



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

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**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**Monday, December 19**

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

**Tuesday, December 20**

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom)  
3:00 pm Mass at Apartments (Katherine Olafson)  
6:00 pm Education Committee

**Wednesday, December 21**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Mark & MaryAnn Full)  
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass  
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Pat Garrity)  
5:30 – 7:00 pm Pulled pork meal  
7:00 pm St. Edward Christmas Program

**Thursday, December 22 – No School**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Gloria Novotny)  
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass  
12:00 pm Mass at Convent  
(Parents of Francis & Grace Rabaey)  
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward  
7:00 pm Choir practice  
5:30 pm Confession at St. Edward

**Friday, December 23 – No School**

5:45 am TMIY  
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Larry VanHecki)  
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Presider's Intention)

**Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Presider's Intention)  
4:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (For the People)  
10:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the People)  
(Choir begins singing at 9:30 pm)

**Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Presider's Intention)  
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass  
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Presider's Intention)  
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent. One more full week until the great Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord. Use this week well to prepare your heart and home.

This week we witnessed a travesty as we saw a so-called Respect for Marriage Act pass in Senate and the House and signed into law. It codifies same-sex 'marriage' and equates it with interracial marriage – which no one of sound mind would oppose. Marriage is for the purpose of forming a family, about provided stability to the children that are fruits of that union. It is not primarily about the feelings of love or attachment between spouses, though that should be a key element.

So much of our modern issues come down to the nature of rights and reality. A thought leader I appreciate has said that we are focused on rights, but rights require responsibility first. We need to be responsible. Further, rights are not created or extended by government, but rather are inherent in the person as a gift from our Creator. He is the creator of reality – of all that is, visible and invisible. He is the arbiter of truth.

We live in a world where many believe that truth is subjective – that the person makes 'their' truth, but truth is objective, and it is our minds conformity to reality. We cannot change truth based on feelings. Further, these concepts are wrapped up and confused by the concept so prevalent that we can simply redefine words.

So, we see the definition of man, woman, marriage, choice and so many other things reduced to absurdities, and those who hold to a standard of objective truth are proclaimed bigots. While I love and respect people, error has no rights. This so-called respect for Marriage Act has potential for great danger. While it allows churches (currently, anyway) to have a different understanding of marriage, it does not really allow that definition be lived out.

A few of our elected officials attempted to amend the bill to limit the overreach and allow religious exceptions, but these amendments were not accepted. When government comes after churches for failure to legitimize same sex unions, when we are fined for not recognizing someone's self-perception that is not in conformity of the truth, we will not have too much recourse.

Let's be clear: Only marriage between one male and one female, with the traditional understanding of what that means, namely that the couple have complementary genitals (how sad that needs to be made clear) will be allowed in the Catholic Church. As a priest, if needed, I would relinquish the authority to witness legal marriages if we were forced to offer anything else. That is the only clear path if the government comes after the church. Let us pray for clarity, respect, and truth to prevail.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

## ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$955.00	\$2,110.26	(\$1,155.26)
Loose	\$176.00	\$146.15	\$29.85
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$54,620.26	\$52,989.57	\$1,630.69

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 4:30 pm

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Evan Hennen, Leo Hennen, Mark Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Bernie DeCock

Eucharistic Minister: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

Musicians: Barb Hennen, John Rabaey, Volunteers

Offertory Gifts: Darin & Molly Ries Family

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Brian Timmerman  
Corey Kack – Choir Loft

#### Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day – 10:30 am

Volunteers for all ministries.

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,099.00	\$4,829.92	(\$1,730.92)
Loose	\$251.25	\$153.85	\$97.40
Commodity			
Online Giving	\$456.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$140,878.23	\$124,261.35	\$16,616.88

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 10:00 pm

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Volunteers

Lector: Nate Welsh

Eucharistic Minister:

Ushers: Volunteers

#### Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens

Servers: Volunteers

Lector: Joe Callen

Eucharistic Minister:

Usher: Volunteers

## 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

Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 pm – Christmas Program

Freewill pork sandwich meal before the concert from  
5:30 – 7:00 pm!

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

### Sponsorship of St. Edward School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Arthur Steffel, son of Analisa & Will, born on Monday,  
November 21, and baptized at St. Edward on Saturday,  
December 17.

Arthur – “You are a Child of God, wonderfully made, dearly  
loved, and precious in His sight.” Psalm 13:9

### 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 21.

Take your family out for supper before the program!

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

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – St. Edward & St. Eloi

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

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. Your help will be  
appreciated.

### EXODUS90

In the past 90 days, how often did you eat a little too much,  
drink a little too much, or spend too much time in the  
office? How many times did you ignore your wife,  
children, or friends just to thumb through social media,  
watch Netflix, YouTube, or doom 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](http://www.Exodus90.com). If  
interested or for more information contact, Joseph  
Callens (828.2894) or [josephcallens67@gmail.com](mailto:josephcallens67@gmail.com).

### 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sanlucasmision.org).

## 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 #7

The next part of the mass is the apostolic greeting. Here the priest greets the people with the phrase: "The Lord be with you." All the people greet the priest in return, saying, "And with your spirit."

