



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



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Sunday, March 10, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Regina Fox)

3:00 pm Mass at Madison Ave. (Jim DeCock)

Wednesday, March 13

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 3 & 4 (Alan Schreiber)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Ron Traen)

5:15 pm Lenten Meditation for First Communion Families

5:30 pm RE Grades 1 – 5

6:30 pm RE Grades 6 – 11

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Opening Your Heart

6:30 pm Adoration at St. Edward – All are invited!

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

Thursday, March 14

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Dorothy Vlaminc)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere M)

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, March 15

5:45 am That Man is You

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Marilyn Claeys)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Parents of Francis & Grace Rabaey)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Edward

Saturday, March 16

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Eric Hennen)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Harold & Mary Ann Buysse)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Ray DeVos)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *True Reformers: Teresa of Avila*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Don Maeyaert)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

3:00 – 5:00 pm Kindergarten & PreSchool Round Up

Dear Parishioners,

Laetare Sunday – we rejoice. Today we wear rose, the color of joy, because our Lenten season has passed the half-way mark. If our Lenten penances have not had much of an effect yet, praise God, we still have time. And, if our penances have been a little burdensome, we are almost done. No matter what, we are to keep rejoicing.

This Friday, March 15, our Diocese is sponsoring Dr. Edward Sri for the Bishop Lucker Lecture. I have heard Dr. Sri speak in person a few times, and through *Formed and Ascension Press*, have had opportunity to hear him in several other formats. He is always engaging, accessible, and powerful. He has a way of speaking that moves the heart.

The Bishop Lucker Lecture, established by Bishop's estate, brings in such speakers to give a presentation on an aspect of the faith, and will be held on Friday, March 15, at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Catherine, Redwood Falls. There will be a Mass at 6:00 pm, and Dr. Sri is also giving a workshop that day (Registration is required – see the DNU.org site for more info on that). I am looking forward to listening to Dr. Sri speak, and hope that many others will take the opportunity.

This weekend, we hear perhaps one of the most quoted verses (after the Lord's prayer or the Hail Mary verses). In it, we hear of the love of God, and too often there seems to be the presumption that God will not condemn us. While it is true that God loves us, God also allows us to receive the consequences of our choices.

If we reject Him through seeking our own wills, He will confirm us in that rejection. These are perhaps hard words, but even Hell is an act of God's love – He allows us to choose against an eternity with Him. But for those who seek Him, He loves and forgives. Let us come to Him, know we are loved with a love we do not deserve, and forgiven not because of who we are, but because God is so good.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd



Laetare Sunday

"Rejoice Sunday"

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$870.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,240.00)
Loose plate	\$415.00	\$146.00	\$269.00
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$81,445.00	\$80,115.00	\$1,330.00

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 17 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt

Servers: Xavier & Mark Rabaey

Lector: Monica Senden

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Gary & Nancy Crowley

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Brian Timmerman

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,440.00	\$4,830.00	(\$390.00)
Loose plate	\$107.00	\$154.00	(\$47.00)
Online Giving	\$590.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$1,994.00		
Year-to-Date	\$199,609.00	\$187,257.00	\$12,352.00

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Eli Faris, Gabe Ludwikowski

Lector: Eriann Faris

Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris

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

Sunday, March 17 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Noah & Ian Myhre, Piper Shoultz

Lector: Tina Myhre

Eucharistic Ministers: Dawn Vlaminck

Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszkeski, John Sumerfelt

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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

Monday, March 11 – School dismisses at 1:10 pm

Friday, March 15 – No School – Staff Faith Formation

Friday, March 22 – Fish Fry with Living Stations at 7:00 pm

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)

There will be a Good Friday Stations of the Cross procession with the Sisters on Friday, March 29. It will begin around 9:30 – 9:45 am and will last three to four hours. There will be 14 stops for the Stations of the Cross and includes the Word of God, singing, and prayer.

Meet at the Sisters of Mary Morning Star Chapel at 9:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Please call the church office with the names of those who would benefit from prayers.

- ★ Jeremy Koelar – liver transplant
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Bernie Moore
- ★ Marilyn Pagel
- ★ Francis Rabaey
- ★ Fr. Tony Stubeda

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS

Confirmation for St. Edward and St. Eloi was held on Sunday, March 3, at St. Eloi. Congratulations to the Confirmands from our parishes!

