



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

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Sunday, December 11, 2022 The Third Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 12

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

Tuesday, December 13

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Brandon Eischens)
3:00 pm Mass at Apartments (Lawrence Stienessen)

Wednesday, December 14

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1 & 2 (Mary Olson)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (David Vera Olvera)
5:30 – 7:00 pm Pulled pork meal
7:00 pm St. Edward Christmas Program
7:30 pm Choir practice at St. Edward

Thursday, December 15

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

Friday, December 16

5:45 am TMIY
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Charlene Callens)
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (John Swedzinski)

Saturday, December 17

12:00 pm Mass at Convent
(Frank, Delores, Richard & Shirley Sussner)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Don Hammer)
• 4:15 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 18

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Bruce Hoffmann)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Knights' Hall
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Joe & Rosemary Van Keulen)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Rejoice! We are at the half-way point of our Advent pilgrimage – two more weeks of preparation before Christmas. I hope that we are praying, and if you are reading a chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, we are half done. Hopefully not

only our homes are prepared to welcome the Lord, but our hearts too.

Some have asked about why I cancelled some of the Masses this last week especially, but also the Mass on Friday after Thanksgiving. Canon Law which governs the church tells us priests are encouraged to say Mass daily, but are allowed to say a second Mass for rare exceptions (pastoral need is a catch all exception). On Holy Days of Obligation (which include Sundays) and All Souls Day, priests are allowed to say three on days of obligation if needed. As I am regularly saying two Masses, I have been encouraged to reduce that number as much as possible.

Regarding the Holy Day Masses, hopefully more are able to attend the 10:30 am Mass or 5:30 pm Masses than would be available at 7 am. The reason that the church limits the number of Masses a priest can say is so that the power of the Mass not be diminished by the multiplication of Masses. While Mass is the most important activity a priest can do in a day, it is not the only important activity. We try to schedule Masses at a time most convenient for the people, knowing that at times some are not going to have their preferred time or location.

I am adding an extra hour of confessions on this Thursday and next Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 pm or as needed, and will offer an extra half hour on December 17, starting confessions at 4:15 pm.

One of the precepts of the Church is that we are to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year preferably around Easter so that we can receive the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year (another precept of the Church), which we are always to do in a state of grace. This means that we have confessed all mortal sins and at least regularly confession the venial sins.

I encourage going at least twice a year – and if possible even monthly. Confessions are a first come, first served basis, so do not wait until the last minute to come – others may have the same idea.

A few years ago, I suggested a series of Ps to help go to the sacrament: be Prompt (come early), be Prepared (know what sins you need to confess), be Precise (priest do not need the backstory or justification), be Personal (confess your sins, not another's – eg, don't say that that someone hit you unless you sinned as a result), be Penitent (truly sorry for your sins with a desire to not do them again). I hope that many will use the sacrament as it was intended, as a means of seeking grace and living a better and holy life.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Joy!

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,160.00	\$2,110.26	\$2,049.74
Loose	\$136.50	\$146.15	(\$9.65)
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$53,489.26	\$51,097.09	\$2,392.17

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 18

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt

Servers: Evan Hennen & Elise Hennen, Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Monica Senden

Eucharistic Minister: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

Musicians: John Rabaey Family

Offertory Gifts: Thomas & Abigail Payne Family

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Brian Timmerman

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,785.02	\$4,829.92	\$955.10
Loose	\$133.64	\$153.85	(\$20.21)
Commodity			
Online Giving	\$1,218.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$137,071.98	\$119,431.43	\$17,640.55

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 17

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Eli Faris, Gabe Ludwikowski, Gavin Whortenbury

Lector: Mary Ann Christensen

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Welsh

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

Sunday, December 18

Sacristan: Tina Myhre

Servers: Elizabeth Garvey, Ian Myhre, RJ Sorensen

Lector: Terry Van Keulen

Eucharistic Minister: Tina Myhre

Usher: Mike Vlaminck

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@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 pm – Peace of Mind Training

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm – Christmas Program

Freewill pork sandwich meal before the concert from

5:30 – 7:00 pm!

