

# 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.)*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### December 23, 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
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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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Dec. 22 thru Jan. 1  
 Sunday, December 23– No PSR Class  
 Choir Practice is at 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, December 27 – NO RCIA Class  
 Sunday, December 30 – No PSR Class or Choir Practice

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## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### December 29 & 30

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

4:30 p.m.	P. Mills, C. Charbonnier, J. Hutson, L. Black, C. Kessler, R. & V. Schaus
8:00 a.m.	M. Williams, S. Carr, R. Carr, T. Lyerla, P. Ames, D. Wright, J. Pamatot
10:30 a.m.	F. Faulkner, T. Mooshegian, T. Cholevik, S. Poiter, M. Poiter, S. Dombek, M. Boschert

#### **LECTORS:**

4:30 p.m.	K. Coley
8:00 a.m.	R. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	B. Masters

#### **SERVERS:**

4:30 p.m.	S. Strehl, L. Strehl, R. Willaredt
8:00 a.m.	A. Friedel, K. Friedel, V. Cruse
10:30 a.m.	J. Williams, M. Roseman, M. Adams, W. Yehling

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Monday, Dec. 24 – VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

3:35 p.m.	<i>Christmas Carols prior to Mass</i>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Billy Adams by JoAnn, Michael & Makayla
11:15 p.m.	<i>Christmas Carols prior to Mass</i>

### **Tuesday, December 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

<b>12:00 a.m.</b>	Ronnie Briggs, Jr.
9:35 p.m.	<i>Christmas Carols prior to Mass</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

### **Wednesday, December 26**

**NO MASS**

### **Thursday, December 27**

**NO MASS & NO ADORATION**

### **Friday, December 28**

**NO MASS**

3:00 p.m.	Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace
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### **Saturday, December 29**

8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
4:30 p.m.	Erle and Imelda Coley by Kevin & Sally Coley

### **Sunday, December 30 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family
10:30 a.m.	Bob Mason by St. Elizabeth Parish Family

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

**for December 24-28** – Monday – 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, 8:00 p.m. Mass, Tuesday – 10:30 a.m. Mass, and Wednesday – No Mass & Thursday & Friday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

#### **Greeter's Schedule for December 29 & 30**

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,

Our Advent time of preparation has rapidly come to a close. I pray for a safe and blessed season of Christmas for you and all those you love! May we continue to support each other through prayer and trust in Jesus, our newborn King, in all the joys and sorrows of life in the New Year.

A big thank you to all who have given extra time to prepare for this holy season: our servers, our choir, our decorators, *et al.* Our choir has been preparing for Christmas for months now. I am very happy to be assisting Cathy by 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 around 40 minutes. Prior to **10 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day**, we will again sing carols with everyone starting at 9:35 a.m. The 4 p.m. Mass is the *only* Christmas Mass without incense.

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 are posted at Church and here in the bulletin. There should be something to accommodate everyone, and there is a special indulgence that can be gained at the 12/31 & 1/1 Masses.

Please remember that, in the gathering space, we have 2019 calendars. Please take some for your home and office.

At our Christmas Masses I am happy to announce that 4 different booklets about the Catholic Faith will be handed out after all Masses. Each page is separate, unique, and only supposed to take 1-minute to read. We live in a "sound-byte" culture, and these different resources have proven very effective at bringing back to Church those who have been consistently away from Mass by briefly answering some of the "why's" and "what's" of the Catholic Faith. We know that on Christmas Eve we will encounter some worshipers who only come to Church once a year, and this excellent resource, from Catholic Radio show host Gus Lloyd, is designed for people to get re-connected to the Church one minute at a time. The pages of the booklet are blurbs about various areas of the faith (a type of Did You Know? column) that is meant to evangelize and re-evangelize. I ordered a majority of one type of the four possible booklets published by Mr. Lloyd. The one I ordered the most of was about the Mass. The titles you'll see in the gathering space are: *A Minute in the Church Volume I*, *A Minute in the Church Volume II*, *A Minute in the Church: The Mass*, and *A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ*. I'd ask that if you're a regular Mass attendee, to not pick up your copy of these booklets until

the weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> so that they are first available to the targeted audience Christmas Eve Mass of those who we only see rarely. Also, a big thank you to those who have recently joined our Church who sponsored the funding for this project! Great to see RCIA pay it forward!

