



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



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Facebook: One More Time Thrift Store

Sunday, December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday, December 27

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)

Tuesday, December 28

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (James Novasad)
3:00 pm Apartment Mass – *residents only* (Margaret Kimpe)

Wednesday, December 29

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Randy Bernardy)
• 10:00 am *Confession before Mass*
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Johnny Tillemans)
No Religious Ed
8:00 pm Teen Talk

Thursday, December 30

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Special intention)
• 6:30 am *Confession before Mass*
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Nancy Kennedy)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, December 31 – New Years' Eve
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

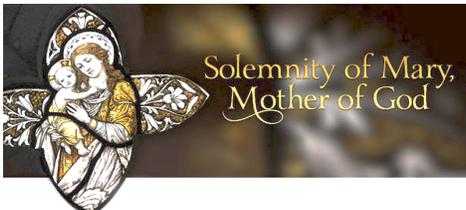
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Susan Gregner)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Audrey Friedrichs)

Saturday, January 1 – New Years' Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 am Mass at St. Edward (For the people)
11:30 am Mass at St. Eloi Convent (George Louwagie)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Ray DeVos)
• 4:45 pm *Confession before Mass*

Sunday, January 2

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Doug & Jeannette Konold)
• 8:00 am *Confession before Mass*
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Don Maeyaert)
• 10:00 am *Confession before Mass*



Dear Parishioners.

Merry Christmas! I pray that this season may be one of happiness and peace. May the words of the angels to the shepherds be in your hearts – "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests".

This passage is an encapsulated version of the Gospel – that peace is to those who do God's will. If we lack peace, there is something wrong. Peace is beyond understanding, beyond circumstances. The shepherds experienced peace in receiving the newborn Lord, despite their poverty and low social status. St. Joseph experienced it in being faithful to his commitment to the Blessed Mother, despite the unique situation they were in. The Blessed Mother experienced peace in her travels and giving birth.

A few weeks ago, I found myself contemplating the fact that many of us have experienced loss this year. There is sadness in the fact that some of the people that gathered around us last year are not here this year. While there is no replacing the person, their chairs do not remain empty, hopefully, but that God in His mercy sends others to fill the chair so that the banquet will be full. And we rejoice that those who have gone before us with the faith in Christ and a life given to Him are granted a seat at the eternal banquet, where no chair is ever emptied and, in fact, the table is constantly being expanded.

This Christmas season is one to thank God for the gift of salvation, that in Christ, God and sinners are reconciled. So, join in the song of rejoicing, even as we might shed little tears of grief. We are a people of hope, because Christ was born for us.

This weekend, we continue our Christmas celebrations with a reflection on the Holy Family. Jesus chose to enter the world in the most natural and basic way – into a family. May all families be blessed by the Holy Family; may their model inspire us to holy lives of communion with each other.

This Friday evening/Saturday morning is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, typically a Holy Day of Obligation. The obligation is lifted this year, but I will offer a Mass in both parishes, along with the noon Mass with the Sisters. See the calendar for times and places.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,489.00	\$2,110.26	\$3,378.74
Loose	\$295.63	\$146.15	\$149.48
Commodity	\$		\$
Year-to-Date	\$63,371.45	\$55,512.88	\$8,858.57

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31 – New Years' Eve – 5:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Kate & Evan Hennen, Joseph Ries

Lector: Monica Senden

Eucharistic Minister: Corissa VanKeulen, Don Senden

Musicians: John Rabaey & family

Offertory Gifts: Dan & Shari Maeyaert

Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim VanKeulen

Sunday, January 2 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Corissa VanKeulen

Servers: Leo Hennen, Xavier Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Bernie DeCock

Eucharistic Minister: Monica Senden

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Mike & Angie Monnet family

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mike DeSutter

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,025.00	\$4,829.92	(\$1,804.92)
Youth	\$3.00	\$5.69	(\$2.69)
Loose	\$136.00	\$153.85	(\$17.85)
Commodity	\$2,500.04		
Online Giving	\$370.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Thanksgiving	\$20.00		
Christmas	\$1,100.00		
Year-to-Date	\$120,320.88	\$124,524.69	(\$4,203.81)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1 – New Years' Day – 8:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sacristan: MaryAnn Christensen

