



# Good Teacher Area Faith Community St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 8:00 am – 12:15 pm 1:15 – 4:00 pm  
*Monday – Friday*

## Sunday, December 24, 2023 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Sunday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi  
10:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (Carols begin at 9:40 pm)  
11:30 pm Convent Midnight Christmas Mass

### Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas

6:45 am Convent Mass  
8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)  
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Eucharistic Devotion)  
11:15 am Convent Christmas Mass

### Tuesday, December 26

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)  
3:00 pm Mass at Madison Ave. Apt.  
(Duane, Marian, & Ed Sarbaum)

### Wednesday, December 27

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jim DeCock)  
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass  
11:00 am Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

### Thursday, December 28

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Harold & Mary Ann Buysse)  
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass  
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)  
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

### Friday, December 29

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

### Saturday, December 30

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)  
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Larry Goslar, LeRoy Hebrank,  
George, Bertha, David DeVlaemink, Barb Wenker)  
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

### Sunday, December 31

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)  
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass  
9:30 am No Sunday FIRE  
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Ed & Marie Rose Boerboom)  
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

### Monday, January 1, 2024 ~ Solemnity of Mary

8:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the People)  
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Peace & Justice)

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas, almost! As we gather this weekend, it is for the one-day Fourth Week of Advent. Hopefully, our Advent preparations have been well, and we are well prepared for the celebration of our Lord's birth and for His second coming.

This Christmas season is the shortest possible, too. So, enjoy it well! I hope that this season we are about to enter is one filled with love, family, and laughter. But I also know that this season may be a little somber as we miss those who are no longer with us, whether that be the first year or more.

As this season of remembering that our Lord entered a human family, family is so important. But Jesus Christ also came to offer His life on the Cross for our salvation, giving us hope for that who have gone before us. So, if you are a little sad, that's okay – I suspect that our Lord understands.

As we listen to the Nativity story again, let's listen with new ears and hearts seeing beyond the familiar to seeing the love of the Lord for us. Even as we might watch some Christmas movies or listen to Christmas carols or even secular Christmas songs, to hear the themes of family, reconciliation, and love challenge us and healing us.

Thank you to all who helped to decorate our churches, as well as those who are assisting with the liturgical ministries this weekend, Christmas, and next weekend and Monday (New Years' Day) for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd



## ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,135.00	\$2,110.26	\$975.26
Loose	\$298.00	\$146.15	\$151.85
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$42,784.36	\$54,882.05	(\$12,097.69)

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday, December 31 – 10:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman

*Servers:* Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

*Lector:* Laura Hennen

*Musicians:* Sisters

*Offertory Gifts:* Brian & Darla Timmerman

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Linda Oftedahl, Shirley Maeyaert

*Ushers:* Mike Monnet, Brian Timmerman, Daren Van Keulen

#### **Monday, January 1 – 10:30 am – Solemnity of Mary**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman

*Servers:* Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

*Lector:* Doug Maeyaert

*Musicians:* John Rabaey

*Offertory Gifts:* Joel & Donna Van Damme

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Sandy Nuytten, Linda Oftedahl

*Cup:* Lila Schmidt, Corissa Van Keulen

*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$6,305.00	\$4,829.92	\$1,475.08.08
Loose	\$196.00	\$153.85	\$42.15
Online Giving	\$1,263.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$118,022.22	\$124,419.33	(\$6,397.11)

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday, December 30**

*Sacristan:* Mary Ann Christensen

*Servers:* Tom & Tim DeSmet

*Lector:* Nate Welsh

*Eucharistic Minister:* Ann Longtin

*Ushers:* Mike Longtin, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

#### **Sunday, December 31 – 8:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Ruth Bot

*Servers:* Charity, Robert, & Debbie Beisler

*Lector:* Teresa Myhre

*Eucharistic Minister:* Becky Engels

*Usher:* Richie Sorensen

#### **Monday, January 1 – 8:30 am – Solemnity of Mary**

*Sacristan:* Volunteer

*Servers:* Volunteers

*Lector:* Volunteer

*Eucharistic Minister:* Volunteers

*Usher:* Volunteer

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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## SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon)

Call 428.3919 to double-check Mass time.