Jaelin Anderson	Noah Gorecki	Dakota Pesch
Carmen Broers-	Elijah Gruenes	Tate Peterson
Thooft	Evan Hennen	Wyatt Pohlen
Kylie Callens	Nevaeh Hennen	Mark Rabaey
Bretten Coequyt	Kylee Loyson	Gabe Sterzinger
Lydia Coequyt	Ryan Meagher	Anastasia Wambeke
Elivia Faris	Ella Moore	Riley Wambeke
Destin Fier	Elena Myhre	Tyler Welsh

BROOMTREE RETREAT

Broomtree Retreat is this weekend March 8-10, 2024.

Asking for prayers for everyone attending the Broomtree Retreat.

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Philippians 4:8

EASTER FLOWERS

It's nearing the time of year the churches of St. Edward and St. Eloi will be decorated for Easter. Please consider helping out by donating the cost of an Easter lily as a remembrance or in honor of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked Easter Flowers on an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

ST. ELOI FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

St. Eloi Catholic Order of Foresters Court #1081 will be collecting food and monetary donations through the month of March for the Lyon County Food Shelf.

Please put non-perishable/non-expired food items in the back of church. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to *Kitchen Table Food Shelf* and give to Julie Schuelke (829-6908).

Thank you so much!

CCW FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

St. Edward Council of Catholic Women will be collecting for the Marshall Area Food Shelf during Lent. Place your food donations in the box in the back of the church.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please put it in an envelope marked "Food Shelf" and place it in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to, *Kitchen Table Food Shelf*.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL –

PreSchool & Kindergarten Dance Party

Preschool & Kindergarten Round Up Sunday, March 17, 2024, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Children ages 3 – 6 along with their parents and family members are invited to attend this round up to learn more about the St. Edward School preschool & kindergarten programs.

There will be tours, time to meet the teachers and staff, bouncy house, photo booth, art station, bubbles, music, and snacks. Please join us for this fun-filled afternoon. Please call St. Edward School if you have any questions 507-872-6391.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/SCHOOL FISH FRY

The St. Edward Knights of Columbus and St. Edward School are hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 22.

Serving from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

Adults (over 12): \$15 Kids (4-12): \$10 kids (3 & under): Free
Take outs available. All are welcome.

The students will lead the Living Stations at 7:00 pm.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – Manor & Apartment

The residents of the Minneota Assisted Living and Madison Avenue Apartments greatly appreciate receiving the Holy Eucharist on Sundays following the 8:30 am Mass. It would be wonderful to have more volunteers for this ministry. It takes about 45 minutes after Mass and the residents are extremely grateful.

Contact Terry Van Keulen (507.828.8561) or Caren at the office if you might be interested in helping out.

ONLINE GIVING – St. Edward

Giving online is a safe and convenient way for you to make your donation to St. Edward. Check out the link below.



If you would like to sign up for this, here is the website:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-eds-church/giving/funds>

ST. ELOI SOUP & CHILI FEED AND SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, April 7 – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

Serving and bidding on silent auction items.

Matching Funds provided by the Catholic Order of Foresters with proceeds to assist our parish student's Catholic education.

Please mark your calendar now as the date will come up fast!

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD

Write to your Shepherd and introduce yourself.

Explain to them that they are your Diocesan CCW Shepherd and how you will be praying and thinking of them this year. This is a great ice breaker if you are unfamiliar your Shepherd.

Deacon Rick Christiansen
1221 Southridge Rd.
New Ulm, MN 56073

TOTUS TUUS – Summer, 2024 – Plan ahead

Totus Tuus will be held at St. Edward, Minneota, from July 6-12. This is a perfect opportunity for the Confirmation Retreat requirement for the 2024-2025 RE class.

