

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.)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 16, 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	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

Sat/Sun, Dec 15 & 16 – Ladies Cookie Sale after Masses
 Sunday, December 16 – PSR Class at 9:00 am at School;
 and 5th-8th 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.
 Thursday, December 20 – NO RCIA Class
 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Dec. 22 thru Jan. 1
 Sunday, December 23 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.; and
 NO PSR Class

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES December 22 & 23

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	C. Kessler, R. Schaus, V. Schaus, L. Black, D. Fletcher, V. Drennan, B. Schrenk
8:00 a.m.	T. Lyerla, D. Wright, P. Ames, D. Wright, J. Pamatot, M. Loftus, B. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	E. & D. Mooshegian, T. Cholevik, P. Heuer S. Dombek, M. Boschert, K. Boschert

LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	J. Mills
8:00 a.m.	A. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	R. Hoge

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	R. Willaredt, G. Fielder, S. Fielder
8:00 a.m.	J. Wilmsmeyer, N. Wilmsmeyer, G. Luna
10:30 a.m.	M. & M. Pamatot, E. Williams, M. Adams

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 17

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 18

8:15 a.m.	Patrick Gibson by Judy & Don McCabe
10:00 a.m.	Mass at Stearns Nursing & Rehab Center

Wednesday, December 19

8:15 a.m.	Leo Scaturro by Elaine & Angela Foreman
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Thursday, December 20

8:15 a.m.	Norman Danheiser by Family
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ADORATION

Friday, December 21

8:15 a.m.	Melvin Wilmsmeyer by Kevin & Michelle Boschert
3:00 p.m.	Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, December 22 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15 a.m.	Bobby Jones by Family
4:30 p.m.	Robert Hoffman

Sunday, December 23 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St Elizabeth Parish Family
10:30 a.m.	Jerry Pieper by Cathy Cassy

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family & St. Mary/St. Mark's for December 17-21 – Monday - No Mass, Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Wednesday – 7:00pm Rorate Caeli Mass, Thursday - 8:00 a.m. Mass and Friday – 1:00pm Mass at the Fountains

Greeter's Schedule for December 22 & 23

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

FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear Parish Family,

Rejoice! Jesus will soon be here! Our long-awaited hope is turned to joy. St. Paul urges us to rejoice *always* no matter the circumstances, because in all circumstances we are God's – His people, His flock.

The choir has been working hard to prepare for Christmas. I will be assisting Cathy and accompanying some songs on the organ before all 3 Christmas Masses. Come early not only to get a seat, but to sing with us or to listen! Before the **4 pm Christmas Eve Mass**, we will start a selection of congregational carols around 3:35. For **Midnight Mass**, we will do *all* the things we've been practicing: congregational singing, octavos, and solos. That will start at 11:15 p.m., and last close to 40 minutes. Prior to **10 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day**, we will again sing carols with everyone starting 25 minutes before Mass. The 4 p.m. Mass is the only Mass without incense. January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will have **Mass on New Year's Eve at 4 p.m.** (no music, no incense) and at **10:30 a.m. on New Year's Day** (music & incense). Other area Mass times for Christmas and New Year's will be posted at Church and in the bulletin. There should be something to accommodate everyone, so please do not neglect these days of Obligation.

Please come out and support Mrs. Davis and the kids at their Christmas Concert in the school gymnasium this Tuesday, December 18th. Matinee is at 1:30 p.m. and the evening performance is at 6:30. If our students enthusiastic singing can't get you in the Christmas spirit, I don't know what will! They are fantastic!

Next Sunday will be a holy hour and confessions between the two morning Masses. I am the only confessor, and should be able to accommodate 10 to 15 penitents in that time. Because of youth group, I will not be able to hear confessions after Mass that day. As always, there is Saturday afternoon and the remaining list below – including a great opportunity at 2 pm today (12/16) at St. Boniface in Edwardsville with at least 7 confessors.

Please also note in the gathering space our 2019 calendars are now available! Please take some for your home and office!

Have a great week!

~ Father Edgar

ADDITIONAL AREA ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR DEANERY

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

Christmas Mass Schedule in our Area:

Monday, December 24th

4:00 PM – ST. ELIZABETH (no incense)

4:00 PM – St. Mary's, Madison
4:00 PM – Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville
4:00 PM – St. Mary's, Edwardsville
4:00 PM – St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon
4:00 PM – MPH, Maryville
4:00 PM – Holy Angels, Wood River
4:15 PM – St. Boniface, Edwardsville
6:00 PM – St. Mary's, Edwardsville
7:00 PM – MPH, Maryville
7:00 PM – Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville
8:00 PM – Holy Family, Granite City
10:15 PM – St. Boniface, Edwardsville

Tuesday, December 25th

12:00 MIDNIGHT – ST. ELIZABETH (music & incense; Carols begin at 11:15 PM)

12:00 MIDNIGHT – St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon
8:00 AM – Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville
8:15 AM – St. Boniface, Edwardsville
9:00 AM – Holy Angels, Wood River
9:00 AM – St. Mary's, Edwardsville
9:00 AM – MPH, Maryville
10:00 AM – ST. ELIZABETH (music & incense)
10:00 AM – St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon
10:30 AM – Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville
10:30 AM – Holy Family, Granite City
12:15 PM – St. Boniface, Edwardsville (*Spanish*)

12/31 & 1/1 Holy Day Masses in our Area:

Monday, December 31st

4:00 PM – ST. ELIZABETH (no incense or music)

4:00 PM – Holy Family, Granite City
4:00 PM – MPH, Maryville
4:00 PM – Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville
4:15 PM – St. Boniface, Edwardsville
4:30 PM – Holy Angels, Wood River
6:00 PM – St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon
7:00 PM – St. Mary's, Edwardsville

