



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



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Sunday, November 28, 2021 **The First Sunday of Advent**

Monday, November 29

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

Tuesday, November 30

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Betty Claeys & family)
3:00 pm Nursing Home Mass – *residents only* (Special intention)
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, December 1

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1 & 2 (Armand Dandurand)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Virgil Buysse)
5:30 pm Religious Ed Grades 1-5
6:30 pm Religious Ed Grades 6-11
8:00 pm Teen Talk

Thursday, December 2

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Alice Abraham)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Alfred & Irene Rabaey)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, December 3

5:45 am That Man Is You
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Jim Wambeke)
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Dennis Engels)

Saturday, December 4

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent
(Bernie & Julie DeCock family)
1:15 pm Baptism at St. Eloi
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Larry Goslar, George & Bertha
DeVlaeminck, LeRoy, Charlie, & Mary Hebrank)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 5

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the people)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 – 10:30 Sunday FIRE in Knights' Hall
9:30 am Youth choir practice at St. Edward
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (VanMoer & Bossuyt families)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Well, not calendar year or fiscal year, but rather the liturgical year. This Sunday we begin the penitential season of Advent. This season of course prepares for Christmas, which in itself is more than celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, but also remembering that He will come again, hence the preparation through penance.

Despite the culture's insistence that we are already in the Christmas season (and have been for some time it would seem based on the displays in stores) and that this season ends the day following Christmas – when we in the church year are just beginning.

To celebrate Advent well, we need to remember that this is a separate and distinct season. Our Advent wreath counts the weeks, the Advent calendar counts down the days, the Jesse Tree reminds us of our ancestors in the Faith who waited and prepared for the first coming of Christ and spur us to prepare for His return. One 'new' tradition might be to read a chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke every day of December (there are 24 chapters, so you would read the last chapter the morning of Christmas Eve. While it might be necessary to prepare our homes for Christmas, it is more important to prepare our hearts through prayer, penance and sacramental confession. If we celebrate Advent well, we will be well prepared for the Christmas season (which coincidentally ends with the Baptism of the Lord on January 9). Resist the carols, cards, and decorations, at least for a few weeks.

This year, Christmas falls on a Saturday (meaning Advent is the second longest it can be – next year it will be the longest as Christmas will be on a Sunday). Because Christmas 'trumps' the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday, December 26, any Masses Christmas Evening must be for Christmas.

Because of the need for personal family time in addition to the lack of need for an additional Christmas Mass, we will have no evening Mass on the evening of December 25. I am willing to offer an evening Mass on Sunday, December 26 but need feedback. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would attend this Mass. If I don't get at least a handful of people, I will not plan on offering it.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$455.00	\$2,110.26	(\$1,655.26)
Loose	\$141.00	\$146.15	(\$5.15)
Commodity	\$		\$
Year-to-Date	\$47,719.36	\$46,607.69	\$1,111.67

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 5

Sacristan: Corissa VanKeulen

Servers: Xavier & Mark Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Oftedahl

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Steve & Missy Hennen

Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim VanKeulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,797.00	\$4,829.92	(\$3,032.92)
Youth	\$2.00	\$5.69	(\$3.69)
Loose	\$187.02	\$153.85	\$33.17
Commodity			
Online Giving	\$470.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$91,362.17	\$103,817.73	(\$12,455.56)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 4

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Kaci & Kylie Callens, Ella Moore

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kampa

Ushers: Charlie Callens, Jerry Kloos, Mike Longtin

Sunday, December 5

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Robert, Joe, & Charity Beisler

Lector: Lisa Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: Neal Bot

Ushers: Mike Vlaminck

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

The Student Council is collecting food items and money to donate to the Marshall Area Food Shelf. Donations are accepted until Tuesday, November 30. The collection box is by the main entrance of the church and over at the school.

Thank you to Emily & Andy Hennen for taking the can trailer to Marshall. The school earned \$464.

Thank you to Sterzinger's for delivering a load of pea rock for the playground. Also, thanks to Luke & Don Gorecki for distributing it on the playground.

Thank you to Trudy Banks – secretary, Cynthia Moore – hot lunch director, and Sara Gorecki – nurse. The hard work of our staff and volunteers keeps our school running!

