

# WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

*We Invite You To Join Us Often!*

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Almighty, eternal God, You Who have created and redeemed us, graciously look upon our needs, and agree to receive with kindness and favor the Sacrifice of the Saving Victim, which we offer in the sight of Your Divine majesty, in honor of the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, with Your grace being poured out upon us, we too may have the joy of seeing our names written in heaven, under the glorious Name of Jesus, the sign of eternal predestination. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

*(January is traditionally dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.)*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2019

## 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

Sunday, January 6 - PSR Class at 9:00 a.m. at School; *and* No Choir Practice

Thursday, January 10 - RCIA Class at 6:30pm in PLC

Sunday, January 13 - PSR Class at 9:00a.m. at School; *and* 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group from 11:30-1:00 p.m. in Harmony Room; *and* No Choir Practice

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## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

### LITURGICAL ROLES

January 12 & 13

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 4:30 p.m.  | V. Schaus, V. Drennan, C. Charbonnier, M. Black, L. Black, B. Schrenk, P. Mills |
| 8:00 a.m.  | D. Wright, J. Pamatot, M. Loftus, B. Loftus M. Williams, S. Carr, R. Carr       |
| 10:30 a.m. | T. Cholevik, S. Dombek, M. & K. Boschert A. Roseman, P. Heuer, D. Fletcher      |

#### LECTORS:

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| 4:30 p.m.  | L. Black |
| 8:00 a.m.  | M. Joyce |
| 10:30 a.m. | A. Bone  |

#### SERVERS:

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| 4:30 p.m.  | R. Willaredt, K. Willaredt, S. Fielder               |
| 8:00 a.m.  | K. Friedel, S. Luna, V. Cruse                        |
| 10:30 a.m. | J. Wilmsmeyer, N. Wilmsmeyer, W. Yehling, M. Roseman |

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, January 7

NO MASS

### Tuesday, January 8

8:15 a.m. Tina Howard by Norma Lesko

### Wednesday, January 9

8:15 a.m. A Special Intention for Thomas and Carol Lesko by Family

### Thursday, January 10

8:15 a.m. Kenny Kessler by Mother of Dolores Friends

ADORATION

### Friday, January 11

8:15 a.m. Ronnie Briggs, Jr.

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

### Saturday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

4:30 p.m. Melvin Wilmsmeyer by Barb Crites

### Sunday, January 13 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish Family

10:30 a.m. Deborah Saldin by Alice Newton

### Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family & St. Mary/St. Mark's for January 7-11

Monday - No Mass, Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Wednesday & Thursday - 8:00 a.m. Mass and Friday - 8:30 a.m. Mass at School

### Greeter's Schedule for January 12 & 13

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| 4:30 p.m.  | Team 2 |
| 8:00 a.m.  | Team 2 |
| 10:30 a.m. | Team 2 |

## FATHER EDGAR'S CORNER

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Epiphany! I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and beginning to the new year. It is hard to believe another decade is slipping away. 2019 – sure doesn't seem like my freshman year of high school started 20 years ago (August 1999). I also remember well my hometown's 175<sup>th</sup> celebration in 1994. Vandalia (The Old State Capital) will celebrate its Bicentennial this June. We as a parish family will be starting a new directory this Fall in preparation for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Elizabeth Parish in 2020 & 2021. Time flies. Due to the holidays, this bulletin is being mailed to the printers on Friday, December 21, and it's hard telling what all can happen in even two short weeks before you'll read this.

Please remember January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and we pray in gratitude in a special way for our Men's Club members in these days. The new prayer for this month is the first thing listed on page one.

Also in January we pray for unity among all Christians the week of Jan. 18-25, leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. We also remember the horrible anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973 on Jan. 22 with a Votive Mass praying for Peace & Justice. Hundreds of pilgrims from our Diocese will attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

In today's catechism corner is a little discourse on the Epiphany from the great theologian, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. May the Light of Christ reach others because we allow it to live within us!

