



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

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Sunday, January 1, 2023

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – New Years' Day

Monday, January 2

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

Tuesday, January 3

12:00 pm Mass at Convent
(Ed, Marie Rose, Tom, & Jessica Boerboom)
3:00 pm Mass at Apartments (Rich Kimpe)

Wednesday, January 4

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Staff (Vince LeGare)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (John Brewers)
5:30 pm Religious Ed Grades 1-5
6:30 pm Religious Ed Grades 6-12
6:30 pm Adoration Holy Hour

Thursday, January 5

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Alice Abraham)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent
(Frank, Delores, Richard, & Shirley Sussner)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, January 6

5:45 am TMIY
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Mary Bernardy)
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Wendy Jasurda)

Saturday, January 7

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Emmil & Louise Goossens)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the People)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jim Rolbiecki)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday FIRE at Knights' Hall
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Greg & Scott Kesteloot)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Unlike many around us, the celebration is continuing. Unlike the commercial celebrations which are already decorating for Valentine's Day (Walmart in Mankato was setting up displays on Monday, the day following Christmas, while others clamored for the leftover Christmas trimmings at the "After Christmas Sale." Sad. I was tempted to tip the displays over in the style of Jesus. No, not really, but I was disappointed to see how quickly others are at ending the celebration of Christmas.

My prayer for this New Year is for all of us to grow in our faith and deeper into the liturgical life of the Church, which will help us remember the meaning of the Eucharist and the gift our Lord has given us in His Holy Presence.

I know that these last years have been difficult for so many with the COVID virus and lockdowns. Many of us lost loved ones. We see a polarization of political factions with polls suggesting a deep distrust of others how have different opinions. We too easily are focusing on the negative. I think this is all part and parcel of a deeper wound that is the result of a rejection of God. That is another reason for my prayer.

When we come to the Mass, do we see it as a burden or a requirement, or do we see it as a gift and something that we must do not out of external obligation but of an internal need to give thanks? And, with that thankfulness in mind, aware of the great grace and dignity that the Lord has given us, loving those around us.

Perhaps my prayer is a tall one, but the Lord can do this, if we are willing to seek Him out.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

"By her motherhood, Mary shows us that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong." ~ Pope Francis



ST. ELOI

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Adult | \$2,359.20 | \$2,110.26 | \$248.94 |
| Loose | | \$146.15 | (\$146.15) |
| Commodity | | | |
| Christmas | \$11,448.20 | | |
| Year-to-Date | \$63,109.74 | \$57,405.36 | \$5,704.38 |

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 8

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Elise Hennen, Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Betsy Jo Kack

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: John & Jennifer Rabaey Family

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Adult | \$3,725.00 | \$4,829.92 | (\$1,104.92) |
| Loose | | \$153.85 | (\$153.85) |
| Commodity | | | |
| Christmas | \$7,456.98 | | |
| Online Giving | \$635.00 | *Added to the adult envelope total | |
| Year-to-Date | \$148,201.23 | \$134,176.05 | \$14,025.18 |

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Tara & Gabe Sterzinger, Talia Fier

Lector: Mary Kampa

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Buysse

Ushers: Jerry Kloos, Jacki Laleman, Chuck Vlaminck, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, January 8

Sacristan: Fran Sturm

Servers: RJ & Reed Myhre

Lector: Teresa Myhre

Eucharistic Minister: Seth Myhre

Usher: Rick Bot

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

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

Call 428.3919 to double-check Mass time.

Vespers: 6:15 pm Adoration: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

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January 2, 2023 – School resumes

January 3, 2023 – School Mass lead by the staff

January 5, 2023 – 1:30 pm Christmas Program

Sponsorship of St. Edward School



ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXODUS90

Men – are you ready to take more control of your life? To grow closer to God? To become a better man for your family?

If you are ready for these changes, 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 9, 2023, and ends on April 9, 2023, Easter Sunday.

You can check it out for yourself at www.Exodus90.com. If interested or for more information contact, Joseph Callens (828.2894) or josephcallens67@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

St. Edward's Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023, at the Minneota Public School in the competition gym.

Boys and girls (ages 9-14) please come and shoot. Candy for all and plaques for the winners will be awarded. Sign up starts at 1:00 pm with shooting starting at 1:30 pm.

Any questions please call Wayne Hennen, 605.391.3145.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS AVAILABLE

There are liturgical calendars by the entrances of both St. Edward & St. Eloi. Please take one home today!

These have been provided by Horvath Funeral Service.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEALS AVAILABLE

Please contact Marlene Polejewski (507.828.5878) if you know anyone in need of a meal. This could be someone who has lost a loved one, has a newborn, or has recently been hospitalized.

TAX INFORMATION

If you would like a copy of your donations for 2022 for tax purposes, please contact Caren in the church office.

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

- ✠ For the protection of the unborn
- ✠ For world peace and justice
- ✠ For an increase in vocations to the priesthood & religious life

LITURGY MATTERS #9

After the Gloria is the opening prayer. In the past, this prayer was referred to as the "collect." The priest solemnly invites the people, "Let us pray."

