



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



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Sunday, December 8, 2024 The Second Sunday of Advent

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 9

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jon Guttormsson)

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

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi

Tuesday, December 10

6:00 pm Convent Mass (Brian Timmerman)

Wednesday, December 11

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Bruce & Brian Gossen)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Fr. Mike Schmitz)

5:00 pm Meal before Christmas Program

6:30 pm Christmas program

8:00 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Knights' Hall

Thursday, December 12

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Zona Laleman)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

6:30 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

Friday, December 13 – Office Closed

5:45 am That Man Is You

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward

(Michael Callens Living & Deceased Family)

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

Saturday, December 14

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Fr. Mike Schmitz)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Mark & Mary Ann Full)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Tom Swedzinski)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday FIRE – Lamb of God:

The Sacrifice of Isaac

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

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Monday of this week we have celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, normally celebrated December 8. This year, because December 8 falls on a Sunday, the feast is transferred, but unlike the last times the feast was transferred to Monday, the obligation is not lifted.

This is perhaps a little confusing, but the US bishops recently received instructions that our National Feast Day is to be celebrated with Mass attendance due to its significance. Again, in a change from the regular: The feast of the Immaculate Conception is to be celebrated with Obligation every year, even when it is transferred to Monday. Mass attendance is obligatory, and we will have two Masses – 10:30 am at St. Edward, and 5:30 pm St. Eloi.

Our Blessed Mother, the immaculately conceived one, is our patroness. She is a model of the Church in its perfection, conceived in Christ as a sinless entity. The Blessed Virgin has all grace and spiritual blessings poured upon her, as does the Church, which has been given every spiritual blessing in the heavens (in fact, the word usually translated as “highly favored” is used in Ephesians 1:3 for the blessings that the Church has received). Contemplating the Blessed Mother’s first moments, chosen by God and redeemed from that first moment of conception from the stain of original sin, shows us the dignity of the Church.

As we continue to enter into Advent, I again encourage us to try to resist the temptation to begin our Christmas celebration. I am deeply convinced that the more we enter into the deeper meaning of Advent, the better we will celebrate Christmas. Certainly, we have certain things that perhaps we need to do – cards and gifts, and some other things, but to let these days be more on prayer and preparation for the Lord’s coming.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd



Eucharistic Revival Information

REFLECTION ~ Think about this ...

As we have mentioned, the Eucharist will transform us if we receive it with the correct disposition. It will lead us to a life of uncommon freedom. Such freedom entails giving of ourselves to others in self-sacrificial love.

And so, when the Mass is over, we are sent forth to live the Christian life with renewed hope and joy, strengthened by this precious Sacrament. Let us not forget the gift we have just received as soon as we set foot outside of the church. Sunday is the day of the Lord, and we should treat it as such by centering our day around him. Let it be a renewal of meekness toward everyone, from the person who cuts in front of you on your drive home to your loved ones when they make mistakes.

The Lord has come and has left a mark on our souls. Let us guard his presence and abide in him, who is our joy.

Let us pray.

Lord, you accompany us patiently as we often stumble through this pilgrimage of life to the promised land of heaven. Give us the grace to conquer our passions and order our desires so that, by running freely to our final destination, the hearts of those closest to us may be awakened to join us in this noble race. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391

December 11 – 5:30 pm Meal before Christmas Program
 6:30 pm Christmas Program

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

November 26 – In memory of Alvin Differding
 December 6 – In honor of Calliope Thomsen
 December 7 – In memory of Bernice Kloos
 December 13 – In memory of Diane Buysse

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	\$2,275.00	\$2,110.00	(\$165.00)
Loose plate	\$117.00	\$146.00	(\$29.00)
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$43,564.00	\$50,466.00	(\$6,902.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15 – 10:30 am – Third Sunday of Advent

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse

Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Bernie DeCock

Musicians: John Rabaey Family

Offertory Gifts: Dale & Lila Schmidt

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Brewers, Lila Schmidt

Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,700.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,130.00)
Loose plate	\$499.00	\$154.00	\$345.00
Online Giving	\$920.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$2,590.00		
Year-to-Date	\$120,715.00	\$124,977.00	(\$4,262.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 14 – 5:30 pm – Third Sunday of Advent

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Elena, Sam, & Charlie Myhre

Lector: Shannon Gossen

Eucharistic Ministers: Margrit Rabaey

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

Sunday, December 14 – 8:30 am – Third Sunday of Advent

Sacristan: Joe Callens

Servers: Naomi & Declan Evjen

Lector: Dylan Evjen

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Engels

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.

