

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

We Invite You To Join Us Often!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 10 2016

PARISH DIRECTORY

MAIN
877-3300

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PARISH LEADERSHIP

Finance Council	Charlotte Charbonnier
Parish Pastoral Council	Tammi Mooshegian
School Board	Jennifer Wilmsmeyer
Parent/Teacher Org	Shawna Morris
Ladies Sodality	Jennifer Hutson
Holy Name Men's Club	Rob Hutson
Men at Prayer	Dave Gensert
Funeral Dinners	Pat Loftus & Erin Ruesing
Athletic Director	Michelle Travnick
Maintenance Team	Bud Charbonnier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 10 – 1st Communion at 1:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 10 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 13 – RCIA at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC
 Thursday, April 14 – PTO Meeting at 7:00pm in Cafeteria
 Sunday, April 17 – Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, April 17 – PSR Class at 9:00 a.m. at School
 Sunday, April 17 – Ladies Sodality Mostaccioli Dinner
 11:30am – 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

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LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

LITURGICAL ROLES
April 16 & 17

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m.	C. Strehl, D. Wright, C. Charbonnier, P. Mills, D. Schrenk, C. Kessler, L. Black
8:00 a.m.	B. Loftus, M. Williams, B. Milianis, R. Carr E. & D. Mooshegian, M. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	E. Carney, L. Alegre, D. Riggs, M. Ryan, R. Logan, S. Dombek, D. Gensert

LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	K. Coley
8:00 a.m.	A. Loftus
10:30 a.m.	A. Yurko

SERVERS:

4:30 p.m.	K. Willaredt, A. Hutson, N. Boyd
8:00 a.m.	K. Friedel, J. Wilmsmeyer, A. Friedel
10:30 a.m.	A. Brewer, J. Callahan, R. Boschert

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, April 11

6:30 p.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, April 12

NO SERVICE

Wednesday, April 13

8:15 a.m. Emmett "Joe" Williams by Madeline Villotti

Thursday, April 14

8:15 a.m. Betty Snider by Ladies Auxiliary 1098

ADORATION

Friday, April 15

8:15 a.m. Melvin Byrd by Kay and Premo Clay
 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Prayers for World Peace

Saturday, April 16

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sunday, April 17 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. Richard Horbelt by Gene & Helen DeRuntz
 10:30 a.m. Charles Svoboda by Roberta Goeckner

Liturgical Schedule at Holy Family for April 11-15 Monday-8:00 a.m. Mass, Tuesday - No Mass, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. Mass, and Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass at School.

Liturgical Schedule at St. Mary's for April 11-15 Monday - No Mass, Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass

Greeter's Schedule for April 16 & 17

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

FATHER CHRIS'S CORNER

Fr. Chris' Cell phone: 618-798-03

1st COMMUNION

What a joy to celebrate with all of our 2nd graders as they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time this weekend. It is always one of my favorite days as a priest. A special welcome to all their family and friends who are here for this special day.

NO MASS TUESDAY

I will be attending the Mayor's prayer breakfast as we gather to pray for our community.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

To help defray the increasing cost of printing the bulletins and for missalettes, we are going to start a First Friday Memorial on the back page of the bulletin. This will start May 1, 2016 and go through April 1, 2017. The Memorial is a special offering made by parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish which your intentions are remembered at a Mass to be celebrated each First Friday throughout the entire year. The members of the Memorial are printed each week of the year in our parish Sunday Bulletin. St. Elizabeth Parish requests a yearly donation of \$60.00 for the intentions to be remembered at this monthly Mass. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for more information and/or to sign up. **The deadline to return the applications for the First Friday Memorials is April 13, 2016.**

AN EASTER GIFT TO THE PARISH

People often ask what the greatest need of the parish is. Currently it is the balance of our assessment for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal of the Diocese of Springfield. We are about \$20,000 short of what we need for this year. This bill has to be paid at the end of April. Would you consider giving at Easter to help meet this bill or to add to what you have given? I personally have given \$1250. Envelopes are available in the gathering space or the parish office. If everyone gives what they gave last year we can meet this goal.

RIGHT TO LIFE

"All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives." Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 121, www.goo.gl/ZJAtjF
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PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Daniel Jakel, San Diego; Antonio Chacon-Mendoza, Illinois; 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, Juneau, AK, Dylan Niles, Goodfellow AFB, TX

PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

- **St. Elizabeth School is currently accepting students for the 2016-2017 school year.** If you have not registered and you are interested in our school, please call (618) 877-3300 ext. 5. We will arrange a visit day for your child and a tour for your family. All faculty at St. Elizabeth School have a bachelor's degree or higher. All teachers have Illinois State Licensure. St. Elizabeth School is fully recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Diocese of Springfield. We completed our most recent certification process this past December and received an outstanding review in all areas including: Religious Education, Curriculum, School Planning, Personnel and Governance, Policies, and Facilities/Safety. St. Elizabeth School offers small class sizes, technology in the classroom and a safe learning environment. We are proud of our school community and their

commitment to Catholic Education. Come see what our parish school has to offer!

