



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



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Sunday, December 12, 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent ~ Gaudete Sunday

Monday, December 13

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)

Tuesday, December 14

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Nancy Kennedy)
3:00 pm Apartment Mass – *residents only* (Marian Sarbaum)
6:00 pm Education Committee

Wednesday, December 15

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Grades 7 & 8 (Rita VanDorpe)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Susan Gregner)
5:00 pm Youth Choir Practice (Gr 1-5)
5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice (Gr 6-12)
5:30 pm Religious Ed Grades 1-5
6:30 pm Religious Ed Grades 6-11
6:30 pm Adoration
8:00 pm Teen Talk

Thursday, December 16

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (George & Rita Laleman)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Louis H. & Elizabeth Claeys)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, December 17

5:45 am That Man Is You
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Delores Seifert)
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Jules Noyes)

Saturday, December 18

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (All Souls in purgatory)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Mary Bernardy)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 19

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Hilary & Rosemary Tauer)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 – 10:30 Sunday FIRE in Knights' Hall
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the people)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

joy

Dear Parishioners,

Rejoice! Gaudete Sunday is here, and our journey to the Celebration of the Lord's birth is halfway there. We have great cause to rejoice – we are heirs of a great Savior and have great hope in His promises. Too often, we might be tempted to look at the bad around us and think that somehow we have less reason to rejoice, or when all is going well, to have more reason.

Joy is about an attitude of the soul, not a function of the external world. Consider the stories of those who are dying of cancer and yet joyful, or those with health and wealth but are miserable. Joy starts with gratitude, an awareness of the presence of God and the good in our lives. It does not ignore the evil, but places trust that the Lord is faithful to His promise to be with us.

As I wrote last week, this Sunday is the 490th anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. Juan Diego, a poor, middle-aged indigenous man from the area around modern Mexico City was an early convert, but one of few. While walking on December 9, 1531, he saw a beautiful woman on the hill of Tepeyac, and she spoke to him in his native language and identified herself as the Blessed Virgin. She told him that a shrine was to be built on the hill. He took the message to the bishop who was skeptical. Juan saw the Lady again, and on the next day, talked to the bishop again, and the bishop asked for a sign. She promised a sign would be given the next day.

On the 11th, he was caring for his uncle, and the next day, the 12th, he traveled to get a priest to anoint his uncle. He tried to pass by the hill, but Our Lady appeared to him and chided him for not trusting in her. She promised that his uncle would be well and to pick the flowers. Though it was out of season, the hill was covered in roses, which he collected and gathered in his tilma (a multipurpose cloak made of cactus fiber that could be used as an apron or carrying bag). He went to the bishop and dropped the flap of the tilma and revealed the roses, revealing a miraculous image of Our Lady on his tilma. The bishop realized that the apparition was real.

The tilma has been studied, and there are so many things about it that are unnatural. It maintains a constant heat, despite the variation in air temperature, of 98.6°, the average body temperature. Doctors who have studied the eyes on the tilma have found that they react as a real eye would. The stars of the dress are in the exact arrangement of the day of the apparition. Many of the elements were recognized as a message to the indigenous people, such as that Our Lady is queen and more powerful than

their pagan gods, but that she was submissive to someone greater – God.

The skin tone is both darker when viewed close, like the color of their skin, and lighter when viewed from a distance like the skin of a middle eastern woman. There is no discernible paint, and the coloration is impossible to recreate. Most telling, despite the fact that cactus fiber does not last long (50 years at most), the tilma is showing no deterioration from time.

I encourage you to watch one of the videos that we are linking for Sunday FIRE.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

Vespers: 6:15 pm Adoration: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
Office: 872.6391

Thank you to Miss Callens and St. Edward students for their outstanding Christmas Concert.

Food shelf collection continues through December 21.

