



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



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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **Monday, December 2**

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

### **Tuesday, December 3 – Office Closed**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Healing for JL)

3:00 pm Mass at Madison Ave. (Margaret Doom)

### **Wednesday, December 4 – Office Closed**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5 & 6 (Paul Fonteyn)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

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, December 5**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward

(Bernard & Helene Moorse family)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Special Intention)

### **Friday, December 6**

5:45 am That Man Is You

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward

(Albert & Margaret Callens living & deceased family)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Bernice Kloos)

### **Saturday, December 7**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Walt, Delores, & Paul DeCock)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Larry Sharp)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

### **Sunday, December 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(Lawrence & Barb Sumerfelt & family)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday FIRE – Lamb of God: Part 1

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Marge & Orville Hennen)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the season of Advent. This great season is one of anticipation and preparation. It is marked by penance and prayer, just as much as Lent is, as we prepare our hearts for our Lord's return. These few weeks are short – celebrate them well.

While our culture is already celebrating Christmas (or the limited idea of it for a culture unmoored from the faith), we hold fast to the need to remember Christ came in history, and He will come again, and we who are alive are to prepare.

As I have in the past, I recommend reading the Gospel of St. Luke, a chapter per day, so that on Christmas Eve morning, we read Luke 24 where we hear our Lord saying, "Was it not necessary the Messiah should suffer these things so to enter into His glory?" But we could add, was it not necessary that the Second Person of the Trinity should become flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, that He would preach and teach and heal? That He would suffer and rise? That is the reason for Christmas – because our Heavenly Father deemed it necessary to send His Son to suffer and die for us.

Just a few weeks ago, we reviewed the final bids for the Church of St. Edward painting, pews, and floor. I updated the chart on our webpage

(<https://www.goodteacherafc.com/campaignprojects>) to reflect this. Just in the last months since the bid that we sent to get approval, we had an increase of 6.2%.

We also received bid for new presiders and deacons chairs, updating the pulpit/ambo and a new Altar of Repose for the tabernacle so that all match. Even with those (remembering we added the flooring into the project) we are still doing these under budget. About \$100,000 under. As you can see, we are trying to be productive with the money that you have given.

There are two items, the ramp for the school (\$14,490) and the organ (\$4,022), that had restricted gifts. We haven't addressed the siding of the middle school wing, but these are the last three projects from the campaign, with about \$21,000 left. There has been a push in memory of Brian Timmerman for the ramp, and Jaci is working on a proposal for a ramp/truck port through the gym.

Regarding St. Eloi, the window project will begin in the spring. Thank you for all who gave toward this project, too.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd



# Eucharistic Revival Information

## REFLECTION ~ Think about this ...

Preparing for Mass intentionally is greatly pleasing to our Lord. Those who treasure a great gift open themselves up to receive greater ones. So, too, will our Lord pour out his graces upon you if you receive him in Holy Communion with fervor and faithful preparation.

He who treats a gift of great value as a common object does not show the honor due to the object or to the one gifting it. The Eucharist is the fruit of our Lord's Passion and Death. He went through unimaginable suffering in order to become our heavenly nourishment.

The least we can do is to give him honor and thanks with our whole being, avoiding any type of neglect and indifference. This is a sure door to true transformation in our lives. Let us open it.

Let us pray.

Lord, we have betrayed you countless times by our sins. Give us the grace of true conversion and grant that, by meditating constantly on your Passion and Death, we may be freed from the slavery of sin and grow to love as you love—to the end. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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

December 2 – School Resumes

**Sponsorship of St. Edward School**

## 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	\$770.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,340.00)
Loose plate	\$198.00	\$146.00	\$52.00
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$41,172.00	\$47,585.00	(\$6,413.00)

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 8 – 10:30 am – Second Sunday of Advent**

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: John & Jennifer Rabaey Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