SUMMER CARE – Summer, 2024 – Plan ahead

St. Edward School will again be offering summer care from 7:15 am – 6:00 pm for children ages 5-12. It will begin Tuesday, May 28, and end on Friday, August 12.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 16 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Amanda Petersen

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH

For new martyrs ~

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might fill the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

<https://www.daily-prayers.org/popes-monthly-intentions/pope-francis-2024-monthly-intentions/>

DIOCESE OF NEW ULM EUCHARISTIC RETREAT OPPORTUNITY – March 16 or April 13

The Diocese of New Ulm will be hosting "A Biblical Walk through the Mass." It will be held Saturday, March 16, in Silver Lake at the Holy Family Catholic Church and Saturday, April 13, in Montevideo at the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

It begins with check-in at 8:30 am and concludes with the benediction at 4:30 pm. For more information call 507.233.5320 or see Diocesan Events at the New Ulm Diocese website. (dnu.org)

EUCHARISTIC VIDEO SERIES – Holy Redeemer

Holy Redeemer, Marshall will be hosting a Eucharistic video series on Sundays from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Questions and answers follow the videos with a priest or deacon.

Sunday, March 10 – The Eucharist Source & Summit of Christian Life

Sunday, March 17 – God is With Us

Sunday, March 24 – The Story of the Eucharist

ONE WORD PRAYER FOR LENT

Lent one-word prayers can be offered silently or whispered during daily activities.

Week 4 of Lent – one word prayer: **Mercy**

Let this word make your fourth week of Lent a continual cry for mercy, for yourself and others.

BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST – Palm Sunday

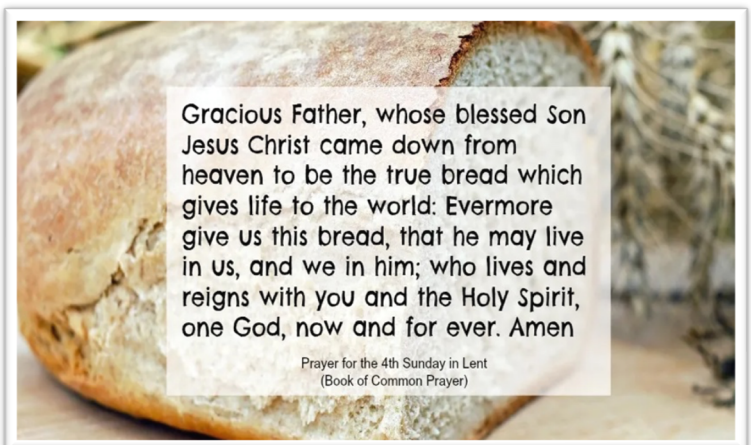
St. Mary Catholic Church, Cottonwood

March 24, 2024 – Serving from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Belgian Waffles, Sausage, Juice & Coffee

Free will offering to support St. Mary Youth Programs

Prayer For the Fourth Sunday in Lent



DEANERY 2 CCW SPRING GATHERING

Register with Mary Myhre, 507.828.2521, by March 12.

*Deanery 2
Council of Catholic Women
Spring Gathering*

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

“Walking By Faith”

Join us as Carrie Meyers, director of Choices Pregnancy Center of Redwood Falls, shares the faith journey of opening another location in Marshall

When: Monday March 18th, 2024
Where: St. Andrews, Granite Falls
\$12 per woman to attend

Registration begins at 5 pm
Mass at 5:30 pm
Meal and speaker to follow

Please register with your parish CCW president

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 – **March 23** Andrea Opdahl 507.829.804
(* 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

Radio Rosary

- Mar. 11: In memory of Denis & Bonnie Matthys by Greg & Diane Louwagie
- Mar. 12: In memory of Mary Ann Buysse by David & Diane Buysse
- Mar. 13: For the intentions of Cathy Louwagie sponsored by the St. Clotilde Choir
- Mar. 14: In memory of Francis Matthys by Leonard & Marian Louwagie
- Mar. 15: In memory of deceased members of the Bernard & Loretta Buysse family by Ardyce Louwagie
- Mar. 16: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- Mar. 17: In memory of Mary VanHecke by her family

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 507.532.6081

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, March 11

Fr. Jeremy Kucera
Fr. Denny Labat
David Rabaey (Sem.)

Wednesday, March 13

Fr. Brian Mandel
Fr. Jerry Meidl
Dcn. Tony Grack
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Friday, March 15

Fr. John Nordick
Fr. Brian Oestreich
David Rabaey (Sem.)