School Sponsorship

December 13 – In memory of Diane Buysse

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$580.00	\$2,110.26	(\$1,530.26)
Loose	\$221.00	\$146.15	\$74.85
Commodity	\$		\$
Year-to-Date	\$52,350.82	\$51,197.09	\$1,153.73

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 19

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt

Servers: Toby Wambeke, Joseph Ries, Mark Rabaey

Lector: Brad Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: Darla Timmerman

Musicians: John Rabaey & family

Offertory Gifts: Judy Kesteloot

Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim VanKeulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$7,294.00	\$4,829.92	\$2,464.08
Youth	\$3.00	\$5.69	(\$2.69)
Loose	\$150.00	\$153.85	(\$3.85)
Thanksgiving	\$350.00		
Commodity	\$4,184.32		
Online Giving	\$1,020.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$111,430.70	\$114,618.91	(\$3,188.21)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 18

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Lydia & Leah Coequyt, Tara Sterzinger

Lector: Erian Faris

Eucharistic Minister: Erian Faris

Ushers: Charlie Callens, Jerry Kloos, Mike Longtin

Sunday, December 19

Sacristan: Terry VanKeulen

Servers: Lane & Kylee Loyson

Lector: Teresa Myhre

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Hennen

Ushers: Mike Vlaminck

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon) on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
Call 428.3919 to double-check the time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Doug Konold, who passed away on December 7, with his funeral held on Saturday, December 11. May God's peace be with you at this time.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelations 21:4

ALL SOULS DAY – Candles to be picked up

There are several candles from the All Souls Day Mass in the back of church that need to be picked up. They are in memory of Francis Arends and Jeanette Hoberg.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – St. Edward

The St. Edward Liturgy Committee would appreciate assistance decorating for Christmas. The plan is to decorate on Sunday, December 19, after the 8:30 am Mass.

If you can only help for 15 minutes or the entire hour, that's great! "Many hands make light work."

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – St. Edward & St. Eloi

Please help decorate the parishes of St. Edward & St. Eloi for the Christmas season by donating towards poinsettias as a remembrance 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. Please indicate St. Edward or St. Eloi. Thank You!

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

Please pick up your fall festival raffle winnings from the church office. Tom Abraham, Michelle DeSmet, Kurt Fier, Julie Janiszski, Jenalyn Longtin, Stacey Longtin, & Paul Swedzinski.

ST. ELOI – SOUND SYSTEM

Updating and improving the sound system in St. Eloi will cost approximately \$30,000. Up to this point \$11,100 has been donated to this project.

Please continue to donate to this fund for this essential ministry.

STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

The St. Edward Student Council has extended the deadline for food & monetary donations to the Marshall Food Shelf. Donations can be dropped off at school or in the back of church until December 21. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the family of Judy Bot for the lovely flowers they left for the church to use following her funeral.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307

The annual Christmas dinner and meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 12 noon at the St. John Cantius Church Basement, Wilno.

All adult & student members of Council #307 and spouses of members are invited to attend this Christmas Social. Cost of the meal is \$5 with the council paying the remainder.

If you will be attending the meal, we ask that you RSVP by Saturday, December 4, so that we may plan for food accordingly. Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing (605.695.7630), Merlin Downing (507.694.1209), or Kevin Downing (605.695.8601).

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 19 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 – Week of Dec. 13 - 19, 2021

Dec. 13: In memory of Vincent & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

Dec. 14: In memory of Gerard & Mary Louwagie by their family

Dec. 15: In memory of Judy Ourada by Frank & Helen DeSleer

Dec. 16: In memory of George Louwagie by Jim & Barb Louwagie

Dec. 17: In memory of George Louwagie by Clem & Alice Anton

Dec. 18: In memory of Nick & Theresa Lozinski by a family member

Dec. 19: In memory of Judy Ourada by her family & friends

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, December 13

Fr. Denny Labat
Msgr. Eugene Lozinski
Dcn. John Hansen
Adam Eberhard (Sem.)

Wednesday, December 15

Fr. Gerald Meidl
Fr. Robert Mraz
Fr. Andy Michels
James Herzog (Sem.)

Tuesday, December 14

Fr. Mark Mallak
Fr. Brian Mandel
Dcn. Mark Kober
Nathan Hansen (Sem.)

Thursday, December 16

Fr. Aaron Nett
Fr. John Nordick
Dcn. Michael McKeown
Luke Miller (Sem.)

Friday, December 17

Fr. Brian Oestreich
Fr. Jerome Paulson
Dcn. Jason Myhre
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Sunday, December 19

Fr. Todd Petersen
Fr. Zach Peterson
Dcn. Roger Osborne
Sam Rosemeier (Sem.)

Saturday, December 18

Fr. John Pearson
Fr. Sam Perez
Dcn. Ken Noyes
David Rabaey (Sem.)

BEFORE I WAS BORN,
GOD CHOSE ME AND
CALLED ME BY HIS
MARVELOUS GRACE.

