



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



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Sunday, January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Doug & Jeannette Konold)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Miracles of Exodus Part 2*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Linda Lindahl)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Orville & Marge Hennen)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Bernie Moorse)

Wednesday, January 8

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Audrey Jerzak)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donald Vroman)

5:30 – 6:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 1 – 5

6:30 – 7:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 6 – 11

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – church basement

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

Thursday, January 9

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

- 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Shirley, Frank & Dolores, Richard Sussner)

Friday, January 10

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Denis Lozinski)

Saturday, January 11

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Gary Nuytten)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward

(Brian Gossen, Barb Wenker, David DeVlaeminck)

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 12

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Mysteries of the Tabernacle*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Richard & Phyllis Bot)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Well, almost a full week into it already, anyway.

This weekend, we celebrate Epiphany, though other parts of the world will celebrate this on the official day January 6, the day following the 12th day of Christmas. With Epiphany, we see the celebration of the Lord's revelation of the Lord in several key moments: the coming of the Magi, wise men from the East who bring the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the Lord's baptism by John the Baptist (now separated out and to be celebrated next week), and the miracle at Cana, as Christ is revealed as a miracle worker who turns water in to wine, water for Jewish ceremonial purifications, to the choicest wine.

While we tend to focus on only the coming of the Magi, some of the songs we sing hint at the connections of all three as Christ is revealed to the nations through the Magi, to the people of Israel as He, though in no need of repentance, takes on the baptism of repentance, and revealed as one who will fulfill the law and usher in a life of grace.

In the gifts of the Magi, we see the hints of who Christ is – a king, the Lord God, and as sacrifice. These three identities may initially seem to be at odds with each other, God and King who is sacrificed, God who sacrifices Himself. Yet that is what Christ is – the Son of God who gives Himself to death on a cross to redeem us. In doing so, He becomes the everlasting King.

I encourage us to celebrate this Epiphany well. To help, we are offering blessed chalk and the sheets for an Epiphany home blessing. Please take advantage of this practice (if you happen to have kept blessed chalk from last year, you can use that). In blessing our homes, we are inviting the Lord in and asking to keep all that is evil out.

While January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany in other parts of the world, because it is transferred, we can mark the feast of St. Andre Bessette. I have long had a special devotion to him. He was a sickly man yet was allowed to enter the Holy Cross Fathers. He was assigned as porter – a door keeper – and served in that capacity his entire life – in fact he joked that he entered the novitiate and then shown the door where he stayed for forty years. He gave haircuts and used the money to build a shrine to St. Joseph near Montreal. He died in 1937 and was canonized in 2010.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
 January 6, 2025 – School resumes

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	\$440.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,670.00)
Loose plate	\$202.00	\$146.00	\$56.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Christmas	\$750.00		
Year-to-Date	\$51,527.00	\$59,298.00	(\$7,771.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 12 – 10:30 am - Epiphany
 Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh
 Lector: Steve Van Keulen
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
 Offertory Gifts: Jason & Alia Thooft Family
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Corissa Van Keulen
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mike DeSutter

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,281.00	\$4,830.00	\$426.00
Loose plate	\$242.00	\$154.00	(\$154.00)
Online Giving	\$595.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$.00		
Christmas	\$1,860.00		
Year-to-Date	\$143,506.00	\$146,334.00	(\$2,828.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 11 – 5:30 pm
 Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
 Servers: Elena, Sam, & Charlie Myhre
 Lector: Fred Rabaey
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Buysse
 Ushers: Jackie Laleman, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Scott Thooft

Sunday, January 12 – 8:30 am
 Sacristan: Fran Sturm
 Servers: Naomi & Declan Evjen, Wyatt Guza
 Lector: Lisa Hennen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Van Keulen
 Ushers: Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Jim Wambeke who passed away on Wednesday, December 25, 2024. His funeral was held on Friday, January 3, 2025, at St. Edward.
"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelations 21:4

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.
 If you know anyone who should be added to this list, contact Caren at the office.

- ★ Anyone suffering with cancer
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Grace Rabaey
- ★ Joann Sturm

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

- ✠ For the protection of the unborn
- ✠ For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care
- ✠ That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

CCW MEETING – January 20, 2025

The next CCW meeting will be on Monday, January 20, at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Hall.
 This is for all women who are part of CCW. We would love to have you join us! The meetings are not very long, and it is a good way to meet other women of our parish.

EXODUS 90 – For all interested men

Men – do you desire 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 20, 2025, and ends on April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday.

You can check it out for yourself at Exodus90.com. If interested or for more information contact, Joseph Callens at 507.828.2894 or joseph.callens67@gmail.com.

FLURRY OF FUN – FEBRUARY 1 – Details & info

Save the date for this year's Flurry of Fun – Saturday, February 1, 2025. Tickets are on sale now. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



The Flurry will include a live & silent auction, gun raffle, dinner, drinks, dessert, and live entertainment. If you would like to donate to the event, contact a committee member.

Faith Oakland Addie Buysse Taylor Kruize
 507.829.6751 507.591.0316 507.476.0441

ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS REMINDER

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

REMINDERS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

As the end of the year approaches, please remember to pick up your new donation envelopes (if needed) and discard the 2024 envelopes because numbers have changed for 2025.

If you need a copy of your donation record, please contact Caren before January 20, 2025.

FOUND – Glasses

A pair of glasses were found on the step by the south door of the Knights’ Hall were found. Please stop by and pick them up if they are yours.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 7 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Steve Laleman



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION – JANUARY

For the Right to an Education ~

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

GHENT LEGION

American Legion Post #564 Ghent will be having a meeting on Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 pm.

Thank you for your service. Hope to see you there.

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.

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 – **January 18** Bruce Bot 507.828.7012

(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

The Visit of the Magi



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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

PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD

Radio Rosary

Jan. 6: In memory of Rita Verly by Heather Louwagie

Jan. 7: In memory of Jane & Doug Louwagie by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Jan. 8: In memory of Oscar & Mary Louwagie by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

Jan. 9: In memory of Ralph Leifgen by Dan & Helen Wambeke

Jan. 10: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

Jan. 11: In memory of David Honetschlager by his family

Jan. 12: In memory of Rita Verly by Ardyce Louwagie

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.