We are participating in a \$25,000 matching grant opportunity given by the Richard M. Schultz Family Foundation. The education committee has been working on the best use of these funds (we first need to raise our \$25,000 match, however).

Project 1 – Bleachers and a new floor in the gym.

Estimated cost \$18,850.

Project 2 – Refurbishing the middle school plumbing which is original to the 1958 construction. (\$68,500)

Project 3 – A part-time marketing position for the school.

This match must be completed by raising the \$25,000 before December 31, 2021. The requirement is that the contribution must from donors who have increased their giving from prior years or new donors.

Please help us in finding new donors for our school.

December 8 @7 pm – Christmas Concert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Welcome to our parish Leonardo Giovanni Jones, son of Nathan & Kacie. He was born on October 27, 2021, and will be baptized on December 4, 2021, at St. Eloi.

Leonardo ~ You are a Child of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in His sight. Psalm 13:9

SYMPATHY

Prayers to the family of Judy Bot, who passed away on Sunday, November 21, with her funeral held on Saturday, November 27. May God's peace be with you at this time.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelations 21:4

ALL SOULS DAY – Candles to be picked up

There are several candles from the All Souls Day Mass in the back of church that need to be picked up. They are in memory of Francis Arends and Jeanette Hoberg.

HOSPITALITY MEALS

If you know someone who is ill, had surgery, or a new baby, please let Marlene Polejewski (872.6042) know and a meal will be delivered to their home.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL ~ Christmas Concert & Meal

The Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 8, at 7 pm. All are invited to attend!

There will be a pulled pork meal before the concert in the church basement. It will be from 5:30 -7:00 pm. Free will offering with proceeds supporting scholarships for our seniors next spring.

SCHOENSTATT GIRLS GROUP

There will **NOT** be a meeting on Monday, November 29.

Meetings will begin again on Monday, January 31, 2022, at 3 pm.

Have a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

RAFFLE TICKET WINERS

Please pick up your fall festival raffle winnings from the church office. Tom Abraham, Michelle DeSmet, Kurt Fier, Julie Janiszkeski, Jenalyn Longtin, Stacey Longtin, & Paul Swedzinski.

MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP – Christmas Baking

The Minneota Area Mission trip will be doing their annual Christmas baking fundraiser. The baking will include lefse, Belgian cookies, and Oreo truffles. Order form is below. Orders will be taken until December 5 and the baking day is on December 12.

Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Lefse (3 sheets/bag) _____ @ \$5.00 each = _____

Belgian cookies (12) _____ @ \$5.00 each = _____

Oreo truffles (8) _____ @ \$5.00 each = _____

TOTAL = _____

Orders due December 5, 2021 – drop off at Hope Lutheran or call Emily Hennen (828.6797). Orders may also be turned into your church or to Emily at the public school.

Baking day is Sunday, December 12, 2021. Orders will be ready to be picked up late that afternoon.

Delivery in Minneota or Ivanhoe _____ (circle your option)

Pick-up at Hope _____

ministries that are vital to our diocesan church – as well as our parish projects.

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 5 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 Nov. 29 – Dec. 5, 2021

Nov. 29: In memory of Archie Timmerman
by Madeline Timmerman

Nov. 30: Sponsored by Marj Anderson

Dec. 1: In memory of Leo & Ida Hansen Families
by Leo & Barb Geraets

Dec. 2: In memory of Oscar & Mary Louwagie
by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

Dec. 3: In memory of Helen Clark
by Cathy Willette, Delores Scott, & Diane Klotz

Dec. 4: In memory of Phyllis Bot by Richard Bot

Dec. 5: In memory of Pat Wyffels by Mary Ann Buysse

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie:
507.532.6081

OTHER INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307

The annual Christmas dinner and meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 12 noon at the St. John Cantius Church Basement, Wilno.

All adult & student members of Council #307 and spouses of members are invited to attend this Christmas Social. Cost of the meal is \$5 with the council paying the remainder.

If you will be attending the meal, we ask that you RSVP by Saturday, December 4, so that we may plan for food accordingly. Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing (605.695.7630), Merlin Downing (507.694.1209), or Kevin Downing (605.695.8601).