These are not meant to be exchanges of what might occur between just any large group gathered and one who stands up in front with something to say to everyone and so begins with a "Good morning" or "Good evening." This is an exchange uniquely belonging to the Christian community and peculiar to this moment in the community's life when it begins to celebrate the source and summit of its life.

It is an exchange that immediately acknowledges the roles that will be played in this ritual action. The priest greets the people not as an individual; rather he greets them in his sacramental role of representing Christ at the head of his body, as Christ who will lead his body in prayer.

This is called the apostolic greeting because the words come from greetings which the apostle Paul used in his letters. The apostles for their part passed this on to their successors, the bishops; and bishops share their apostolic ministry of leadership with priests. This greeting is to remind us that the faith in which we stand comes to us from the apostles.

If the priest's greeting to the people is on such an exalted level, the people's response is no less highly pitched. They answer, "And with your spirit." This response is not meant to say something to the effect of "the same to you." It means much more.

The people are addressing the "spirit" of the priest; that is, that deepest interior part of his being where he has been ordained precisely to lead the people in this sacred action. They are saying in effect, "Be the priest for us now," aware that there is only one priest, Christ himself, and that this one person who represents him now must be finely tuned to perform his sacred duties as well.

Only in the dignified courtesy of this exchange between the priest and people can we begin this liturgy, for the exchange expresses and establishes the unique harmony between ourselves, the priest, and the church throughout the world.

## YEAR OF WINNING

Week 3 – Congratulations! The Winner Is ... Mark Oakland

## 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 24 Bruce Bot 828-7012
- **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. 19: In memory of Diane Buysse by Ralph & Jenny Dieken
- Dec. 20: In memory of Gary & Jason Timmerman by Pat Timmerman & family
- Dec. 21: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by the Green Valley Choir
- Dec. 22: In memory of Henrich Weverka by Michael & Lorraine Weverka
- Dec. 23: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Dave & Nancy Kesteloot
- Dec. 24: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Ruth & Tony Louwagie
- Dec. 25: For all members of Audrey & George Bakker family by the Bakker family

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

## PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

### Monday, December 19

Msgr. John Richter  
Fr. Brendan Rolling  
Dcn. Michael McKeown  
Matthew Wood (Sem.)

### Wednesday, December 21

Fr. George Schmit  
Fr. Philip Schotzko  
Dcn. Ken Noyes  
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

### Friday, December 23

Fr. Joe Steinbeisser  
Fr. Bernie Steiner  
Dcn. Ryan Pope  
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

### Sunday, December 25

Fr. Craig Timmerman  
Fr. Paul Timmerman  
Fr. Steven Spilman  
Matthew Wood (Sem.)

### Tuesday, December 20

Fr. Brian Keith Salisbury  
Fr. Brunoe Santiago  
Dcn. Jason Myhre  
Lucas Baker (Sem.)


### Thursday, December 22

Fr. Paul Schumacher  
Fr. Mark Steffl  
Dcn. Roger Osborne  
David Rabaey (Sem.)

### Saturday, December 24

Fr. Tony Stubeda  
Fr. Tanner Thooft  
Dcn. Barry Reindl  
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*



## A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

*Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen.*

## Advent Week 3 Family Activities

### Sunday, December 18

Thank God for all He gives me.  
Light all four candles.

### Monday, December 19

Go out for a drive and look at the Christmas lights.

### Tuesday, December 20

Watch *Polar Express* while drinking hot chocolate.

### Wednesday, December 21

Read your favorite Christmas story.

### Thursday, December 22

Read John 1:1-18 – The meaning of Christmas.

### Friday, December 23

Be especially helpful at home in these last days of preparation before Christ's birth.

### Saturday, December 24

Read Luke 2:1-10.  
Move Mary and Joseph into the Nativity.



God of love,  
You sent Your Son, Jesus,  
to shine bright like the sun,  
lighting the way for all  
who walk in darkness.  
Let Your love shine  
like a light to all people,  
and may the light of Your love  
always shine in our hearts.  
Let Your love transform us  
and inspire us to love more deeply.  
Amen.



During Advent we are  
asked in the readings at  
Mass to prepare  
the way of the Lord.

We prepare at home, in  
school and at the church.  
But the most important  
preparation is what  
happens in our hearts.