- **The Annual Car Seat Check** will be held on Saturday May 7th from 10:00 to 12:00 at St. Elizabeth Church. Save the date to have your child's safety seat inspected for proper installation. Thank you to Charbonnier State Farm for sponsoring the event.
- Please pray for our second grade students as they approach the Holy Table for the first time this weekend. May the Lord bless our **First Communicants**, strengthen their faith and increase their love for Jesus Christ.
- Congratulations to our March **Character Trait** award winners: Hector Rios, Morgan Hayes, Emily Jones, Taylor Bolden, Brooklyn Rudolph, Richie Moore, Marcus Gardner, Rebecca Loftus.
- Please contact the main office if you would like to assist us in selling or purchasing our remaining **candy bars**. Thank you to everyone for supporting our sale.

SAVE THE DATE!! Father Chris' 20th Anniversary in the Priesthood will be celebrated on Saturday, May 21st after 4:30 p.m. Mass. A dinner will be served in the cafeteria immediately following Mass. More information to follow in the bulletin.

LADIES' SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP –

Applications are available at St. Elizabeth Church Office and the Guidance Office at Granite City High School. Applications must be completed and **postmarked by April 11, 2016.** Applications submitted after April 11, 2016, will NOT be considered.

MOSTACCIOLI DINNER – Come join us for a real Italian Mostaccioli Dinner on April 17th 11:30 – 4 pm Sponsored by the Ladies Sodality. Cost will be \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids 4 – 10, under 4 will be free. Menu will be Mostaccioli, Salad, Dessert, Coffee and tea. Tickets in advance will be sold after all Masses and at the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!

St. Elizabeth School Early Bird Coupon

**Good for 1 free Small early
bird when you buy 1 Large early bird**

1 coupon / 1 game limit

PICNIC NEWS

The Picnic Committee is looking for a **Co-Chairman for the Funnel Cake Booth** to work with the current chairperson and take over in 2017. The picnic committee also needs an **enclosed box trailer** to use during the picnic. Please call Dennis Riggs at 931-2380 if interested in helping out.

PARISH NEWS

FLOOD LIGHTS – If anyone is interested in 75, 90 or 250 watt flood lights, you may stop by the parish office and pick up one or two.

MERCY MINUTES FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: If we live in this spirit of mercy, we ourselves will obtain mercy.
(From the Diary of St. Faustina, 550)

SAVE THE DATE!!!! The Parish Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses next weekend.

DIME PITCH – Pre-School is excitedly preparing for the Dime Pitch Booth at the Parish Picnic. We are in need of new and gently used stuffed animal donations. Please bring any donations to church or bring to the office during school hours. Thank you so much for helping us have an amazing booth at the picnic!

PICNIC NEWSLETTERS are now in the gathering space. Please take your envelope and your neighbors. Many exciting changes are detailed in this letter. Fewer raffles this year but more highlights and bands. Read all about it!!!

The Picnic Committee is in desperate need of a person to take the **Greek Booth * Wine Garden Booth** this year at the picnic. It is a very easy booth to manage.

All of the product is precooked. All you have to do is heat the product up and make the sandwich or pour the wine. The current chairperson will be out of town for a family event and will be back next year. If we do not get a chairperson for this booth, we will not have it at the picnic this year. Please call Dennis Riggs at 931-2380 if you would be interested in helping your picnic and parish out. Thank you!

GC ROCK NEWS

JOIN GC ROCK YOUTH GROUP!

We have fun things planned and don't want you to miss out! To start participating in our activities, come to one of our Gatherings or Service opportunities.... We want to meet you!

Please check our FB Page for any changes.

Sunday, April 10 – Gathering 6:30-8 at Holy Family

Saturday, April 16 – “God is Not Dead 2” Movie outing TBD

Sunday, April 17 – No Gathering

Saturday, April 23 – “One Faith Experience” and Matt Maher concert at Chaifetz Arena. (Tickets already purchased.)

Sunday, April 24 – Attend 9pm Mass at SLU (St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

Sunday, May 1 – Gathering 6:30-8 at St. Elizabeth

Saturday, May 7 – “MEET AND GREET”, All 8th Graders are invited after 4:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth. See bulletin announcement!

Youth and parents, PLEASE join our Facebook page, GC Rock Youth Group! Questions, please call Rita 972-4022, Dawn 709-3565, or Woody 876-7551.

CALLING ALL 8TH GRADERS!

8TH Graders.....Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7, for GC Rock's Meet & Greet! We are inviting you to a fun evening of snacks and outdoor fun to meet our current Rocks! It will start after the 4:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth. Keep an eye out for a flyer from school! Hope to see everyone there!

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Luncheon at Holy Family Church will meet on Tuesday, April 12th from 11-12pm. Cost is \$3.00. Bunco will also be played. Cost 50 cents. Hope to see you there!

Holy Family's Young at Heart will meet on Monday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Dropped calls are the stigma of our cell phone society and we feel both irritated and powerless when the line goes abruptly dead in the midst of a lively conversation.

