029.00        |
| Pledge Payments | <u>16,666.00</u> |
| Balance Owed    | \$33,674.00      |

93 of 845 Families Pledged  
Average Pledge - \$269.13

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

| December 3                           |                     | Over/<br>( Short )                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                      | <u>Actual</u>       | <u>Goal</u>                       |
| Week 23 Regular Income               | \$ 8,868.00         |                                   |
| 192 Envelopes (Average Gift \$46.19) |                     |                                   |
| Loose                                | 451.00              |                                   |
| Give Central                         | <u>620.00</u>       |                                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$ 9,939.00</b>  | <b>\$ 8,592.00 (\$1,347.00)</b>   |
| <b>YTD</b>                           |                     |                                   |
| Total YTD                            | <b>\$174,505.25</b> | <b>\$197,616.00 (\$23,110.75)</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       | 920.00    |
| Annual Fund/Bingo Profit | 11,000.00 |
| Bldg. Repair/Maintenance | 535.00    |
| Christmas Offering       | 130.00    |

## NEW PARISHIONER

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Place in the collection basket