Tuesday, January 1st

8:00 AM – St. Cecilia, Glen Carbon
9:00 AM – St. Mary's, Edwardsville
9:00 AM – Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville
9:00 AM – MPH, Maryville
9:00 AM – Holy Angels, Wood River
10:15 AM – St. Boniface, Edwardsville
10:30 AM – ST. ELIZABETH (music & incense)
10:30 AM – Holy Family, Granite City

RIGHT TO LIFE

“In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

2018-19 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection

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. Larry Anschutz (Ordained in 1982)
Pastor Emeritus of St. John Paul II, Mt. Olive

Fr. Jeff Grant (Ordained in 1982)
Pastor at Blessed Sacrament, Springfield; Dean of the Springfield Deanery

Deacon Ben Hoefler (Ordained in 1982)
Permanent Deacon at St. John Vianney, Sherman

Most Rev. Kevin Vann (Ordained in 1981)
Bishop of the Diocese of Orange, Orange County, CA

Fr. Bill Rooney, O.F.M. (Ordained in 1981)
Pastor at St. Isidore the Farmer, Dieterich

Fr. John Carberry (Ordained in 1981)
Retired, in residence in Quincy

Fr. Tom Liebler (Ordained in 1981)
Pastor at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Bethalto

CATECHISM CORNER

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

This week’s column is inspired by our 1st Grade class: It was asked, “Why do we call God ‘God’?” Fascinating question! A separate angle would be to say that the most holy Name of God that He revealed to Moses was *YHWH*. But only the high priest, once a year in the Temple, was the only one permitted to use God’s actual name in asking forgiveness for Israel’s sins. So the substitute word *Adonai* (what we call “Lord” in English) came into use as a replacement for the actual Divine Name. But that doesn’t answer the literal question of why we use the word “God”. Most of you, especially the Saturday night Mass goers, have met Fr. Charles Samson, who teaches Scripture at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and has advanced degrees from two universities in Rome. We were discussing this and we found that our English word “God” comes from the German “*Gott*” – and that Germanic word has an even more-ancient word-stem “*Ghut*” that means “one who is invoked”. So it’s interesting to me that invoking, or calling, or praying is in the very idea and root of our word, *God*. Out of the mouths of babes... great question, 1st grade!

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

Congratulations to our alumni, Ali Hay, and two of our students, Cecilia Corbett & Meaghan Pamatot for your performance of the Nutcracker. We are proud of each one of you!

Looking for something to do the evening of the 14th or 15? Come watch Elf the Musical at the Alfresco Center. Brody and Nolan Melton along with Lily Meyenberg will be performing. Way to go students!

Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

12/6 – Paul Jackstadt

12/7 – Rose Bladdick

12/8 – John Hodapp

12/9 – Samantha Welch

12/10 – Kathleen Dickson

12/11 – Stephanie Ambuehl

12/12 – Kathie Hemsath

12/13 – Linda Richmond

PARISH NEWS

SEARCHING FOR THAT LAST MINUTE GIFT?

Why not visit the Harmony Room for an extraordinary assortment of delicious homemade cookies and treats? Just think no crowded malls, no parking meters and no taxes, just the friendliest customer service in town. Let us help you to complete your Christmas list this weekend!

Marilyn, Maggie, Carol & Bootsie

DIVINE MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA – “O my Jesus, how very easy it is to become holy; all that is needed is a bit of good will. If Jesus sees this little bit of good will in the soul, He hurries to give Himself to the soul, and nothing can stop Him, neither shortcomings nor falls--absolutely nothing. Jesus is anxious to help that soul, and if it is faithful to this grace from God, it can very soon attain the highest holiness possible for a creature here on earth.” (Diary, 291)

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

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 - 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 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!

GC ROCK NEWS

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

ALL high school youth are welcome!

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

Friday-Saturday, January 4&5 – **GC Rock Christmas Lock-in!** 8th Graders 7:30-10:30pm. High school Rocks finish at 7:30am Jan. 5.

Sunday, January 6 – No Gathering

Sunday, January 13 – Gathering St Elizabeth 6:30-8pm. MOSAIC Baby Bottle Campaign begins in all churches.

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 8TH GRADERS INVITED! CHANGE OF DATE!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4! 8TH Graders are invited to GC Rock’s ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN!!! Come and have some Rockin’ fun with us at Holy Family Community Center from 7:30-10:30pm. 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. Please bring a sharable snack for everyone to enjoy! Hope to see ya’ll 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

MEN'S RETREAT AT KING'S HOUSE will be on January 18-20. Contact Kevin Coley @ 618-207-8741 for more information and registration.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

December 10

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Short)</u>
Week 24 Regular Income	\$ 6,469.00		
150 Envelopes (Average Gift \$43.13)			
Loose	425.50		

Give Central	730.00		
TOTAL	\$ 7,624.50	\$ 8,592.00	(\$ 967.50)
YTD			
Total YTD	\$182,129.75	\$206,208.00	(\$24,078.25)

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	882.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	209.00
Christmas Offering	80.00
Christmas Flowers	455.00
Welfare Fund	200.00
Solemnity of Mary	45.00
Immaculate Conception	1,321.00
Special Projects	22.00
Advent Booklets	84.00
Candles	106.00
Catholic Children's Home	88.00
Retired Religious	749.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 12/10/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$ 0.00	\$3,475.00	\$6,765.00

Total Sales: \$10,240.00

Year to Date:

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$49,625.00	\$102,450.00	\$123,835.00

TOTAL: \$275,910.00

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$12,815.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(\$ 967.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$11,848.00

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

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