The same is true of faith. We pray with the psalmist “O my God I cry by day, but you do not answer.

(Psalm 22-20) The network of our faith seems to have a dead zone. And there is no tech support number to call when our faith connection breaks down. But faith bids us to keep the line open and keep calling on the Lord.

Perseverance in prayer tends to re-establish our link to God. Lord, may we know your voice and hear you in silence.

Come spend an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass Friday, April 1 and ending before the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, April 2.

The hours most lacking for someone to keep Jesus company are:

Friday 10-11 am; 4-5pm; 5-6pm; 9-10pm

Saturday 4-5am; 5-6am

Is Jesus calling you?

EVENTS IN THE AREA

KING'S HOUSE RETREAT – Treat yourself to some well-earned peace and quiet while you rekindle your spiritual side. Join other men from your parish community on a weekend retreat at King's House in Belleville, Illinois. Just 15 minutes by freeway from St. Louis. Join us on April 22 to April 24. Contact our parish captain, Kevin Coley at 618-207-8741 if interested, or call the King's House at 618-397-0584 for more information or to register. More specific information is posted on the bulletin boards in the gathering space.

HOLY FAMILY FIRST ANNUAL CABBAGE ROLL DINNER – Holy Family in Granite City will be hosting a Cabbage Roll Dinner on Sunday, April 10th in the Community Center. The cost is \$9.00 per person and

includes cabbage rolls, green beans, mashed potatoes, homemade fruit cobbler and a beverage. If you are not a Cabbage Roll lover, we will also have Salisbury Steak. Please join us for some great food and good company. We will also have a bake sale where visitors may purchase yummy goods!

MUSIC – MUSIC – Church Women United presents the 33rd annual performance 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 17th, 2016 Unity Baptist Church (formerly Suburban Baptist Church) 2500 Saint Clair Ave., Granite City, IL. Tickets: \$5 each All proceeds collected will benefit: Granite City Community Care Center Inc., Good Samaritan House, Phoenix Crisis Center and Catholic Charities.

COME SHARE YOUR PIETY, STUDY, AND ACTION AT THE METRO EAST ULTREYA – Everyone is welcome to come and meet with other brothers and sisters in Christ to share and support each other in faith, thru piety, study, and action. Our next Ultreya will be Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Patrick's room at St. Mary's Church in Alton. Please feel free to contact Paula for more information or any questions at 618-946-1419.

MCHS – Marquette 9th Annual 5K Fun Run and 2 mile Walk on May 7, 2016. New this year: Kids races and a visit from the Bubble Bus! The Marquette 5k run and 2 mile walk will take place May 7 at 8:00am. The kid's race will begin at 8:45 with a mile and a ½ mile race. The cost is \$15 for kids, \$20 for students, \$25 for adults and \$65 for families. Each participant will receive a microfiber short sleeved t-shirt (sponsored by St. Anthony's) and Dukes donuts at the finish. There are medals in all age groups for the competitive participants but bikes and strollers are welcome as well. Please go to www.marquettecatholic.org/funrun to register online or call Meg Miller at 463-0585.

FMCHS – APRIL IS 7TH GRADE SHADOW MONTH! If you have a 7th grader interested in McGivney, be sure to visit www.McGivneyGriffins.com/Admissions and print a form to schedule a shadow day. A Shadow Day is a great way for interested students to experience McGivney first hand. Students are paired with a freshman ambassador, issued a laptop for the day, and lunch is on us! They are encouraged to participate in class, use our technology, meet new people, have fun in PE, and be as much of a Griffin as they want to be for the day. Following the Shadow Day, parents and students will have the opportunity to sit down with Principal Scholz for a brief meeting to talk about the day and the school.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

April 4

Week 40 Regular Income	
212 Envelopes	\$ 8,403.00
(Average Gift \$39.64)	
Loose	454.00
Tuition Assistance	958.00
Bldg. Repair & Maintenance	190.00
1st Offering	20.00
Special Projects	20.00
TOTAL	\$10,045.00

OTHER GIFTS

Candles	158.00
Catholic Times	20.00
Catholic Home Missions	30.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	30.00
Seminarians	90.00
Rice Bowl	273.00
March Bingo Profit	17,665.50

SCRIP PROGRESS

Week ending 04/04/16

	Shop n Save	National
	\$2,850.00	\$4,185.00
	Total Sales	
	\$7,035.00	
Year to Date		
	Shop n Save	National
	\$29,250.00	\$74,160.00
	TOTAL	
	\$103,410.00	

APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE:	\$5,031.00
APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES	(178.00)
APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE	\$4,853.00

SCRIP NEWS: We will no longer be selling gift cards for Sports Authority. They have been discontinued.

ACSA 2015/2016

Goal	\$57,868.00
Pledged	38,737.00
Pledge Payments	35,778.00
Balance Owed	\$22,090.00

142 of 894 Families Pledged
Average Pledge - \$272.80

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