Cup: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$13,989.00	\$4,830.00	\$9,159.00
Loose plate	\$244.00	\$154.00	\$90.00
Online Giving	\$1,043.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$114,926.00	\$119,335.00	(\$4,409.00)

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 7 – 5:30 pm – Second Sunday of Advent**

Sacristan: Claren Novotny

Servers: Eli Faris, Gabe Ludwikowski

Lector: Eriann Faris

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Christensen

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

**Sunday, December 8 – 8:30 am – Second Sunday of Advent**

Sacristan: Fran Sturm

Servers: Elizabeth Garvey, Noah Myhre

Lector: Teresa Myhre

Eucharistic Ministers: Shannon Evjen

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

### ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

- ✠ For devotion to the Christ Child
- ✠ For the courage to say yes to the will of God and bring Christ's light this Advent season.
- ✠ For God's blessing to guide our hearts to carry out the light of Christ.

### 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!

### 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.



### **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).

### **COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP – St. Eloi**

Our cookie and fellowship tradition in our gathering space continues with your help. Would you be willing to bring 6 dozen cookies for a Sunday or two?

If you could bring cookies, please contact Sandy Nuytten at 829.9690 (or email her at [snytten@frontiernet.net](mailto:snytten@frontiernet.net)).

### **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 2 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Amanda Engels



### **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.

### **CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307**

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will hold their annual Christmas Party and Meeting on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the St. John Cantius Church Basement.

A traditional Christmas dinner will be served at noon followed by a meeting. Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing 605.695.7630 or Karen Miller 507.694.1790 by November 22, so we know how many people to expect.

### **JACKPOT BINGO – ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sunday, December 1, 2024 St. Leo Church Basement  
Warm-up games at 12:30 pm – Jackpot games at 1:30 pm  
Lunch starts at noon. Donation: \$15 per ticket  
18 - \$50 games with \$200 and \$300 jackpots  
Proceeds will support Catholic education & church projects!

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> St., Tracy, MN 56175.

### **CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL**

Learn simple ways to transform your charitable giving and turn a modest gift into a substantial legacy that will bless the Catholic parish or charity of your choice.

Guest speaker John Tetzloff, Director of Sales of the Catholic United Financial Foundation will explain the most effective giving methods and how to structure your plan, so your charitable intentions are protected.

Learn more at St. Leo Catholic Church Social Hall on Thursday, December 5, at 9:30 am or at St. Peter Catholic Church Social Hall on Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Brian Zitzmann.

To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email [workshops@catholicunited.org](mailto:workshops@catholicunited.org).

### **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](#).



Show us your  
unfailing love,  
Lord, and grant us  
your salvation.  
Psalm 85:7 NIV

### Radio Rosary

- Dec. 2: In memory of Oscar & Mary Louwagie  
by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners
- Dec. 3: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom  
by their family
- Dec. 4: In memory of Leon & Marie Coudron  
by Madeline Swedzinski
- Dec. 5: In memory of Rita Verly by Jack & Terry Hennen
- Dec. 6: In memory of Anthony, Betty, & Bill Krogman  
by the Krogman family
- Dec. 7: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom  
by their family
- Dec. 8: In memory of Ralph Leifgen  
by David & Diane Hennen

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

### ADVENT WEEK ONE – FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. Make or buy an Advent wreath and light one purple candle.
2. Set-up and talk about the Nativity scene.
3. Write a family prayer about hope, peace, love, and joy.
4. Make a paper chain for each day until Christmas.



God of hope,  
awaken our hearts  
to You this Advent season  
and fill our hearts  
with hopeful anticipation  
of Your coming  
so that when Jesus arrives,  
we are ready to receive Him  
in our hearts and minds.  
Amen.

## ADVENT

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JohntheBaptist	Anticipation	Patriarchs	Reflection
Prophets	Darkness	Promise	Candle
Emmanuel	Prepare	Advent	Wreath
Joy	Love	Light	Weeks
Hope	Mary	Purple	Jesus
Carols	Waiting	Sunday	Peace

