



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

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Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas ~ The Nativity of the Lord



Monday, December 26

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

Tuesday, December 27

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Presider's Intention)
3:00 pm Mass at Apartments (Ed & Ronette Finnegan)

Wednesday, December 28

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jeffrey DeSmet)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Special Intention)

Thursday, December 29

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Jane Afdem)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Special Intention)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, December 30

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Emil & Louise Goossens)

Saturday, December 31

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Presider's Intention)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Florence Johnson)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 1

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Louis & Mary Buysse)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the people)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I wish each one of you a blessed celebration of our Lord's incarnation, and may we remember to keep this season of Christmas joyous. (Just a gentle reminder that the Christmas season ends on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which is celebrate January 9 this year.) I pray that your celebrations are filled with joy and laughter.

My sisters and their families and I will gather on Monday of this week due to our conflicting schedules. It will be with some sadness as it will be a year since I last saw my Mom. We were not all able to be with her together, and that deeply saddened me. Like so many other families, we are finding that if we are not deliberate in planning to gather, we will not see each other. Such is the nature of family as they grow and expand with in-laws and grandchildren and the passing of the older generations. New traditions and non-traditional days for gathering need to be considered. My family is navigating that process.

As so many have written, we need to keep Christ in Christmas, and I would recommend that the best way to do this is keeping Mass in Christmas – for the unaware, Christmas is the corruption of the medieval nickname of this solemnity Christ's Mass (much like Michaelmas on the feast of the Archangels September 29, or Martinmas on the feast of Martin of Tours November 11). Indeed, the celebration of Mass is the most perfect way to celebrate Christmas. After all, at every Mass, we see Christ made flesh again – like the first incarnation of his conception and birth, Christ is made present in the Eucharist. He has the honor and dignity to be drawn into this mystery, not just on Christmas, but at every Mass. Our Bishops are encouraging us to a reinvigoration of our Eucharistic understanding, and I believe it starts with understanding the power of Christ's incarnation and presence at every Mass.

Finally, thank you for all the warm wishes, cards, and gifts. I am so thankful to be here, and I must admit that there are times when I am simply overwhelmed with joy in being here and serving you. May the Lord bless all of you.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd



ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,975.00	\$2,110.26	\$3,864.74
Loose	\$155.25	\$146.15	\$9.10
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$60,750.51	\$55,197.47	\$5,553.04

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Evan Hennen, Joseph Ries, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Thomas & Abigail Payne Family

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,270.00	\$4,829.92	(\$2,559.92)
Loose	\$193.00	\$153.85	\$39.15
Commodity			
Online Giving	\$365.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$147,191.23	\$129,015.43	\$18,175.80

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Volunteer

Servers: Volunteers

Lector: Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister: Volunteer

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Mike Longtin, Tom & Paula Sterzinger

Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Faith & Ian Myhre, Naomi Gorecki

Lector: Tina Myhre

Eucharistic Minister: Neal Bot

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
jgarvey@stedschools.com Office: 872.6391

Christmas Break – Thursday, December 22, 2022 – January 2, 2023. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

December 31 – In memory of Alouis Vlamincq

December 31 – Brad & Barb Hennen Family

O come
let us
adore Him
Christ the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXODUS90

In the past 90 days, how often did you eat a little too much, drink a little too often, or spend too much time in the office or at work? How many times did you ignore your wife, children, or friends just to thumb through social media, watch Netflix, YouTube, or scroll through the headlines? Guys, we were made for more than this.

If you desire freedom from these attachments – freedom 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 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 Quinn Horvath of 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.

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

- ✠ For devotion to the Christ Child
- ✠ For world peace
- ✠ For an increase in vocations to the priesthood & religious life



LITURGY MATTERS #8

Following the apostolic greeting is the penitential rite, that is, the acknowledgment of our sins, "so that we may celebrate these sacred mysteries worthily." To better understand the inspired word of God that is about to be read, we must first confess our sins before him and ask

for mercy, so that our minds, heart, and souls may be open to hearing the wisdom of the scriptures. We must draw near to the word and the altar with repentance. There are different formulas the priest may use for this, but most common is the communal prayer, The Confiteor. What is beautiful in this prayer is that in it we not only confess our sins to God but also to one another, in addition, we ask Mary and all the angels and saints to pray for us.

By so praying we are immediately brought into an awareness that the liturgy is not about just me and God. All of us together come into His presence, together with angels and saints, and we ask Him to show us His mercy and grant us His salvation. It bears repeating, insistence, even a kind of stammering: "Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy."

Next, the Gloria is sung. We are singing now for the same reason that the angels first sang; namely, that God has sent His Son among us born in our same flesh. In the first part of the song our words are addressed to God the Father, then we address Jesus Christ Himself, acknowledging him first as "only Son of the Father." Then we cry out to him as "the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

And so, in the midst of our praise we beg him again for mercy. This hymn is meant to be an outburst of joy and praise with the additional wonder that the liturgy of the Word is about to begin, that God is about to share with us His wisdom through the scriptures.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 3 – Congratulations! The Winner Is ... Ruth Bot



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 31 Travis Welsh 829.0986
- **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

- Dec. 26: In memory of Dorothy & Al Lozinski by Diane Christopherson
- Dec. 27: In memory of Ken Mukomela by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners
- Dec. 28: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners
- Dec. 29: In memory of Alice Deutz by Michael & Lorraine Weverka
- Dec. 30: In memory of Sandy Alcorn by MaryAnn Alcorn & family
- Dec. 31: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Diane & David Hennen
- Jan. 1: In memory of Alice Deutz by Diane & Greg Louwagie

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, December 26

Fr. Paul vandeCrommert
Fr. Steve Verhelst
Dcn. Michael Thoennes
Lucas Baker (Sem.)