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL – 2021

Thank you to all who given to the DMA. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or in the back of church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>.

Either way your gift will be counted toward your parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure –

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, November 29

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

Wednesday, December 1

Pope Francis

Friday, December 3

Fr. Christian Adike
Fr. Garrett Ahlers
Dcn. Arthur Abel
Josh Bot (Sem.)

Sunday, December 5

Fr. Harry Behan
Fr. William Bowles
Dcn. Bruce Bot
Nathan Hansen (Sem.)

Tuesday, November 30

All Women Religious
in the Diocese

Thursday, December 2

Our next Bishop

Saturday, December 4

Fr. James Barry
Fr. John Berger
Dcn. Russ Blaschko
Adam Eberhard (Sem.)

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

GALATIANS 1:15

St. Edward Liturgical Schedule for December ~ 2021

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

Saturday, December 4

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Kylie & Kaci Callens, Ella Moore
Lector: Claren Novotny
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kampa
Usher: Jerry Kloos, Charlie Callens, Mike Longtin

Sunday, December 5

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Robert, Joe, & Charity Beisler
Lector: Lisa Hennen
Eucharistic Minister: Neal Bot
Usher: Mike Vlaminck

Saturday, December 11

Sacristan: Mary Kampa
Servers: Noah & Niara Gorecki, Gabe Sterzinger
Lector: Mary Kampa
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Ludwikowski
Usher: Jerry Kloos, Charlie Callens, Mike Longtin

Sunday, December 12

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
Servers: Ian Myhre, Elizabeth Garvey, RJ Sorensen
Lector: Fran Sturm
Eucharistic Minister: Becky Engels
Usher: Mike Vlaminck

Saturday, December 18

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Lydia & Leah Coequyt, Tara Sterzinger
Lector: Erian Faris
Eucharistic Minister: Erian Faris
Usher: Jerry Kloos, Charlie Callens, Mike Longtin

Sunday, December 19

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
Servers: Lane & Kylee Loyson
Lector: Teresa Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Hennen
Usher: Mike Vlaminck

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 10 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Tim & Tom DeSmet
Lector: Nate Welsh
Eucharistic Minister: Nate Welsh
Usher: Volunteers

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day – 8 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Elena & Sam Myhre
Lector: Ruth Bot
Eucharistic Minister: Seth Myhre
Usher: Volunteers

Sunday, December 26 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Wyatt & Landon Pohlen
Lector: Joe Callens
Eucharistic Minister: Terry VanKeulen
Usher: Mike Vlaminck

Sunday, December 26 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Sylvia Rabaey, Faith Myhre
Lector: Tim Gossen
Eucharistic Minister: Margrit Rabaey
Usher: Jerry Kloos, Charlie Callens, Mike Longtin

ADVENT

The History of the Advent Wreath

The Catholic church adopted this tradition during the Middle Ages, as a way to prepare the hearts and minds for Christmas. The word advent itself comes from the Latin word “**adventus**” meaning “arrival.” We prepare for the arrival of Christ. The wreath itself represents eternity and everlasting life, a circle that never ends.

Some have traced the origin of Advent as far back as the 4th or 5th century, but most would agree that the advent we’ve come to know now, symbols and all, started from the Middle Ages onward to the 1800s.

As for the other candles, they have important symbolic elements as well. Three purple candles, a pink candle, and a white candle adorn the outside and center of the wreath. We’ll focus on the first purple candle: the candle of hope.

The Candle of Hope

Like the prophets in the Old Testament, we hope for a Messiah to save us from the sin in the world. We anticipate our Savior’s arrival. Also known as the “prophecy candle,” this candle assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn’t disappoint us.

In this day and age, where evil abounds and all seems lost, we can also hope that the prophecies about Jesus’ second arrival to earth will also be fulfilled.

The somber purple color on the candle represents repentance and fasting as we anticipate the Lord’s coming. Purple doubles as a color for royalty throughout the Bible, symbolizing God’s kingship and reign.

WEEK 1 Lighting the Candle

Light one candle and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Light,

Shine in our lives with hope and promise.

Give us right vision so that we remain attentive to this holy season.

Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love.

We await your coming with wonder.

Amen.