Sunday, March 17

Fr. Todd Petersen
Fr. John Pearson
Dcn. Mark Kober
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Tuesday, March 12

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski
Fr. Mark Mallak
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Thursday, March 14

Fr. Andy Michels
Fr. Robert Mraz
Dcn. John Hansen
Matt Wood (Sem.)

Saturday, March 16

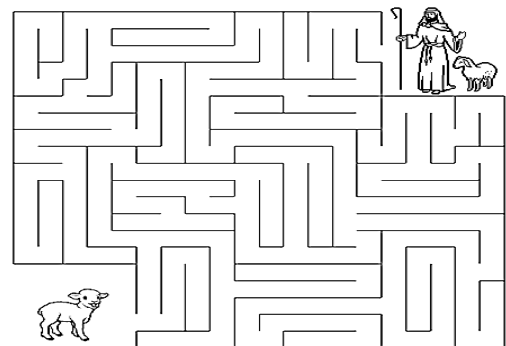
Fr. Jerome Paulson
Fr. Sam Perez
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15

Psalm 23 Word Search

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

David	Psalm	prepare	pastures	waters	paths
right	staff	rod	evil	valley	forever
house	dwelt	soul	love	overflows	refreshes
comfort	goodness	table	anoint	enemies	quiet
green	shepherd	Lord			



Eucharistic Miracle of

ALBORAYA-ALMÁCERA

SPAIN, 1348

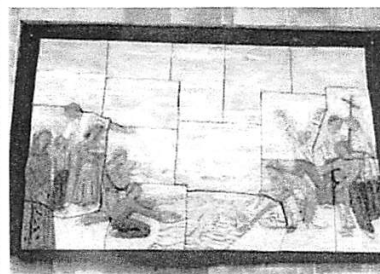
In 1348, a priest on his way to visit some sick people in order to bring them Communion, slipped in the waters of a small river that he was crossing and overturned the ciborium which contained some consecrated Hosts. The poor priest, who had by now resigned himself to the loss, heard himself being called by some fishermen a short distance away, asking him to come closer to the shore in order to see several fish with discs in their mouths which appeared to be Hosts. The Hosts were immediately recovered and brought back to the church in a solemn procession in which the whole village participated.



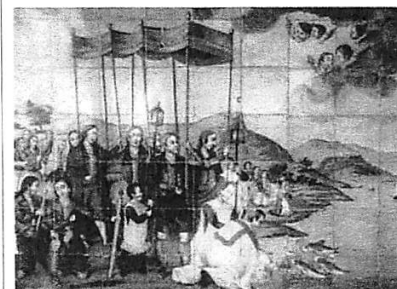
Hermitage Church in Alboraya



Commemorative sculpture of the miracle in the city-center



Mosaic on the exterior of the Church



In 1348, in the town of Alboraya-Almácer, a Eucharistic miracle occurred which seemed to recall episodes in the life of Saint Francis that demonstrate how, if men were to fully live in the grace of God, all God's creatures would live in harmony.

A priest, carrying a ciborium containing the Viaticum (Eucharist) destined for some sick people, was crossing a river on mule-back when he was suddenly swept off his mount by a rushing wave. The priest tumbled into the water along with his ciborium, which was emptied of its precious content. The Hosts fell out and were being carried away by the current toward the mouth of the river nearby. The priest, barely saving himself, full of remorse, and lamenting what had occurred as he tried to free himself from the mud and the

waters, was approached by some fishermen who were stunned to have witnessed, in the place where the river water flowed into the sea, three fish, each with a little white disc resembling Communion Hosts, in its mouth.

The priest immediately ran to the church and returned to the river bank with another ciborium. He did everything in such a hurry that he didn't even stop to ask himself if the fishermen's story was believable. Great was his joy when he saw that the three remarkable fish were there, almost completely out of the water, lifting the Hosts intact with their mouths, like little trophies. He fell to his knees, and extending his chalice, prayed as he had never prayed before in his entire life; and thus, he saw the fish deposit the Hosts in the chalice,

one after the other, and then dive and slither rapidly back into the water to disappear into the sea. Only at that moment did the priest notice that he was surrounded by a group of men and women who had witnessed the entire scene.