Wednesday, December 28

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

Friday, December 30

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

Sunday, January 1

Pope Francis

Tuesday, December 27

Fr. Matt Wiering
Dcn. Paul Treinen
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Thursday, December 29

The women religious in the diocese

Saturday, December 31

All deceased priests & deacons.

"I urge you, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." Romans 12:1

Christmas Word Find

G C P M E H E F F N Y Y A S E
V F I O G K N O C Y R R I L B
Z H S J Z X U H E G A B Z N B
H A T I D U R X S Z M E I P E
R P L R S I L E N T N I G H T
R K O Q S N E M E S I W A J H
Y L X T Y Z S W C Z S P E P L
M I M F H F N P N S J V E K E
J A B T T B A R I O R S X Z H
S A I Y L Y T E K V O F L W E
H A Y E Y T I G N J I O E E M
F A M K R H V N A E V U G P E
M A A N W A I A R S A S N O E
C I H O T C T M F U S O A H F
D J E D K Q Y S V S W T E K Q

JESUS	HAY
MARY	ANGEL
JOSEPH	FAITH
WISEMEN	HOPE
MANGER	FRANKINCENSE
NATIVITY	MYRRH
BETHLEHEM	SILENT NIGHT
CAMEL	LORD
DONKEY	SAVIOR
STAR	CHRISTMAS



St. Edward Liturgical Schedule for January & February ~ 2023

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

JANUARY

Sunday, January 1

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
Servers: Faith & Ian Myhre, Naomi Gorecki
Lector: Tina Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: Neal Bot
Usher: Rick Bot

Saturday, January 7

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Tara & Gabe Sterzinger, Talia Fier
Lector: Mary Kampa
Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Buysse
Usher: Jerry Kloos, Jacki Laleman, Chuck Vlaminc, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, January 8

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
Servers: RJ & Reed Myhre
Lector: Teresa Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: Seth Myhre
Usher: Rick Bot

Saturday, January 14

Sacristan: Mary Kampa
Servers: Eli Faris, Gabe Ludwikowski, Gavin Whortenbury
Lector: Tim Gossen
Eucharistic Minister: Fred Rabaey
Usher: Jerry Kloos, Jacki Laleman, Chuck Vlaminc, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, January 15

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Wyatt, Landon, & Addyson Pohlen
Lector: Julie Janiszski
Eucharistic Minister: Terry Van Keulen
Usher: Rick Bot

Saturday, January 21

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen
Servers: Lydia & Leah Coequyt
Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
Eucharistic Minister: Nate Welsh
Usher: Jerry Kloos, Jacki Laleman, Chuck Vlaminc, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, January 22

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Robert & Debbie Beisler, Mason Moore
Lector: Cynthia Moore
Eucharistic Minister: David Vlaminc
Usher: Rick Bot

Saturday, January 28

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Noah & Niara Gorecki, Bryce Gorecki
Lector: Eriann Faris
Eucharistic Minister: Claren Novotny
Usher: Jerry Kloos, Jacki Laleman, Chuck Vlaminc, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, January 29 – Catholic Schools Sunday

Sacristan: Diane Hennen
Servers: School
Lector: School
Eucharistic Minister: School
Usher: School

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 4

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Tom & Tim DeSmet
Lector: Mary Ann Christensen
Eucharistic Minister: Margrit Rabaey
Usher: Rod & Ross Abraham, Charlie Callens, Bruce Novotny

Sunday, February 5

Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Kylee, Mariah, & Jacob Loyson
Lector: Lisa Hennen
Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Swedzinski
Usher: Doug Janiszski

Saturday, February 11

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Elena & Sam Myhre
Lector: Fred Rabaey
Eucharistic Minister: Eriann Faris
Usher: Rod & Ross Abraham, Charlie Callens, Bruce Novotny

Sunday, February 12

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
Servers: Wyatt, Landon, & Addyson Pohlen
Lector: Fran Sturm
Eucharistic Minister: Tina Myhre
Usher: Doug Janiszski

Saturday, February 18

Sacristan: Mary Kampa
Servers: Talia Fier, Tara & Gabe Sterzinger
Lector: Nate Welsh
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Ludwikowski
Usher: Rod & Ross Abraham, Charlie Callens, Bruce Novotny

Sunday, February 19

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
Servers: Joe & Charity Beisler, Elizabeth Garvey
Lector: Terry Van Keulen
Eucharistic Minister: Fran Sturm
Usher: Doug Janiszski

Saturday, February 25 – Confirmation in St. Eloi, Ghent No Mass in Minneota

Sunday, February 26

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Reed & RJ Bot
Lector: Joe Callens
Eucharistic Minister: Becky Engels
Usher: Volunteers

We Serve
God By
Serving
Others.