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

Lector: **NEEDED FOR**

Eucharistic Minister: **OTHER POSITIONS**

Ushers:

Saturday, January 1 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny

Servers: Kaci & Kylie Callens, Ella Moorse

Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Thoof

Ushers: Rod & Ross Abraham, Bruce Novotny, Chuck Vlaminc

Sunday, January 2 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens

Servers: Joseph & Charity Beisler, Mason Moorse

Lector: Ruth Bot

Eucharistic Minister: Neal Bot

Ushers: Joe Callens

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon) on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
Call 428.3919 to double-check the time.
Vespers: 6:15 pm Adoration: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
Office: 872.6391

No School – December 22 through January 4

January 5 – School will resume (this is different from the public school)

School Sponsorship

December 29 – Brenda Vershelde

December 31 – Brad & Barb Hennen Family

December 31 – Sofia Rabaey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENVELOPES – St. Edward & St. Eloi

The envelopes for donations throughout the year are ready to be picked up. They are in the basement. Please help the cause and pick-up friends and neighbors as well. Let's have all of these envelopes handed out by January 16. Thank you for your assistance.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – St. Eloi & St. Edward

Donations for Christmas poinsettias may be sent to the parish office or put in the collection basket for both St. Edward and St. Eloi parishes.

Please note who you would like the poinsettia to be in memory of if it's a specific person or family.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL – Help Needed

St. Edward School is currently looking for a part time cleaning person, a substitute hot lunch cook, and substitute teachers. Please spread the word.

YEAR END TAX INFO – St. Edward & St. Eloi

Please contact Caren (872.6346) at the office if you would like your year end donation record for tax purposes.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA

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 – January 1 Fr. Todd 872.6346
- **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 – 507.828.7012



Radio Rosary – Week of Dec. 27, 2021 – Jan. 2, 2022

Dec. 27: In memory of George Louwagie by Tony & Ruth Louwagie

Dec. 28: In memory Judy Ourada by her family & friends

Dec. 29: In memory of Herman & Margaret Rupp & family

Dec. 30: In memory of George Louwagie by Pat Louwagie

Dec. 31: In memory of Helen & George McGuire
by Tom & Madeline Swedzinski

Jan. 1: Sponsored by Steve & Beth Ritter

Jan. 2: In memory of Lawrence Louwagie by Ardyce Louwagie

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie:
507.532.6081

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, December 27

Fr. Paul vandeCrommert
Fr. Steve Verhelst
David Rabaey (Sem.)

Wednesday, December 29

All deceased priests
All deceased deacons
Tanner Thooft (Sem.)

Friday, December 31

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

Sunday, January 2

Our next Bishop

Tuesday, December 28

Fr. Matt Wiering
Fr. Paul Wolf
Sam Rosemeier (Sem.)

Thursday, December 30

All Women Religious
in the Diocese

Saturday, January 1

Pope Francis

**BEFORE I WAS BORN,
GOD CHOSE ME AND
CALLED ME BY HIS
MARVELOUS GRACE.**

GALATIANS 1:15



He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned—put together—have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that

one solitary life.

Seasonal Messages from Pope Francis

Watch on EWTN –

Saturday, December 25

At 6 am live, Pope Francis delivers his Christmas *Urbi et Orbi* Message and Blessing. (Re-airs 3 pm, 10 pm.)

Friday, December 31

At 3:30 pm, Pope Francis delivers his new year's *Urbi et Orbi* Message and Blessing. At 4 pm he presides at *Vespers of Thanksgiving* in St. Peter's.

Saturday, January 1

At 4 am live Pope Francis celebrates Mass for the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*. (Re-airs 11:30 am.)