Today it is still possible to consult numerous documents testifying to the miracle. There even exists a small church, with two fish sculpted on the door, built on the site of the miracle, and two paintings reproducing the entire event.

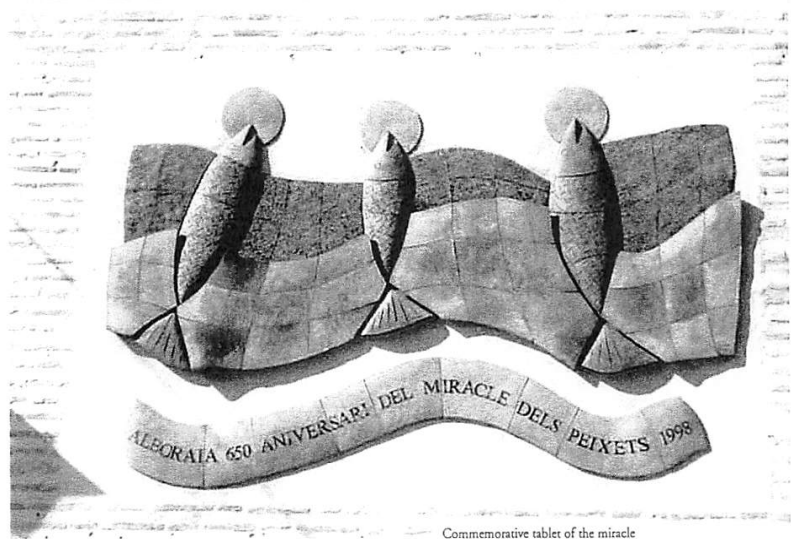
Eucharistic Miracle of

ALBORAYA-ALMÁCERA



SPAIN, 1348

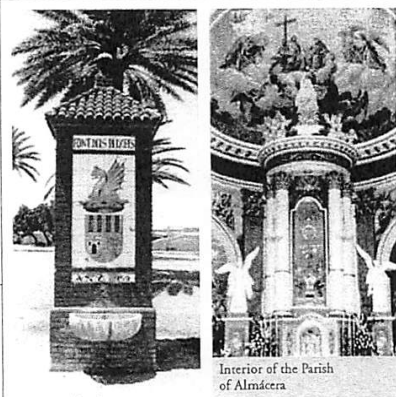
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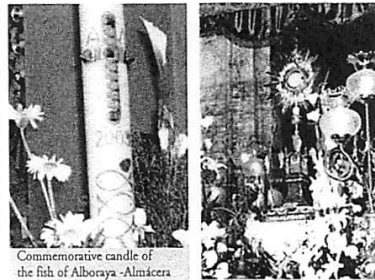
Commemorative tablet of the miracle



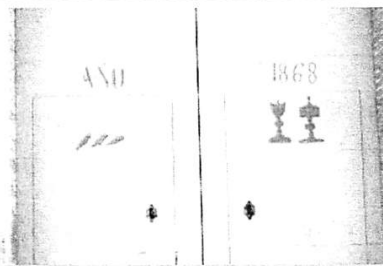
Tributary of the Calderona mountain range crossed by the Priest



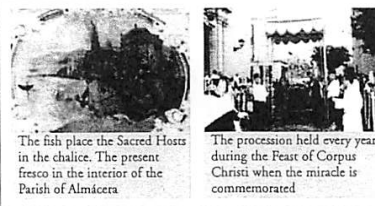
Interior of the Parish of Almácer



Commemorative candle of the fish of Alboraya-Almácer

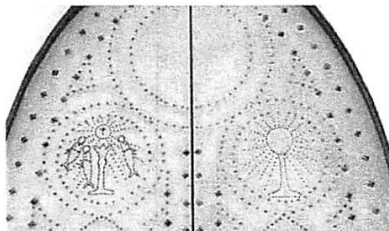


The fish in the miracle are represented on the entrance door to the Church



The fish place the Sacred Hosts in the chalice. The present fresco in the interior of the Parish of Almácer

The procession held every year during the Feast of Corpus Christi when the miracle is commemorated



Detail of the main entrance to the Church constructed in memory of the Miracle

