



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



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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

## Sunday, December 22, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, December 23

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

#### Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

12:00 pm Convent Mass

4:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (For the born & unborn)

10:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the people)

11:30 pm Mass at Convent

#### Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (All deceased)

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For all family and friends)

12:00 pm Convent Mass

#### Thursday, December 26

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Brandon Eischens)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

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

#### Friday, December 27

No 7:00 am Mass at St. Edward

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

#### Saturday, December 28

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Special Intention)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Karen Antony)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

#### Sunday, December 29

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Larry Goslar, LeRoy Hebrank,

George, Bertha, David DeVlaeminck, & Barb Wenker)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am – No Sunday FIRE

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the people)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent. While a shorter week, as Christmas is on Wednesday this year, it can be one of deep impact, as we more intensely prepare for the Lord's return, and prepare to celebrate His birth.

Don't rush too quickly to Christmas, and don't rush Christmas away! Remember that Christmas is a season, which ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrated January 12 this year. In fact, I again remind you that the Twelve Days of Christmas begin on Christmas Day and are celebrated through January 6, the traditional day of the Feast of Epiphany (moved in the US to the Sunday between January 1 and January 13).

While the culture celebrates a secularized Christmas, one filled with gifts, food, and warm wishes, we celebrate by remembering we received the most precious gifts of life, redemption, and salvation because of the One born for us. We eat perhaps a little more richly, calling to mind the feast to which our Savior's birth begins to invite us. And we spread the joy of this good news, a message loaded with content and excitement. Celebrate well!

The Church offers four different sets of prayer and readings (Christmas Eve, Christmas Midnight, Mass at Dawn, and Christmas Day). I will use the proper prayers and readings in order (so the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Eloi will have the Christmas Eve Mass with the genealogy of Jesus, the 10:00 pm Mass at St. Edward will use the Mass at Midnight with the birth of Jesus, the 8:30 am Mass at St. Edward will use the worship of the Shepherds, and the 10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi will use the Prologue of St. John's Gospel.

These particular gospels are all part of the Christmas story, each their own way, and using all four throughout our celebration helps flesh out the Incarnation a little more fully. Of course, I encourage you to read the Nativity story as family whether it is used at the Mass you attend or not – it is Luke 2. With that, while still early, I wish all of you and your family a merry Christmas!

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

#### Holiday Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve – December 31

5:30 pm – St. Edward

New Year's Day – January 1

8:30 am – St. Edward

10:30 am – St. Eloi

# Eucharistic Revival Information

## REFLECTION ~ Think about this ...

We have talked much about our preparation for the Mass beginning on Sunday. However, Sunday is the pinnacle of the week. If the Mass is the highest form of worship because our Lord wished to make himself present in the Eucharist, then it should be placed at the beginning and end of our week.

All of our actions, sacrifices, and prayers ought to prepare us for that hour on Sunday when we encounter our Lord. Conversely, the Mass and Holy Communion ought to vitalize all of the actions, work, and prayers of the coming week. Let us learn to see the Lord's Day, and especially Sunday Mass, as the most important event of the week by directing our actions to this moment.

Let us pray.

Lord, by your Cross you have redeemed the world. Dispel the fear of suffering from our hearts and give us the hope and detachment necessary to allow you to guide us to mature manhood in your image. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, December 24 – 4:30 pm – Christmas Eve

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Xavier, Mark, & Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Karla Engels

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Parish Volunteers

Offertory Gifts: Joel & Donna Van Damme

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt

Cup: Ron Sussner, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim Van Keulen

Choir Loft: Mike DeSutter

### Wednesday, December 25 – 10:30 am – Christmas Day

Volunteers needed for all ministries, including four Eucharistic Ministers

### Sunday, December 24 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Betsy Jo Kack

Musicians: John Rabaey family

Offertory Gifts: Dan & Deb Sik

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Corissa Van Keulen

Cup: Beth Brewers, Shirley Maeyaert

Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391

December 23 – January 3 – Christmas break; school closed

January 6, 2025 – School resumes

### Sponsorship of St. Edward School

December 18 – In memory of Brad Noyes

In memory of Robert Mack, Jr.

December 22 – In memory of deceased members of Ahern family

December 24 – In memory of Orval Spanton

December 28 – In memory of Karen Antony

## 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)

## ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,650.00	\$2,110.00	(\$460.00)
Loose plate	\$211.00	\$146.00	\$65.00
Christmas			
Year-to-Date	\$46,974.00	\$54,251.00	(\$7,277.00)

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,290.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,540.00)
Loose plate	\$358.00	\$154.00	\$204.00
Online Giving	\$801.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$0.00		
Christmas	\$0.00		
Year-to-Date	\$127,551.00	\$136,051.00	(\$8,500.00)

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, December 24 – 10:00 pm – Christmas Eve

Volunteers needed for all ministries; including two Eucharistic Ministers

### Wednesday, December 25 – 8:30 am – Christmas Day

Volunteers needed for all ministries; including two Eucharistic Ministers

### Saturday, December 28 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny

Servers: Audyn & Brisbyn Traen

Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck

Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faaris

Ushers: Rod & Ross Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki

### Sunday, December 29 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Landon & Addyson Pohlen

Lector: Fran Sturm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Myhre

Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszski, John Sumerfelt

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS & PETITIONS**

Please pray that God will restore the health and spirits of the following people. Ask God to draw near to them and let them feel His gracious presence.

- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Grace Rabaey
- ★ All cancer patients

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING – St. Edward & St. Eloi**

The St. Edward Liturgy Committee would appreciate assistance decorating for Christmas after the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 22.

The St. Eloi Liturgy Committee would also appreciate assistance decorating for Christmas after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 22.

If you can help for 15 minutes or an entire hour, that's great! "Many hands make light work."

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Please help decorate the parish of St. Edward and St. Eloi for the Christmas season by donating towards poinsettias as a remembrance or in honor of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked *Christmas Flowers* on the envelope and place in the collection basket. Thank You!

### **SAN LUCAS TOLIMAN MISSION**

The Advent and Christmas season is a wonderful time to remember the San Lucas Toliman Mission with a monetary donation. Please make a check out to Friends of San Lucas and put House Construction in the memo line.

These checks may be dropped in the collection basket.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS REMINDER**

Your 2025 Rosary Decade assignments are in the back of church. Please pick them up.

### **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 5 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Faith Hennen



## **HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...**

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – DECEMBER**

For Pilgrims of Hope ~

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### **FCCLA PROJECT – WoMen's Rural Advocacy Program Collection**

Olivia Claeys is working on a community service project for FCCLA. She is collecting items for people who have experienced trauma, harassment, human trafficking, and sexual assault.

Some of these items are diapers, bath products, chapstick, hair brushes, ibuprofen, silverware, towels, pillows, and/or kitchen supplies. There will be a box in the back of church where items can be dropped off.

Email questions to [fcclafundraising@mpsvikings.net](mailto:fcclafundraising@mpsvikings.net).

### **Radio Rosary**

Dec. 23: In memory of Fr. Tony Stubeda by Leonard & Marian Louwagie

Dec. 24: In memory of Cathy Verly by family & friends

Dec. 25: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

Dec. 26: In memory of Jean Neisius by Leon & family

Dec. 27: In memory of Ralph Leifgen by Michael & Karen

Dec. 28: In memory of the Jules DeLanghe family by Jack & Terry Hennen

Dec. 29: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

To schedule a radio rosary, send intentions to *Radio Rosary, 2787 Cty Rd 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229 OR call Karla at 507.828.0397 or Coreen at 507.531.7348.*

**" Behold I am  
the handmaid of the Lord,  
be it done to me according  
to your Word."**

LUKE 1:26-38

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### **SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

**Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming Catholic** Call the church office: 507.872.6346

**Eucharist to Shut-ins:**

St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 507.829.9690

St. Edward – **December 28** Margrit Rabaey 507.828.1756  
(Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)

**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

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God of love,

You sent Your Son, Jesus,  
to shine bright like the sun,  
lighting the way for all  
who walk in darkness.

Let Your love shine  
like a light to all people,  
and may the light of Your love  
always shine in our hearts.

Let Your love transform us  
and inspire us to love more deeply.

Amen.



# Advent Word Search

N	P	E	A	C	E	C	A	N	D	L	E	S	L
F	H	O	E	A	O	N	K	R	C	V	U	W	L
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- ### ADVENT WEEK FOUR – FAMILY ACTIVITIES
1. Go out for a drive and look at Christmas lights.
  2. Say a prayer for people who have sent your family a Christmas card this Advent season.
  3. Read Luke 2:1-10 and move Mary & Joseph in your Nativity.
  4. Thank God for all He gives you.



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| STAR      | BETHLEHEM    | NATIVITY  | MESSIAH |
| SHEPHERDS | JESUS        | CHRISTMAS | MYRHH   |
| ANGELS    | FRANKINCENSE | WREATH    | ADVENT  |
| PEACE     | JOY          | LOVE      | HOPE    |
| GOLD      | CANDLE       | WISEMEN   |         |

Flurry of Fun  
Info  
Save the  
Date

FLURRY OF FUN

## ★★★★★ St. Edward's Flurry of Fun Event

# WILD WEST *Night*

### SAVE THE DATE

# 01 FEBRUARY 2025

**Grab your best cowboy boots and mark your calendars - Come enjoy an adult evening out to support our local youth religious education programs.**

**This event will include a live & silent auction, gun raffle, dinner, drinks, dessert, and live entertainment!**

**Your contributions and support mean the world to our community, our students, and all those involved in religious education!**

**Tickets can be purchased online through the website listed below or by scanning the QR code on the bottom of the page!**

**Want to donate? Get in touch with a committee member!**

**Kind Regards,**

**St. Edward Flurry Committee**

<b>Faith Oakland</b> 507-829-6751	<b>Addie Buysse</b> 507-591-0316	<b>Taylor Kruize</b> 507-476-0441
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**American Legion, Minneota, MN**  
208 N Jefferson St, Minneota, MN 56264

**f** St. Edward - Flurry of Fun  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/400003340538118/>

**globe** Tickets & Auction Page  
[https://e.givesmart.com/s/1E0W\\_vK\\_onV/e/FRI/](https://e.givesmart.com/s/1E0W_vK_onV/e/FRI/)

**Get Your Tickets!**

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