Our parish office and entire campus will be closed this week and will re-open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, giving our employees time to spend at home with their families and get a well-deserved rest. Thanks for your understanding.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and yours!

~ Father Edgar

### Christmas Mass Schedule in our Area:

#### Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

##### **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 25<sup>th</sup>

##### **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 31<sup>st</sup>

##### **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 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

“To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, February 13, 1982 Homily. 1982 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

## 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. R. Dean Probst (Ordained in 1981)

Pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton; St. Mary of the Assumption, Ste. Marie; Dean of the Effingham Deanery

Fr. Steve Sotiroff (Ordained in 1981)

Chaplain at Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George & Saint Anthony’s Health Center, Alton; Archdiocese of Kansas City’s Chaplain to the *Spiritual Mentorship Program*, Apostles of the Interior Life (AVI) & Spiritual Advisor for the *School of Faith*

Fr. David Beauregard, OMV (Ordained in 1980)

Retired Senior Priest in Residence at St. Mary’s, Alton

Fr. Paul Habing (Ordained in 1980)

Pastor at St. Elizabeth, Marine; Sacramental Minister, Area Hispanic Ministry

Fr. Angel Sierra (Ordained in 1980)

Pastor at Forty Martyrs, Tuscola; St. John the Baptist, Arcola

Msgr. John Renken (Ordained in 1979)

Dean of Faculty of Canon Law at St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada

Fr. Charlie Hart, OFM (Ordained in 1979)

Chaplain & ACPE Supervisor at HSHS St. John’s Hospital, Springfield

## CATECHISM CORNER

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

### The “Last Word” of Advent: “Tomorrow, I Will Be”...

Here are the 7 Old Testament Prophecies that foretell the Messiah which the Church uses to build up to Christmas each year at Evening Prayer. The "O" Antiphons are known to most in a rough translation in the Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” – and here they are in full with their Biblical citations.

Dec.17: **O Wisdom** which has come forth from the mouth of the Most High (Sirach 24:5), reaching from end to end mightily, and sweetly disposing all things (Wisdom 8:1): come to teach us the way of prudence (Isaiah 40:14).

*O Sapientia, quae ore Altissimi prodisti attingens a fine usque ad finem fortiter suaviter disponensque omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.*

Dec. 18: **O Adonai**, and Leader of the house of Israel (Matthew 2:6), who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush (Exodus 3:2), and gave him the law on Siani (Exodus 20): come to redeem us with your outstretched arm (Jeremiah 32:21).

*O Adonai et Dux domus Israel, qui Moyisi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.*

Dec. 19: **O Root of Jesse**, who stands as a sign for the people (Isaiah 11:10), because of whom kings shall shut their mouths, and whom the nations shall implore (Isaiah 52:15): come to free us, delay no longer (Hab 3:2).

*O radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os sum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, iam noli tardare.*

Dec. 20: **O Key of David** (Rev 3:7) and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one shall close, you close and no one shall open (Isaiah 22:22): come, and lead forth the prisoner from the house of captivity, sitting in darkness and the shadow of death (Psalms 106[107]:10).

*O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel: qui aperis, et nemo claudit: claudis, et nemo aperit: veni et educ vincitum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

Dec. 21: **O Rising Sun**, (Zachariah 6:12) splendor of eternal light (Habbakuk 3:4) and sun of justice (Malachi 3:20): come, and enlighten those sitting in darkness and the shadow of death (Psalms 107:10, Luke 1:78-79).

*O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae et sol iustitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

Dec. 22: **O King of the Nations** and desire of them (Haggai 2:8), the cornerstone making both one (Ephesians 2:20): come, and save man, whom you formed from the clay (Genesis 2:7).