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Griffin Stephen Hennen, son of Kyle & Natalie, born on October 22, 2022, and baptized at St. Eloi on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Griffin ~ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart.” Jeremiah 1:5

Levi Michael Hammer, son of Mike & Samantha, born on November 16, 2022, and baptized at St. Eloi on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Levi ~ “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

MEAL BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The CCW Scholarship commission will be serving a pulled pork sandwich, chips, applesauce, and bars before the concert Wednesday, December 14.

Take your family out for supper before the program!

Proceeds will be used for scholarships for our 2023 graduating seniors.

PIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Reminder: Tuesday, December 13, is the last day the pie ladies will be making pies for 2022. If you would like pies for your Christmas celebration, please place your order on or before Monday, December 12.

To order call Jo Coover (530.4103) or Barb Guttormsson (872.6931).

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – St. Edward & St. Eloi

Please consider donating the cost of a poinsettia in memory or in celebration of a loved one.

The St. Eloi poinsettias are \$50 for a large and \$30 for a regular.

The St. Edward poinsettias are a free will donation.

Donations may be put in the Sunday collection or mailed to the parish office. Make sure to include who the flower is intended for. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Decorating for Christmas will take place after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Ed’s on December 18. All help will be appreciated.

Looking ahead – take-down will be after the 8:30 am Mass on January 8. The liturgy committee appreciates your assistance.

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.

WALK FROM GUATEMALA TO SAN LUCAS TOLIMAN

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Fr. Greg Schaffer’s walk from St. Paul, MN to San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. Your support plays a critical role in continuing the lifesaving work of the San Lucas Mission. In 1972, Fr. Greg raised \$75,000 for the walk. This year’s goal is to double that amount for San Lucas. The actual walk is not being done, but a campaign to raise funds is happening. For that reason, *there will be a second collection the weekend of December 17 & 18.*

You may also send a check to Friends of San Lucas, 3459 Washington Dr. #207, Eagan, MN 55122 or donate at www.sanlucasmision.org.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing 605.695.7630 or Merlin Downing 507.694.1209 by December 3.

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 #6

While the assembly is still singing, the priest circles the altar with incense as a sign of reverencing the holy table around which and on which all that is about to happen is concentrated. "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Rev. 8:3-4).

After the song has ended and all are gathered in their places, the first thing the priest does and says is the sign of the cross, signing his body with the cross and saying the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." All of the people likewise sign themselves and answer, "Amen."

The sign expresses in one summary gesture the central event of Christian faith. We trace it over our bodies as a way of indicating that that event shall make its force felt on our very bodies. The phrase "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" comes from the risen Lord himself who commanded his 11 disciples to make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." He adds the promise, "And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20).

As the centuries advanced and Christians continued to reflect on the tremendous mystery hidden in this deceptively simple formula, some theologians could not help but marvel at and enjoy the paradox of the word name in the singular and the three names Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The one God has only one name, but that name is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the full name of God. To place this sign and the holy name of God at the beginning of the Mass is the only possible way to begin.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 3 – Congratulations! The Winner Is ... Jerry Kloos

INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL 307

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will hold their Christmas Party and meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the St. John Cantius church basement.

The council will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and vegetable and ask that those attending bring a dish to pass for the potluck meal.



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 17 Diane Hennen 428.3572
- **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. 12:* In memory of Phyllis Bot by the Richard Bot family
- Dec. 13:* In memory of Diane Buysse by Bob Buysse
- Dec. 14:* In memory of Mary & Gerard Louwagie & Wayne Whitcomb by Pat Whitcomb
- Dec. 15:* Sponsored by the Ivanhoe Knights of Columbus
- Dec. 16:* In memory of Vincent & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- Dec. 17:* In memory of Ernie Lanoue by his family
- Dec. 18:* In memory of Joann Lanners by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, December 12

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski
Fr. Mark Mallak
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Tuesday, December 13

Fr. Brian Mandel
Fr. Gerry Meidl
Dcn. Tony Grack
Matthew Wood (Sem.)