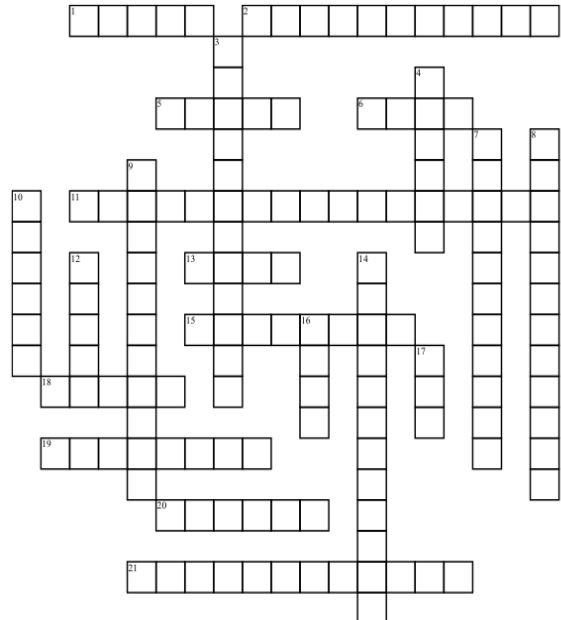


## Advent Word Search



Peace	Advent	Decorate	
Hope	Savior	Worship	
Candles	Angel	Love	
Jesus	Messiah	Holy	
Mary	Bethlehem	Immanuel	
Joseph	Wreath	Rejoice	

## Advent Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- On Christmas we celebrate the birth of.....
- The Advent wreath is a symbol of.....for the coming of Christ
- Every human being is loved by god and has dignity and.....
- Advent begins.....Sundays before December 25.
- .....is a sequence of specific seasons and feasts that are celebrated in the liturgy during a year's time.

- On Christmas, we receive gifts, a custom that may have started in remembrance of the....from the East who brought gifts to the infants Jesus.
- What month does Advent begin in?
- The color for Christmas is.....
- Jesus is the.....
- What season does the liturgical year begin in?
- When is Jesus born?

**Down**  
3. The vigil mass takes place on.....

- The color of Advent is.....
- On the....of December Jesus was born.
- During the 4 weeks of Advent we prepare to celebrate the.....
- Christmas is a time to.....with thankfulness in our hearts
- .....is the father of Jesus
- At Christmas we celebrate the great..... that each one of us is loved by God
- The Christmas season begins with the.....
- .....is the mother of Jesus.
- The color of Christmas [white] is a symbol of.....

## St. Eloi Liturgical Schedule for January & February ~ 2023

*Reminder to please find your own replacement if you can't make your scheduled date.  
If a Deacon is present for Mass, the Eucharistic Minister will not be needed.*

### **JANUARY**

#### ***Sunday, January 1 – 10:30 am – New Year's Day***

*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

#### ***Sunday, January 8***

*Sacristan:* Cindy Nelson  
*Servers:* Elise Hennen, Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh  
*Lector:* Betsy Jo Kack  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt  
*Musicians:* Barb & Brad Hennen  
*Offertory Gifts:* John & Jennifer Rabaey Family  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

#### ***Sunday, January 15***

*Sacristan:* Lila Schmidt  
*Servers:* Leo Hennen, Xavier & Mark Rabaey  
*Lector:* Doug Maeyaert  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen  
*Musicians:* John Rabaey Family  
*Offertory Gifts:* Darin & Molly Ries Family  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

#### ***Sunday, January 22***

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman  
*Servers:* Evan Hennen, Joseph Ries, Toby Wambeke  
*Lector:* Steve Van Keulen  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Dan Sik, Ron Sussner  
*Musicians:* Sisters  
*Offertory Gifts:* Travis & Amanda Rupp Family  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

#### ***Sunday, January 29***

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman  
*Servers:* Elise Hennen, Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh  
*Lector:* Brad Hennen  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen  
*Musicians:* John Rabaey Family  
*Offertory Gifts:* Dale & Lila Schmidt  
*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

### **FEBRUARY**

#### ***Sunday, February 5***

*Sacristan:* Corissa Van Keulen  
*Servers:* Leo Hennen, Xavier & Mark Rabaey  
*Lector:* Mike Van Keulen  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Beth Brewers, Don Senden  
*Musicians:* Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen  
*Offertory Gifts:* Don & Julie Schuelke  
*Ushers:* Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

#### ***Sunday, February 12***

*Sacristan:* Cindy Nelson  
*Servers:* Evan Hennen, Joseph Ries, Toby Wambeke  
*Lector:* Steve Hennen  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten  
*Musicians:* Barb & Brad Hennen  
*Offertory Gifts:* Don & Monica Senden  
*Ushers:* Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

#### ***Sunday, February 19***

*Sacristan:* Lila Schmidt  
*Servers:* Elise Hennen, Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh  
*Lector:* Monica Senden  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Mary Jo Bossuyt, Darla Timmerman  
*Musicians:* John Rabaey Family  
*Offertory Gifts:* Dan & Deb Sik  
*Ushers:* Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

#### ***Wednesday, February 22 – 4:30 pm – Ash Wednesday***

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman  
*Servers:* Joseph Ries, Toby Wambeke, Tyler Welsh  
*Lector:* Bernie DeCock  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Lila Schmidt, Caroline Van Keulen  
*Musicians:* John Rabaey Family  
*Offertory Gifts:* Michael & Julie Speltz  
*Ushers:* Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

#### ***Sunday, February 26***

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman  
*Servers:* Leo Hennen, Xavier & Mark Rabaey  
*Lector:* Karla Engels  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Monica & Don Senden  
*Musicians:* Sisters  
*Offertory Gifts:* Ron & Angela Fischer-Sussner  
*Ushers:* Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