Of course, we have been praying from the start, so this invitation means to signal a shift of levels, prayer with a different kind of attention. After a short pause for silence, the priest stretches his hands and says a prayer whose purpose is to "collect" into a few short lines, all the strands of what has taken place so far, as well as all the strands of our many individual thoughts. Therefore, this collect effectively places us all together into one succinctly expressed address to God the Father.

The prayer is addressed to Him and is always structured according to the same pattern, according to a very ancient usage. It helps to be attentive and listen for this pattern. God is first addressed, using one or more of His many titles. Next, we remember before God what God has done, not because He has forgotten, but because remembering is from biblical times a fundamental form of prayer.

Next, on the basis of what is remembered, we ask for something in the present, for ourselves and for the whole church and world. When we remember what God has done in the past, we have the courage and reason to hope for what we ask for in the present.

In the final move of this pattern of prayer, all that we ask the Father is asked "through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever."

In the pattern of the opening prayer, we have the shape or pattern of prayer that will mark all the praying of the Mass. All the prayers are addressed to God the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. This is the shape of our prayer, this is the pattern of our movement within the divine life of the Trinity. To this prayer all the people say, "Amen."

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 6 – Congratulations! The Winner Is ... Laurie Laleman (Steve)



POPE'S PRAYER OF THE MONTH – JANUARY

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon all teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever.

Amen.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/2022/12/28/prayer-of-the-month-january-2023/>

MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

Our 2023 Men's Emmaus weekend is set for February 10-12 at Lake Shetek. Men from our parish (and from any other parish) are invited.

Go ahead – take a brief step away from your busy schedule. Spend some quality time listening, reflecting, and strengthening your faith. Please join us.

Call Gerry Toland (828.7378), Roger Schroeder (828.1455), Tom Meyer (530.2472), or Brian Timmerman (428.3519)

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 7 Andrea Opdahl 872.6832 44
- **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

- Jan. 2: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Ralph Leifgen
- Jan. 3: Sponsored by the Ivanhoe Knights of Columbus
- Jan. 4: In memory of Madeline Timmerman by Florence Soenen
- Jan. 5: In memory of Wade Johnson by his friends
- Jan. 6: In memory of Gerald Hoffman by Leonard & Marian Louwagie

Jan. 7: In memory of Bernice Neuman by her family

Jan. 8: In memory of Sandy Alcorn by Mary Ann & family

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, January 2

Bishop Chad Zielinski

Tuesday, January 3

Fr. Christian Adike
Fr. Garrett Ahlers
Dcn. Arthur Abel
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Wednesday, January 4

Fr. James Barry
Fr. Josh Bot
Dcn. Russ Blaschko
David Rabaey (Sem.)

Thursday, January 5

Fr. David Breu
Fr. Eugene Brown
Dcn. Bruce Bot
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Friday, January 6

Fr. Pat Casey
Fr. James Devorak
Dcn. Rick Christiansen
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Saturday, January 7

Fr. Michael Doyle
Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku
Dcn. Tim Dolan
Matthew Wood (Sem.)

Sunday, January 8

Fr. Fred Fink
Msgr. Doug Grams
Fr. John Goggin
Lucas Baker (Sem.)

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

PRAYER FOR 2023

Lord, in spite of what I see and everything happening, I pray for your complete peace. In my circumstances don't let me be anxious or troubled.

Help me to pray about everything, leaving it all in your hands. As I do, let your peace rest in my heart as I trust in you.

Lord, help me to fix my eyes on you. There are so many distracting voices clamoring for my attention. Help me to shut those out to focus on your voice. Help me to make room for you and to make time with you a top priority in my life.

*In your name I pray,
Amen*

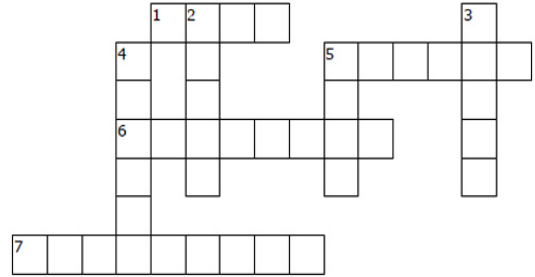
New Year with God

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The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

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| JOSEPH | ANGEL | BETHLEHEM | BABY |
| MARY | SHEPHERD | JESUS | MANGER |

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| Church | Congregation | God |
| Hebrews | Holy Bible | Holy Spirit |
| Jesus | Offering | Pastor |
| Praise | Prayer | Respect |
| Sanctuary | Sunday School | Worship |

THIS YEAR:
MY NAME:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

I will spread **kindness** by

Throughout the year, I will **pray** for...

I will help my **family** this year by

I will learn more about **God** by

MY BEST MEMORY FROM LAST YEAR:

WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE NEW YEAR:

DRAW YOUR HAPPY NEW YEAR SELFIE!