

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.)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH December 30, 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
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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. 29 - Jan. 1
 Sunday, Dec. 30– No PSR Class or Choir Practice
 Thursday, January 3 – RCIA Class at 6:30 pm in PLC;
and Men's Club Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Cafe
 Friday, January 4 – Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Cafe
 Sunday, January 6 – PSR Class at 9:00 a.m. at school

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES January 5 & 6

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	V. Drennan, B. Schrenk, C. Charbonnier, P. Mills, J. Hutson, C. Kessler, R. Schaus
8:00 a.m.	M. Loftus, B. Loftus, M. Williams, S. Carr, R. Carr, T. Lyerla, P. Ames
10:30 a.m.	K. Boschert, A. Roseman, F. Faulkner, P. Heuer, T. E. & D. Mooshegian

LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	R. Hoge
8:00 a.m.	K. Clay
10:30 a.m.	T. Mooshegian

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	C. Folkerts, M. Borrer, T. May
8:00 a.m.	J. Williams, E. Williams, B. Babillis
10:30 a.m.	M. Roseman, W. Yehling, M. Adams, J. Wilmsmeyer

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31

4:00 p.m. Rich Logan by Leonard & Paula Koliste

Tuesday, January 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

Wednesday, January 2

8:15 a.m. Marlen Perkins

Thursday, January 3

8:15 a.m. Douglas Oestricker by Norma Lesko

NO ADORATION

Friday, January 4

8:15 a.m. Intentions of First Friday Memorials

24-HOUR ADORATION

3:00 p.m. Chaplet, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, January 5

8:15 a.m. Special Intention for Tina Howard and For An End to Abortion

4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

Sunday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Herbert & Irene Wein by Denise Cook

10:30 a.m. Robert & Klohe Jones by Family

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family & St. Mary/St. Mark's for December 31-January 4 – Monday – 4:00 p.m., Tuesday – 10:30 a.m., Wednesday – No Mass, Thursday – 8:00 a.m. and Friday – 8:30 a.m. Mass at School and 1:00 p.m. Mass at the Fountains.

Greeter's Schedule for January 5 & 6

4:30 p.m.	Team 1
8:00 a.m.	Team 1
10:30 a.m.	Team 1

FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas! Keep on saying that in your conversations because the season has just begun! Like Easter, the Solemnity of Christ's birth is celebrated not just for one day, but with an 8-day "Octave" of Christmas. The eighth day is the Holy Day – Mary, Mother of God on New Year's Eve & Day. The holy day Mass times are listed at right. You've probably also heard of the "12 days" of Christmas, from the 26th through January 6th, which is the traditional date of the Epiphany. Some Catholic cultures throughout the world don't give gifts *until* Epiphany – when we celebrate the Magi giving their gifts to Jesus. Liturgically, the Season of Christmas starts each year on Christmas Eve and goes until the Baptism of the Lord – which is Sunday, Jan. 13th this year. So all our Christmas decorations at Church will be up until then. "Ordinary Time" resumes on Jan. 14th until Lent begins (late this year) on March 6th. However, the most ancient practice is to say that Christmastide stretches 40 days – to Feb. 2nd – the day that Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple and encountered Simeon and Anna (see Luke 2). Simeon knows Jesus is the Messiah and calls Him a "light to the nations" – and so Feb. 2nd became a feast of light, the conclusion of the Christmas season after 40 days, and eventually became the traditional date to bless candles for the upcoming year. We will do just that at our 1st Saturday Mass in February.

So, whether you celebrate 8 days, 12 days, 3 weeks, or 40 days (you'll see my lights on at my house til Feb. 2 and our Nativity Scene up at Church until then as well) – Merry Christmas! We're just getting started – keep celebrating!

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 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. On New Year's Eve we will pray together the Church's hymn of Thanksgiving for the past year together, and on New Year's Day we will invoke the Holy Spirit for His guidance in the year to come. Both

will be explained in the homily. So please join us New Year's Eve or Day!

Please remember that, in the gathering space, we have 2019 calendars. Please take some – or take some more!

Please also feel free to take any of the 4 different booklets about the Catholic Faith that were handed out at Christmas in the hopes of re-evangelizing some of the worshipers that we don't see very often. Each page is separate, unique, and only supposed to take 1-minute to read. Because we live in a "sound-byte" culture, these resources are designed to reach those who don't have much time but can still pique one's interest in re-learning the truths of the faith. 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*.

Our parish office re-opens on Jan. 2. Thanks for your patience while we all took part in "Christmas Break."

Last, but not least, Happy Feast of the Holy Family to our cross-town neighbors! Let us pray for each other!

~ Father Edgar

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 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

“Blessed Joseph, You took Mary and Jesus into your home. You followed the prescripts of the Law, presented Jesus in the Temple, taught him skills at the plane and the lathe, and, daily, you shared traditions which were built on the covenants he came to fulfill. Hear the prayers of the siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and entire families of children who have been adopted. May they be a source of loving welcome and a fount of faith. Through Christ our Lord. St. Joseph, descendant of David, pray for us.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. “Novena to St. Joseph for Those on the Path of Adoption.”