~ Father Edgar

## RIGHT TO LIFE

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

"Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their 'Ad Limina' Visit, February 3, 2011, 2011 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

## 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. John Nolan (Ordained in 1977)  
Pastor at St. Joseph the Worker, Chatham

Fr. John Doctor, OFM (Ordained in 1976)  
Vice President for Mission and Ministry, Quincy University, Quincy

Msgr. Leo Enlow (Ordained in 1975)  
Pastor at St. Peter, Quincy, Dean of the Quincy Deanery

Fr. Joseph Carlos, OFM (Ordained in 1975)  
Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis and St. Rose of Lima, Montrose

Most Rev. George J. Lucas  
(Ordained for the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1975)  
8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Springfield-in-Illinois (1999-2009), 5<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Omaha, NE

Fr. William Spencer, OFM (Ordained in 1974)  
Chaplain at Quincy University

Fr. Donald Blickhan (Ordained in 1974)  
Chaplain at Illinois Veterans Home, Quincy

## CATECHISM CORNER

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

*Here Pope Benedict XVI (1/6/2006) explains what we celebrate and what we ought to consider on today's Feast:*

The light that shone in the night at Christmas illuminating the Bethlehem Grotto, where Mary, Joseph and the shepherds remained in silent adoration, shines out today and is manifested to all. The Epiphany is a mystery of light, symbolically suggested by the star that guided the Magi on their journey. The true source of light, however, the "sun that rises from on high" (cf. Lk 1: 78), is Christ.

In the mystery of Christmas, Christ's light shines on the earth, spreading, as it were, in concentric circles. First of all, it shines on the Holy Family of Nazareth: the Virgin Mary and Joseph are illuminated by the divine presence of the Infant Jesus. The light of the Redeemer is then manifested to the shepherds of Bethlehem, who, informed

by an Angel, hasten immediately to the grotto and find there the "sign" that had been foretold to them: the Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger (cf. *Lk 2: 12*).

The shepherds, together with Mary and Joseph, represent that "remnant of Israel", the poor, the *anawim*, to whom the Good News was proclaimed.

Finally, Christ's brightness shines out, reaching the Magi who are the first-fruits of the pagan peoples.

The palaces of the rulers of Jerusalem, to which, paradoxically, the Magi actually take the news of the Messiah's birth, are left in the shade. Moreover, this news does not give rise to joy but to fear and hostile reactions. The divine plan was mysterious: "The light came into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were wicked" (*Jn 3: 19*).

But what is this light? Is it merely an evocative metaphor or does this image correspond to reality? The Apostle John writes in his First Letter: "God is light; in him there is no darkness" (*I Jn 1: 5*); and further on he adds: "God is love". These two affirmations, taken together, help us to understand better: the light that shone forth at Christmas, which is manifested to the peoples today, is God's love revealed in the Person of the Incarnate Word. Attracted by this light, the Magi arrived from the East.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, therefore, alongside an expanding outward movement, a movement of attraction toward the center is expressed which brings to completion the movement already written in the Old Covenant. The source of this dynamism is God, One in Three Persons, who draws all things and all people to himself. The Incarnate Person of the Word is presented in this way as the beginning of universal reconciliation and recapitulation (cf. *Eph 1: 9-10*).

He is the ultimate destination of history, the point of arrival of an "exodus", of a providential journey of redemption that culminates in his death and Resurrection. Therefore, on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the liturgy foresees the so-called "Announcement of Easter": indeed, the liturgical year sums up the entire parable of the history of salvation, whose center is "the Triduum of the Crucified Lord, buried and risen".

In the liturgy of the Christmas season this verse of Psalm 98[97] frequently recurs as a refrain: "The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice" (v. 2).

These are words that the Church uses to emphasize the "epiphanic" dimension of the Incarnation: the Son of God

becoming human, his entry into history, is the crowning point of God's revelation of himself to Israel and to all the peoples. In the Child of Bethlehem, God revealed himself in the humility of the "human form", in the "form of a slave", indeed, of one who died on a cross (cf. *Phil 2: 6-8*). This is the Christian paradox.

Indeed, this very concealment constitutes the most eloquent "manifestation" of God. The humility, poverty, even the ignominy of the Passion enable us to know what God is truly like. The Face of the Son faithfully reveals that of the Father. This is why the mystery of Christmas is, so to speak, an entire "epiphany". The manifestation to the Magi does not add something foreign to God's design but unveils a perennial and constitutive dimension of it, namely, that "in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs... members of the same body and sharers of the promise through... the Gospel" (*Eph 3: 6*).