*O Rex gentium, et desideratus earum lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem quem de limo formasti.*

Dec. 23: **O Emmanuel**, (Is 7:14, 8:8) our King and lawgiver (Gen 49:10), expectation of the nations and Savior of them (Is 33:22): come to save us, Lord our God.

*O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, exspectatio gentium, et Salvatore arum: veni, ad salvandum nos Domine Deus noster.*

Dec. 24: **ERO CRAS - "Tomorrow, I will be (come)"**

**E**mmanuel (*God-with-us*) **R**ex gentium (*King of all nations*) **O**riens (*Rising Sun*) **C**lavis David (*Key of David*) **R**adix Jesse (*Root of Jesse*) **A**donai (*Lord*) **S**apientia (*Wisdom*)

The Latin acronym, using the seven *O Antiphons* that unfolds over the week of Dec. 17-23, uses the liturgy to spell out a 'newsflash' from on high! During Advent we asked, with the prophets, "Come, Lord, and do not delay!" - now, here is our answer for Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: hours from now, **He will come** as we celebrate the day He was "born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary, being made flesh." He has come! Let us adore Him! Christ yesterday, today, and forever!

## PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

### Merry Christmas!

Wishing you a season of blessings from heaven above. May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer this Holy season, and throughout the year. Merry Christmas from our St. Elizabeth School Family!

### Christmas Concert

Thank you to everyone who came over to watch the students' Christmas Concert. The students and Mrs. Davis spent a lot of time preparing and did a wonderful job. Thanks for supporting them. Way to go students! We are so proud of you!

### Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

12/14 – Angela Layton  
12/15 – Rosa Pachero  
12/16 – Maureen Creath  
12/17 – Mandi Clover  
12/18 – Ron Perich  
12/19 – James Currie  
12/20 – Claude Kessler

## PARISH NEWS

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER** - The January intentions are available in the Gathering Space. God bless you!

**MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING** in January has been changed to Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

**MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** – Watch the AFC & NFC Championship Game on Sunday, January 20 in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Chili Cook-off. Bring a pot of chili. Other food and drink will be provided. If you are bringing a pot of chili to enter into the chili cook-off, please call Rob Hutson at 973-5459.

**MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST** – All You Can Eat Breakfast (Pancakes, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage links, hash brown patties, coffee, milk and orange drink on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Proceeds will go to GC Rock Youth Group.

**DIVINE MERCY MINUTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA** – “O Blessed Host, support me and seal my lips against all murmuring and complaint. When I am silent, I know I shall be victorious.” (Diary, 896)

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

**A BIG THANK YOU** from the Cookie Team for the delicious varieties of cookies we received. Many of our customers commented on how they would be able to make fabulous Christmas cookie trays again this year created for our cookies. We are also grateful to those who so kindly gave of monetary gifts to our event. Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. God Bless, Marilyn ~ Bootsie ~ Carol ~ Maggie

**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!

**Sunday, Dec. 23** – NO Gathering.

**Sunday, December 30** – NO Gathering

**Friday-Saturday, January 4&5** – **GC Rock Christmas Lock-in!** 8<sup>th</sup> 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. No Gathering

**GC ROCK CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN - ALL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS INVITED! CHANGE OF DATE! FRIDAY, JANUARY 4!** 8<sup>TH</sup> 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. JohnWaller

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**

**ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** – Marquette Catholic High School Incoming Freshman Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Register online at [www.marquettecatholic.org](http://www.marquettecatholic.org) under Admissions. Students scoring in the top 10% on the exam receive \$1,000 off of tuition their freshman year. For more information, please contact Karen Coles at 618-463-0585 ext. 2 or [kcoles@mymchs.org](mailto:kcoles@mymchs.org).

**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**

Due to submitting the bulletin early, figures are not available.

**SCRIP PROGRESS**

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**ACSA 2018-19**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$50,340.00</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>25,029.00</b>
<b>Pledge Payments</b>	<b><u>16,666.00</u></b>
<b>Balance Owed</b>	<b>\$33,674.00</b>
<b>93 of 845 Families Pledged</b>	
<b>Average Pledge - \$269.13</b>	

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