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. Joseph Simburger (Ordained in 1979)
Retired. Pastor Emeritus at St. Claire, Altamont

Fr. Don Wolford (Ordained in 1979)
Pastor at Holy Angels, Wood River

Fr. James Palakudy, SAC (Ordained in 1978)
Pastor at Holy Cross Auburn; St. Patrick, Girard; Sacred Heart, Virden

Msgr. David Lantz (Ordained in 1978)
Pastor at St. Mary, Taylorville; St. Rita, Kincaid; Holy Trinity, Stonington;
Chaplain at Taylorville Correctional Center, Taylorville; Chaplain at Catholic Physicians Guild/Catholic Medical Assoc., Springfield

Fr. Don Roberts (Ordained in 1978)
Pastor at Blessed Trinity, Brussels & St. Francis of Assisi, Hardin

Fr. Charles Dahlby (Ordained in 1977)
Chaplain at Villa Health Care West & Villa Health Care East, Sherman

Fr. Alan Hunter (Ordained in 1977)
Pastor at St. Lawrence, Greenville & Chaplain at HSHS Holy Family Hospital, Greenville

CATECHISM CORNER

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

Recently, someone who is relatively new to the Faith noticed that we had switched to singing a different “Memorial Acclamation” which is what is said or sung right after the Host and Chalice have been consecrated into Jesus’ Body and Blood. Naturally

there are some questions about this part of the Mass – like how many options are there to speak/sing? (3) Many of you will remember a time where there was no acclamation there at all. The Holy would be sung (*Sanctus*) and the prayers of consecration would go straight through to the Our Father. I thought it would be good to highlight the 3 options, and share some excerpts from the new “Minute in the Mass” booklets from the gathering space:

“The Mystery of Faith”

Immediately after the consecration, the priest simply says or sings “The Mystery of Faith.” The people are to respond in unison using one of the 3 options given in the Roman Missal (book used on the altar with the prayers for Mass). The options:

- A. *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*
- B. *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*
- C. *Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

In proclaiming this mystery, we are reminded that what we believe is truly mysterious. How is it that God sent his Son to earth in the person of Jesus, that He died to redeem us and free us from our sins, has given us His Body and Blood, rose from the dead and will return again? A mystery, indeed. It is what the Church calls the Paschal Mystery. And yet, we take it on faith. We believe, and in the Holy Mass, we are not just observers of this great mystery, but we actually participate in great “mystery of faith.”

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

Happy New Year! May God’s love light your way and lead you into a new year that shines with His special joy. Happy 2019!

School Resumes:

Preschool and Kids Klub are open on January 2nd.
Kindergarten–8th grade students return on January 3rd.

Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

12/21 – Larry Wofford
12/22 – Mike Bauer
12/23 – Craig Eaton
12/24 – Valerie Kohl

Thank you to everyone who supported this year’s Christmas Raffle, it was a great success!

PARISH NEWS

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING in January has been changed to Thursday, January 3rd, 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 27th 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 – “As I enter this year, fear of life overwhelms me, but Jesus brings me out of this fear and lets me know what great glory this work of mercy will bring Him.” (Diary 859)

THE 14-DAY CANDLE by the tabernacle will be burning in memory of Herbert and Irene Wein by Denise Cook.

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, 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. No Gathering

Sunday, January 27 – GC ROCK PANCAKE

BREAKFAST at St. Elizabeth Cafeteria/TIME TBD. All hands needed to serve. No Gathering.

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. 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



“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]

ATTENTION 8TH 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 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.

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 17		Over/ (Short)
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	
Week 25 Regular Income	\$ 5,049.00		
163 Envelopes (Average Gift \$30.98)			
Loose	428.00		
Give Central	900.00		
TOTAL	\$ 6,377.00	\$ 8,592.00	(\$2,215.00)
<u>YTD</u>			
Total YTD	\$188,506.75	\$214,800.00	(\$26,293.25)

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	5.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	795.00
Christmas Offering	35.00
Christmas Flowers	115.00
Immaculate Conception	33.00
Special Projects	701.00
Candles	45.00
Catholic Children’s Home	25.00
Retired Religious	70.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope	20.00

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 12/17/18

Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$ 0.00	\$10,875.00	\$15,150.00
Total Sales: \$26,025.00		
Year to Date:		
Shop n Save	Walmart	National
\$49,625.00	\$113,325.00	\$138,985.00
TOTAL: \$301,935.00		
APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:		\$14,038.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES		(\$1,058.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE		\$12,980.00

ACSA 2018-19

Goal	\$50,340.00
Pledged	25,029.00
Pledge Payments	16,666.00
Balance Owed	\$33,674.00
93 of 845 Families Pledged	

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