- ★ Brent & Lori Buysse
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Grace Rabaey
- ★ All cancer patients

SUNDAY FIRE – December 8

This week's Sunday FIRE bible study lesson is titled "Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac." We will learn about one of the sacrificial lamb references in the Old Testament and how it relates to the sacrifice of the Mass today.

Join us on Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Knights' Hall for food, fellowship and discussion or watch from home with the links on goodteacherafc.com/fire.

A MEAL BEFORE THE CONCERT – this Wednesday

There will be a meal of barbecues, hot dogs, chips, applesauce, bar or cookies & lemonade. Serving will be from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

Proceeds benefit the scholarship program for graduating seniors.



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Box of Joy Collection. There were 78 boxes packed up so 78 children will receive the joy of Jesus and Christmas from our churches and school.

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.

CCW FOOD DRIVE – until December 16

The CCW will be hosting a food drive in November and December. There will be a box in the back of church to drop off your donations. Following is a list of most-needed items:

Baking supplies – sugar, flour, oil, salt & pepper
Thanksgiving dinner – cranberry sauce, pumpkin, stuffing mix, instant potatoes (in bags)
Canned goods – tuna, soups, baked beans, noodles
Microwave meals of any kind – macaroni & cheese
Cash may also be donated with checks made out to the Marshall Table Food Shelf.



GIFT IDEA

A wonderful gift idea for your favorite coffee drinker is coffee from Guatemala. The coffee is \$12.00 per bag, either ground or whole bean. It is fair trade coffee and by purchasing it, you are helping the coffee farmer earn a wage that can support his family. Contact Margrit Rabaey (507.828.1756) if interested.

CCW Christmas Decorating at the Minneota Assisted Living Facility – Sunday, December 8

There will be decorating at the Assisted Living Facility in Minneota on Sunday, December 8, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm for 10 residents. Help will be appreciated from any parishioner. It's a fun time and the residents enjoy it so much.

The residents and volunteers will be playing bingo from 2:30 – 4:00 pm after the decorating is completed. Small prizes (i.e. socks, gloves, lotion, coloring books & markers) for bingo may also be donated. Quarters also make a great prize.

Some volunteers will be putting together plates of cookies for shut-ins or other people in the community. There is a need for donated cookies and people to deliver the cookies.

Please contact Lisa Hennen (605.391.2748) if you can help with any of these things.

CCW COOKIE CHARCUTERIE – at Santa's Workshop

St Edward CCW will be holding a Christmas Cookie

Charcuterie booth at the Santa's Workshop being held Saturday, December 14, in the Legion. This is like a cookie walk except we will have a variety of cookies already plated that people can buy.

We need homemade cookies and candies. No store-bought items please. We also need a few volunteers the night before to help plate the cookies and candies as well as help Saturday morning to help set up and sell the cookies/candies.

This is a fundraiser to raise funds for the local swimming pool and the Diocesan international project which is "Care for Nigeria." This is replacing the bake sale at the North Pole Extravaganza (which is no longer held).

Please donate at least 3 dozen cookies or candies (you can do more if you choose to) if you are able. Bring them to St. Edward church basement on Friday, December 13, from 2:00 – 7:30 pm. A couple of volunteers will need to help plate the cookies starting at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed Saturday morning:

7:00 – 9:00 am: one more volunteer to help transport the cookies and set up in the Legion.

9:00 – 11:30 am: Two volunteers to sell cookies at the Legion.

11:30 am – 2:00 pm: Two volunteers to sell cookies at the Legion.

Contact Mary Myhre if you have any questions (507.828.2521).

GENTLE REMINDER...

Please check the kitchen for any of your containers. They have been multiplying again and need to be picked up by their owners.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 3 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Ruth Bot



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.