*Vespers:* 5:45 pm (Monday – Friday) 6:00 pm (Sunday)

*Adoration:* 6:15 – 8:15 pm (Monday – Thursday)

6:15 – 7:30 pm (Friday) *Rosary:* 7:15 pm (Friday)

*Eucharistic Adoration:* 5:00 – 8:15 pm (Sunday)

✕ **Please note** that the Mass times for the convent are different this week.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Bostyn Nelson, daughter of Blake & Emily, born on July 28, 2023, and baptized on December 22, 2023, at St. Edward.

Bostyn ~ "You are a Child of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in His sight. Before God made you, He knew you. There is no one else like you." Psalm 139:13,14

### ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

✠ For devotion to the Christ Child

✠ That the love of Mary and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every mother

✠ That fathers will model Joseph in practicing their faith so they will lead by example

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, December 24

8:30 am St. Edward *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

10:30 am St. Eloi *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

4:30 pm St. Eloi *Christmas (anticipatory)*

10:00 pm St. Edward *Christmas (anticipatory)*

#### Monday, December 25

8:30 am St. Edward *Christmas*

10:30 am St. Eloi *Christmas*

#### Saturday, December 30

5:30 pm St. Edward

#### Sunday, December 31

8:30 am St. Edward

10:30 am St. Eloi

#### Monday, January 1

8:30 am St. Edward *Mary, Mother of God*

10:30 am St. Eloi *Mary, Mother of God*

### PRAYER REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Please call the church office with the names of those who would benefit from prayers.

#### Week of December 18 – December 24

✠ Karen Antony

✠ Nicole (Stiklestad) Marschall

✠ Bernie Moore

✠ Marilynn Pagel

✠ Francis Rabaey

### ONLINE GIVING – St. Edward

There is an option for parishioners of St. Edward to give their weekly, monthly, or capital campaign donations online. The first of the year would be a great time to



make this change. This is a safe and convenient way for you to make your donation to St. Ed's.

If you would like to sign up for this, here is the website:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/st-eds-church/giving/funds>

### YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is not far away, and it is time to start thinking of strategies to maximize the tax benefits of year-end giving. Federal tax laws and many state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities like your parish, diocese, schools, and other ministries. Remember that only gifts made by December 31, can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April.

Please consult your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation.

### EXODUS 90

Do you desire to be a better husband, a better father, and a better man for others – check out Exodus 90. Exodus 90 is a ninety-day program that gets us back to the fundamentals of the Christian faith: prayer, self-denial, and fraternity. It starts on January 1, 2024, and ends on March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday.

You can check it out for yourself at [Exodus90.com](http://Exodus90.com) or use the QR code. If interested or for more information contact, Joseph Callens at 507.828.2894 or [josephcallens67@gmail.com](mailto:josephcallens67@gmail.com)



### COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP – St. Eloi

Our cookie and fellowship tradition in our gathering space continues with your help. Would you be willing to bring 6 dozen cookies for a Sunday or two?

If you could bring cookies, please contact Sandy Nuytten at 829.9690 (or email her at [snytten@frontiernet.net](mailto:snytten@frontiernet.net)).

### COFFEE AND ROLLS – St. Edward

Coffee & rolls is schedule for the first Sunday of each month.

Please contact Tina Myhre if you would be willing to sponsor and help with any of the following dates:  
February 4 or March 10.

All donations go to your cause.