Loving God,
Help us remember
the birth of Jesus,
that we may share
in the song of the angels,
the gladness
of the shepherds,
and worship of
the wise men.

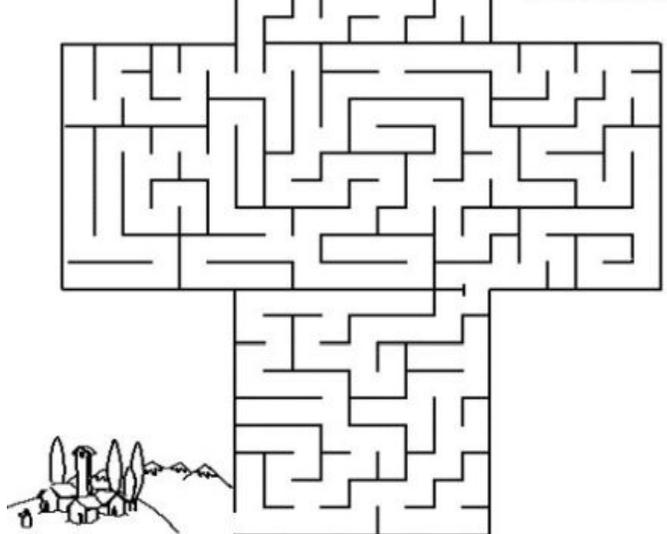
~ Robert Louis Stevenson



Have a Blessed Christ-mas



Guide
Mary and Joseph
to Bethlehem.



St. Eloi Liturgical Schedule for January & February ~ 2022

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

Sunday, January 2

Sacristan: Corissa VanKeulen
Servers: Leo Hennen, Xavier Rabaey, Tyler Welsh
Lector: Bernie DeCock
Eucharistic Minister: Monica Senden
Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
Offertory Gifts: Mike & Angie Monnet family
Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mike DeSutter

Sunday, January 9

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
Servers: Mark Rabaey, Joseph Ries, Toby Wambeke
Lector: Karla Engels
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Kesteloot
Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
Offertory Gifts: Ray & Colleen Noyes
Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mike DeSutter

Sunday, January 16

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt
Servers: Kate & Evan Hennen, Tyler Welsh
Lector: Laura Hennen
Eucharistic Minister: Beth Brewers, Shirley Maeyaert
Musicians: John Rabaey & family
Offertory Gifts: Mark & Cindy Nelson
Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mike DeSutter

Sunday, January 23

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Leo Hennen, Xavier & Mark Rabaey
Lector: Doug Maeyaert
Eucharistic Minister: Lila Schmidt
Musicians: Sisters
Offertory Gifts: Gary & Sandy Nuytten
Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mike DeSutter

Thursday, January 30

Sacristan:
Servers: Evan Hennen, Joseph Ries, Toby Wambeke
Lector: Betsy Jo Kack
Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Nuytten
Musicians: John Rabaey & family
Offertory Gifts: Daren Ries & family
Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley,
Mike DeSutter

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 6

Sacristan: Corissa VanKeulen
Servers: Kate Hennen, Leo Hennen, Tyler Welsh
Lector: Jennifer Rabaey
Eucharistic Minister: Gene Bossuyt
Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen
Offertory Gifts: Linda Oftedah!
Usher: Mike Monnet, Brian Timmerman, Daren VanKeulen

Sunday, February 13

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
Servers: Xavier & Mark Rabaey, Toby Wambeke
Lector: Steve VanKeulen
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Oftedah!
Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
Offertory Gifts: John & Jennifer Rabaey family
Usher: Mike Monnet, Brian Timmerman, Daren VanKeulen

Sunday, February 20

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt
Servers: Kate & Evan Hennen, Joseph Ries
Lector: Dylan Kack
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Jo Bossuyt
Musicians: John Rabaey & family
Offertory Gifts: Travis & Amanda Rupp family
Usher: Mike Monnet, Brian Timmerman, Daren VanKeulen