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD ~ ST. EDWARD & ST. ELOI

As you start sending out your Christmas cards, please remember our Shepherd of the Field, Fr. Andy Michels. This would be an appropriate time to send a note to him. His address is 249 6th St., Tracy, MN 56175.

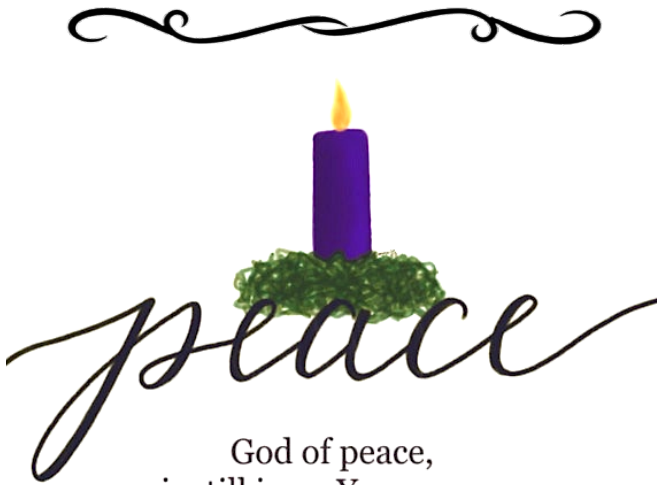
BLOOD DRIVE ~ KB'S BALLROOM

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at KB's Ballroom Wednesday, December 11, from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. Donate blood and save lives this Christmas season. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

A NEW FREE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE

At Southwest Health and Human Services, we are deeply committed to the well-being of our community, recognizing that mental health is a critical component of overall health.

We understand the diverse challenges individuals face, and we are excited to announce the launch of CredibleMind on November 15, 2024, a free comprehensive online resource tailored to meet the mental health needs of everyone in our community. Explore this resource [here](#).



God of peace,
instill in us Your peace
that surpasses all understanding.
As we prepare for His coming,
make us instruments of Your peace
and help us to find rest
in the Prince of Peace,
Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Radio Rosary

- Dec. 9:* In memory of Carol Louwagie by William & Pam Pavot
- Dec. 10:* In memory of Rita Verly by Ralph & Jenny Dieken
- Dec. 11:* In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- Dec. 12:* In memory of Jean Neisius by Leon Neisius & family
- Dec. 13:* In memory of Rita Verly by Leonard & Marian Louwagie
- Dec. 14:* In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- Dec. 15:* In memory of Gary & Jason Timmerman by Pat

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.

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 14** Andrea Opdahl 507.829.8040
(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

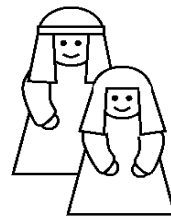
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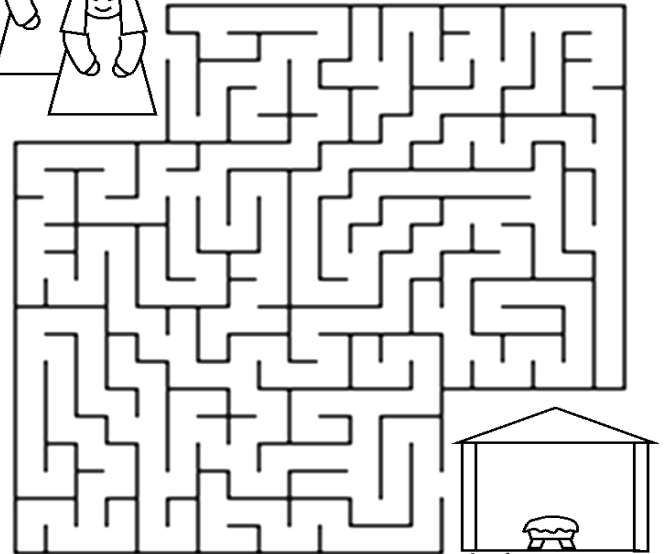
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EMMANUEL	JOY	PINK	WAITING
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ADVENT WEEK ONE – FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Try to show special love for someone seems lonely.
2. Move Mary & Joseph closer to the Nativity scene.
3. Ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart.
4. Make some ornaments for the Christmas tree.



Help Mary and Joseph get to the stable.



For more creative learning ideas check out www.makinglearningfun.com