At a superficial glance, God's faithfulness to Israel and his manifestation to the peoples could seem divergent aspects; they are actually two sides of the same coin. In fact, according to the Scriptures, it is precisely by remaining faithful to his Covenant of love with the people of Israel that God also reveals his glory to other peoples. Grace and fidelity (cf. *Ps 89[88]: 2*), "mercy and truth" (cf. *Ps 85[84]: 11*), are the content of God's glory, they are his "name", destined to be known and sanctified by people of every language and nation.

However, this "content" is inseparable from the "method" that God chose to reveal himself, that is, absolute fidelity to the Covenant that reaches its culmination in Christ. The Lord Jesus, at the same time and inseparably, is "a light revealing to the Gentiles the glory of your people Israel" (*Lk 2: 32*), as the elderly Simeon was to exclaim, inspired by God, taking the Child in his arms when his parents presented him at the temple. The light that enlightens the peoples - the light of the Epiphany - shines out from the glory of Israel - the glory of the Messiah born, in accordance with the Scriptures, in Bethlehem, "the city of David" (cf. *Lk 2: 4*).

The Magi worshipped a simple Child in the arms of his Mother Mary, because in him they recognized the source of the twofold light that had guided them: the light of the star and the light of the Scriptures. In him they recognized the King of the Jews, the glory of Israel, but also the King of all the peoples.

The mystery of the Church and her missionary dimension are also revealed in the liturgical context of the Epiphany. She is called to make Christ's light shine in the world, reflecting it in herself as the moon reflects the light of the sun.

The ancient prophecies concerning the holy city of Jerusalem, such as the marvelous one in Isaiah that we have just heard: "Rise up in splendor! Your light has come.... Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance" (*Is* 60: 1-3), have found fulfilment in the Church.

This is what disciples of Christ must do: trained by him to live in the way of the Beatitudes, they must attract all people to God through a witness of love: "In the same way, your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your deeds and give praise to your heavenly Father" (*Mt* 5: 16). By listening to Jesus' words, we members of the Church cannot but become aware of the total inadequacy of our human condition, marked by sin.

The Church is holy, but made up of men and women with their limitations and errors. It is Christ, Christ alone, who in giving us the Holy Spirit is able to transform our misery and constantly renew us. He is the light of the peoples, the *lumen gentium*, who has chosen to illumine the world through his Church (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, n. 1).

"How can this come about?", we also ask ourselves with the words that the Virgin addresses to the Archangel Gabriel. And she herself, the Mother of Christ and of the Church, gives us the answer: with her example of total availability to God's will - "*fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum*" (*Lk* 1: 38) - she teaches us to be a "manifestation" of the Lord, opening our hearts to the power of grace and faithfully abiding by the words of her Son, light of the world and the ultimate end of history.  
So be it!

## PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

### Welcome back

Smiling faces, excited voices, and full of energy! We are so excited to be back and starting 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Let the learning begin!

### Fredbird

Fredbird will be putting on an assembly about teamwork. It will be held in the gym at 10 AM on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to join us!

### Elks Hoop Shoot

Free Throw contest on January 12, 2019 in St. Elizabeth gym. All students ages 8-13 on April 1, 2019 can join. Registration begins at 12:30; shoot begins at 1:30. No cost to enter. Winners will advance through district, state and regional hoop shoot contests.

## PARISH NEWS

**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** – "I frequently feel that certain persons are praying for me. I experience this suddenly in my soul, but I do not always know which person is interceding for me. I also know when some person has trouble because of something that has to do with me; of this too I am inwardly aware, even though the distance (that separates us) is very great" (Diary, 1018)

**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 daily!

## GC ROCK NEWS

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

ALL high school youth are welcome!

**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.

**MOSAIC BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** –To honor the Sanctity of Human Life Month in January, GC Rock will be helping Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Center with their baby bottle campaign. You may pick up a baby bottle in the back of church beginning Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Fill your bottle with change, bills, or a check to Mosaic and return the bottle to the container in the back of church. Thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign with us to celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life!

**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]

**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**

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**SCRIP PROGRESS**

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