Sunday, February 27

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Leo Hennen, Xavier Rabaey, Tyler Welsh
Lector: Brad Hennen
Eucharistic Minister: Caroline VanKeulen
Musicians: Sisters
Offertory Gifts: Dale & Lila Schmidt
Usher: Mike Monnet, Brian Timmerman, Daren VanKeulen



St. Edward Liturgical Schedule for January & February ~ 2022

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

JANUARY

Saturday, January 1 – 8:00 am

Sacristan: MaryAnn Christensen
Servers: Volunteer
Lector: Volunteer
Eucharistic Minister: Volunteer
Usher: Volunteer

Saturday, January 1 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Kaci & Kylie Callens, Ella Moorse
Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Thooft
Usher: Rod & Ross Abraham, Bruce Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, January 2

Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Joseph & Charity Beisler, Mason Moorse
Lector: Ruth Bot
Eucharistic Minister: Neal Bot
Usher: Joe Callens

Saturday, January 8

Sacristan: Mary Kampa
Servers: Noah & Niara Gorecki
Lector: MaryAnn Christensen
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Ludwikowski
Usher: Rod & Ross Abraham, Bruce Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, January 9

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Wyatt & Landon Pohlen
Lector: Fran Sturm
Eucharistic Minister: Becky Engels
Usher: Joe Callens

Saturday, January 15

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Lydia & Leah Coequyt
Lector: Claren Novotny
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kampa
Usher: Rod & Ross Abraham, Bruce Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, January 16

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
Servers: Robert Beisler, Sam & Elena Myhre
Lector: Terry VanKeulen
Eucharistic Minister: Seth Myhre
Usher: Joe Callens

Saturday, January 22

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Tara & Gabe Sterzinger
Lector: Mary Kampa
Eucharistic Minister: Fred Rabaey
Usher: Rod & Ross Abraham, Bruce Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, January 23

Sacristan: Terry VanKeulen
Servers: RJ Sorensen, Ian Myhre
Lector: Teresa Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: Fran Sturm
Usher: Joe Callens

Saturday, January 29

Sacristan: MaryAnn Christensen
Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Sylvia Rabaey
Lector: Cathy Halverson
Eucharistic Minister: Nate Welsh
Usher: Rod & Ross Abraham, Bruce Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, January 30

Sacristan: Diane Hennen
Servers: Lane & Kylee Loyson, Brynn Kern
Lector: Julie Janiszski
Eucharistic Minister: Terry VanKeulen
Usher: Joe Callens

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 5

Sacristan: Mary Kampa
Servers: Tom & Tim DeSmet
Lector: Nate Welsh
Eucharistic Minister: Margrit Rabaey
Usher: Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman, Tom & Paula Sterzinger

Sunday, February 6

Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Joseph & Charity Beisler, Mason Moorse
Lector: Joe Callens
Eucharistic Minister: Dawn Vlaminck
Usher: Rick Bot

Saturday, February 12

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Kaci & Kylie Callens, Ella Moorse
Lector: Tim Gossen
Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Buysse
Usher: Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman, Tom & Paula Sterzinger

Sunday, February 13

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Ian Myhre, Elizabeth Garvey
Lector: Tina Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: Tina Myhre
Usher: Rick Bot

Saturday, February 19

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Eli Faris, Faith Myhre
Lector: Eriann Faris
Eucharistic Minister: Eriann Faris
Usher: Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman, Tom & Paula Sterzinger

Sunday, February 20

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
Servers: Wyatt & Landon Pohlen
Lector: Cynthia Moorse
Eucharistic Minister: David Vlaminck
Usher: Rick Bot

Saturday, February 26

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Noah & Niara Gorecki
Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
Eucharistic Minister: Claren Novotny
Usher: Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman, Tom & Paula Sterzinger

Sunday, February 27

Sacristan: Terry VanKeulen
Servers: Robert Beisler, Elana & Sam Myhre
Lector: Fran Sturm
Eucharistic Minister: Neal Bot
Usher: Rick Bot