### YEAR OF WINNING

Week 5 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Jeanette Sharp



### AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – DECEMBER

For the persons with disabilities ~

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/2022/02/14/pope-francis-reveals-2023-prayer-intentions/>

#### Radio Rosary

Dec. 25: Sponsored by the Ivanhoe Knights of Columbus  
Dec. 26: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family  
Dec. 27: In memory of Doug & Jane Louwagie by Deb Thoof

Dec. 28: In memory of Marian Laleman

by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

Dec. 29: In memory of Henrik Weverka

by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

Dec. 30: In memory of Bernice Fischer

by David & Diane Hennen

Dec. 31: Sponsored by the Ivanhoe Knights of Columbus

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

### PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

#### Monday, December 25

Fr. Paul Timmerman  
Fr. Paul vandeCrommert  
Dcn. Steve Spilman  
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

#### Wednesday, December 27

Fr. Paul Wolf  
Dcn. Paul Treinen  
David Rabaey (Sem.)  
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

#### Friday, December 29

The women religious  
in the diocese

#### Sunday, December 31

All deceased priests  
All deceased deacons

#### Tuesday, December 26

Fr. Steve Verhelst  
Fr. Matt Wiering  
Dcn. Mike Thoennes  
Matt Wood (Sem.)

#### Thursday, December 28

Fr. Christian Adike  
Dcn. Travis Welsh  
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)  
Matt Wood (Sem.)

#### Saturday, December 30

All men & women whom  
God is calling to the  
priesthood or religious life

*“Whatever you do, work heartily,  
as for the Lord and not for men.”*  
Colossians 3:23

### SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

#### Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming

Catholic – Call the church office: 872.6346

#### Eucharist to Shut-ins:

St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 829.9690

St. Edward – December 30 Andrea Opdahl 829.8040

**Baptism Prep:** To set up a baptism date, call Caren at the office. Check the church website for Godparent requirements.

**RCIA:** If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 828.7012

### Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the purest of the pure, and the greatest believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly.

The best way for us to prepare for Christmas is to believe that, despite all we see happening in the world and in the Church today, Christian Civilization will indeed flourish and bloom again like never before.

As the fourth candle is lit, the following prayer may be said:

*O God, Rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by His truth.*

*May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us as we wait for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

O Wisdom, Holy Word of God, Jesus Christ –  
All things are in your hands,  
Come and show us the way to salvation.

# ADVENT

G O Y E F I L G N I T S A L R E V E E G Y I A M  
 S E G E T I H W H C H D F Z T B N C F M X N J F  
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ADVENT  
 EVERLASTING LIFE  
 CHRIST'S RETURN  
 FOUR CANDLES  
 EVERGREEN WREATH  
 CHRIST'S BIRTH

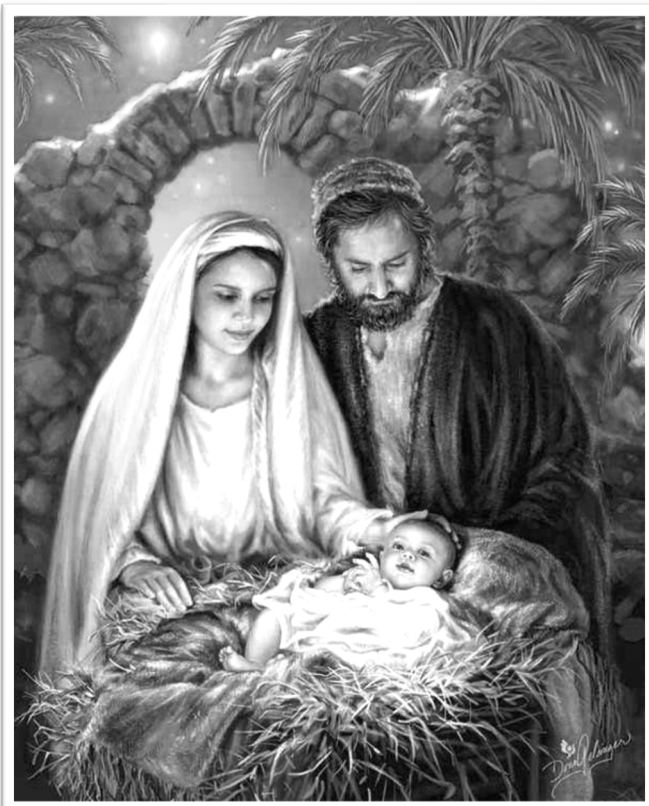
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 PEACE  
 WHITE

ARRIVAL  
 PREPARE  
 CELEBRATE  
 HOPE  
 PINK  
 WORSHIP

## A Christmas Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
 we thank you for the gift  
 of Your Son, Jesus,  
 whose birth into our world  
 we celebrate today.  
 Fill our hearts with the peace  
 that only He provides.  
 Let us share that peace with others  
 and help build Your kingdom  
 here on earth.  
 Amen.