Wednesday, December 14

Fr. Andy Michels
Fr. Robert Mraz
Dcn. John Hansen
Lucas Baker (Sem.)

Thursday, December 15

Fr. Aaron Nett
Fr. John Nordick
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Friday, December 16

Fr. Brian Oestreich
Fr. Jerome Paulson
Fr. Sam Perez
David Rabaey (Sem.)

Saturday, December 17

Fr. Todd Petersen
Fr. John Pearson
Dcn. Mark Kober
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Sunday, December 18

Fr. Zach Peterson
Fr. Shawn Polman
Fr. Germain Rademacher
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

"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



Advent Week 3 Family Activities

Sunday, December 11

Find a quiet space and sit, just letting God love you. Light two purple candles and the pink candle.

Monday, December 12

Make a phone call to a friend or family member who needs Christmas cheer.

Tuesday, December 13

No complaining today, even if you have to do something you don't want to do.

Wednesday, December 15

Donate to the Christmas flower fund in celebration or in memory of a loved one.

Thursday, December 15

Say a special prayer for each person who sent your family a Christmas card.

Friday, December 16

Watch *Jingle Jangle* on Netflix while eating candy canes.

Saturday, December 17

Read Luke 2:1-5.
Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity.



God of joy,
it is in Your love
that we find lasting joy.
Teach us to find joy
in the gift of Your Son,
who came into this world with nothing,
yet gave us everything.
May His joy fill our hearts
and overflow to all we encounter.
Amen.



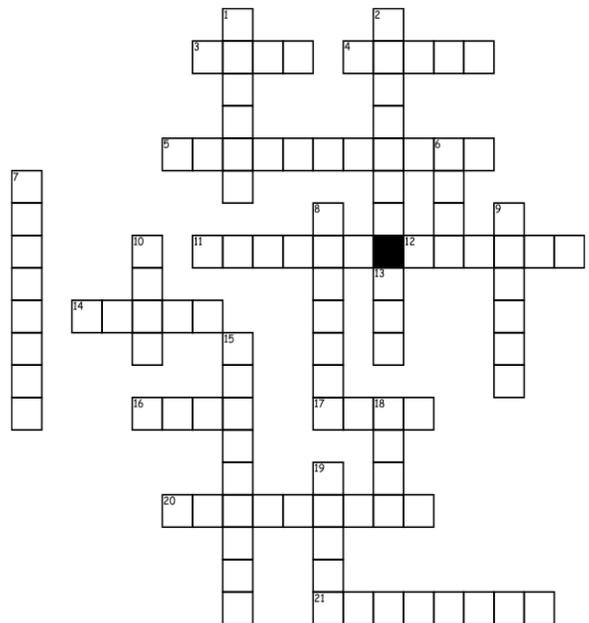
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ADVENT
HOPE

Joy

Advent Crossword



Across

3. First candle of advent
4. "Advent" comes from the language _____
5. What do the evergreen wreath branches symbolize?
11. What day of the week is the first day of advent?
12. What is the circular object we place the candles on?
14. Which week number do we light the pink candle?

16. What did the wise men follow to get to Jesus?

17. One of the wise men brought Jesus g_____

20. What town was Jesus born in?

21. Another name for God

Down

1. What animal was in the manger when Jesus was born?

2. We light one each week of advent

6. How many weeks do we celebrate Advent?

7. Sometimes in our homes, we set up _____ scenes.

8. This action requires patience

9. Jesus was born in a _____

10. Who is Jesus' mother?

13. What does the pink candle represent?

15. Advent is a way to prepare for _____

18. The second purple candle is the candle of _____

19. The third purple candle is the candle of _____