GALATIANS 1:15

ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

The season of Advent originated as a fast of 40 days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of Saint Martin when it was often called Saint Martin's Lent, a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks (a period starting four Sundays before Christmas), and Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season, which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.

The spirit of the liturgy throughout Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as it were, for a while, in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

WEEK 3 Lighting the Candle

Light three candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Joy,

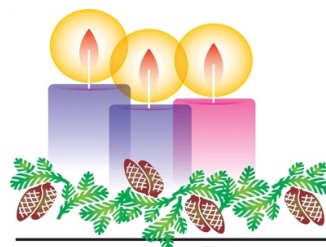
Brighten our homes with your presence.

Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish.

Make every holiday activity an opportunity to spread your light and love.

We await your coming with delight.

Amen.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

CHRISTMAS & HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 –

Christmas Eve

12:00 pm – Convent Mass
 4:30 pm – Mass at St. Eloi
 10:00 pm – Mass at St. Edward

Saturday, December 25 –

Christmas Day

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward
 10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi
 NO 5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward

Sunday, December 26 – Mass of the Holy Family

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward
 10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi
 5:30 pm – Mass at St. Edward (possibility)

Friday, December 31 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:30 pm – Mass at St. Eloi

Saturday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 am – Mass at St. Edward
 5:30 pm – Mass at St. Edward – Epiphany

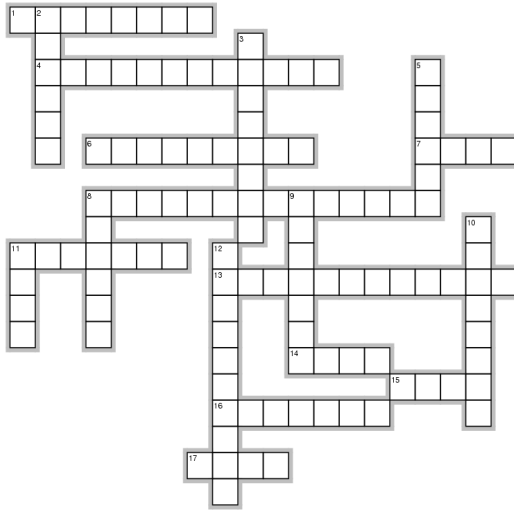
Sunday, January 2 – Epiphany

8:30 am – St. Edward
 10:30 am – St. Eloi



Advent Crossword Puzzle

David Bennett, ChurchYear.Net



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

- Famous saint, who is associated with Christmas, whose feast is celebrated during Advent
- Popular evergreen family devotion used during Advent (2 words)
- Church holiday right after Advent
- "Our _____ of Guadalupe," Catholic feast falling during Advent
- Jesus' cousin who prepared the way for Jesus (3 words)
- Title of Jesus, meaning "anointed one," and the name of an oratorio by Handel
- Church season immediately before Advent (2 words)
- Title of Jesus meaning "master"
- Pinkish color used during the third Sunday of Advent
- "Christ _____": Church holiday celebrated the Sunday before Advent (2 words)

- Number of Sundays during the Advent season

Down

- One of the major Old Testament prophets
- Month when Advent usually begins
- Liturgical color of the Advent season
- Foster-father of Jesus
- What the word "Advent" means
- Advent Hymn: "O come, O come _____"
- Mother of Jesus
- "The Immaculate _____": Marian holiday that falls during the Advent season

ADVENT



WORDSEARCH

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| MARY | JOSEPH | REJOICE |
| ANGEL | PURPLE | SAVIOUR |
| JESUS | WREATH | EMMANUEL |
| ADVENT | BELIEVE | GOODNEWS |
| CANDLE | | ISRAEL |



Preparing the WAY

Ways to Get Ready For Jesus This Advent Season

Prepare Your Home

Decorating your home inside or out with lights, candles, nativity scenes and Christian ornaments tells all who visit you that Advent for you is about awaiting the Light of the World, the Christ Child who came to make himself at home in our lives.

Prepare Your Gifts

Much of our time during Advent involves searching for and wrapping the "perfect" gifts for friends and loved ones. But as we prepare our gifts for others, we need to keep reminding ourselves that our gift-giving represents God's giving of the greatest Gift of all, Baby Jesus, wrapped in flesh.

Prepare Your Heart

Spending time with Scripture and in prayer during the Advent season keeps our hearts in touch with the heartbeat of God, who is pouring out his love to us in Jesus Christ and desiring that we grow to know his Son more.