## St. Eloi Liturgical Schedule for January & February ~ 2024

Reminder to please find your own replacement if you can't make your scheduled date.

If a Deacon is present for Mass, the Eucharistic Minister will not be needed.

### JANUARY

#### **Monday, January 1, 2024 – Solemnity of Mary - 10:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman  
*Servers:* Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh  
*Lector:* Doug Maeyaert  
*Musicians:* John Rabaey  
*Offertory Gifts:* Joel & Donna Van Damme  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Sandy Nuytten, Linda Oftedahl  
*Cup:* Lila Schmidt, Corissa Van Keulen  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

#### **Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord**

*Sacristan:* Corissa Van Keulen  
*Servers:* Evan & Elise Hennen  
*Lector:* Betsy Jo Kack  
*Musicians:* Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen  
*Offertory Gifts:* Daren & Corissa Van Keulen  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Ron Sussner, Darla Timmerman  
*Cup:* Mary Jo Bossuyt, Dan Sik  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

#### **Sunday, January 14**

*Sacristan:* Cindy Nelson  
*Servers:* Xavier & Mark Rabaey  
*Lector:* Jennifer Rabaey  
*Musicians:* Barb & Brad Hennen  
*Offertory Gifts:* Mike & Donna Van Keulen Family  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Don & Monica Senden  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

#### **Sunday, January 21**

*Sacristan:* Lila Schmidt  
*Servers:* Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke  
*Lector:* Steve Van Keulen  
*Musicians:* John Rabaey Family  
*Offertory Gifts:* Tim & Paula Van Keulen  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Beth Brewers, Karla Engels  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

#### **Sunday, January 28**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman  
*Servers:* Evan & Elise Hennen  
*Lector:* Brad Hennen  
*Musicians:* Sisters  
*Offertory Gifts:* Dan & Joy Wambeke Family  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

### FEBRUARY

#### **Sunday, February 4**

*Sacristan:* Corissa Van Keulen  
*Servers:* Evan & Elise Hennen  
*Lector:* Mike Van Keulen  
*Musicians:* Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen  
*Offertory Gifts:* Tom & Cindy Welsh  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Linda Oftedahl, Lila Schmidt  
*Ushers:* Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

#### **Sunday, February 11**

*Sacristan:* Cindy Nelson  
*Servers:* Xavier & Mark Rabaey  
*Lector:* Steve Hennen  
*Musicians:* Barb & Brad Hennen  
*Offertory Gifts:* Travis & Jessica Welsh Family  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Beth Brewers, Shirley Maeyaert  
*Cup:* Dan Sik, Ron Sussner  
*Ushers:* Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

#### **Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – 6:30 pm**

*Sacristan:* TBD  
*Servers:* TBD  
*Lector:* TBD  
*Musicians:* TBD  
*Offertory Gifts:* TBD  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* TBD  
*Ushers:* Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

Watch the  
bulletin for  
assignments.

#### **Sunday, February 18**

*Sacristan:* Lila Schmidt  
*Servers:* Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh  
*Lector:* Monica Senden  
*Musicians:* John Rabaey Family  
*Offertory Gifts:* Galen & Linda Boerboom  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Don Senden, Corissa Van Keulen  
*Ushers:* Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

#### **Sunday, February 25**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman  
*Servers:* Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke  
*Lector:* Bernie DeCock  
*Musicians:* Sisters  
*Offertory Gifts:* Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Karla Engels, Monica Senden  
*Ushers:* Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

