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Sunday, November 27, 2022 The First Sunday of Advent

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Judy Bot)
3:00 pm Mass at Apartments (John Swedzinski)
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Wednesday, November 30

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 3 & 4 (Dennis Schmig)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Margaret Kimpe)
5:30 pm RE Grades 1-5
6:30 pm RE Grades 6-12
6:30 pm Adoration at St. Edward – All are invited

Thursday, December 1

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Darleen Dorenkamper)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Lorraine Coquyt Goblisch)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, December 2

5:45 am TMIY
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Rose Baune)
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Special Intention M)

Saturday, December 3

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Parents of Francis & Grace Rabaey)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the people)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 4

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Lawrence Sumerfelt)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Knights' Hall
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (St. Eloi)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! As we begin the new liturgical year this weekend, we start with the great season of Advent. This year, we will have the longest Advent possible and the second shortest Christmas season possible (next year, both Advent and Christmas will be the shortest). Because Advent is always four Sundays and Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, our fourth week of Advent is a full week. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to Monday, January 8, because we celebrate Epiphany on the Sunday following the January 6.

Advent is a season of preparation. We are preparing not just to celebrate the birthday of our Savior, certainly an important date as it split the reckoning of time into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domine – the year of the Lord since his birth). We are also preparing for His return. He who came to save us on the cross by entering the manger will come to redeem us coming in the sky. So, we prepare our hearts.



This is a great season for seeking the Lord's mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. This year, too, I encourage us to ask the Lord to open our eyes to the events and power of the Mass itself. At the Mass, we witness something marvelous as the Lord comes to be with us in mystery, veiled from our physical eyes. At the same, we stand before Him in his offering of Himself for our salvation to the Father on the Cross. As we celebrate Christmas, we remember how He came in history, how He will come in majesty, but in every Mass comes in mystery.

Because Advent is so long, I encourage us to resist the Christmas craze. It might get easy to get lost in the Christmas planning that we forget to prepare our souls. Both are important but preparing our souls might have more lasting significance.

I regret to inform you of the death of the refrigerator in KC Hall. It was no longer able to cool and freeze. We purchased an upright refrigerator/freezer for \$1,150 and had it delivered on Tuesday. Thank you to those who originally donated the old refrigerator. If anyone would like to donate toward the new one, feel free to contact Caren.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend, filled with family and fun. I also hope that we do not forget to give thanks to God for all He has done for us.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

Advent

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$640.00	\$2,110.26	(\$1,470.26)
Loose	\$222.00	\$146.15	\$75.85
Commodity	\$1,332.63		
Year-to-Date	\$46,040.31	\$44,562.13	\$1,478.18

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Leo Hennen, Xavier & Mark Rabaey

Lector: Brad Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Nuytten, Linda Oftedahl

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Ray & Colleen Noyes

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Brian Timmerman

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,210.00	\$4,829.92	(\$2,619.92)
Loose	\$156.00	\$153.85	\$2.15
Commodity			
Online Giving	\$365.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$107,672.68	\$102,081.92	\$5,590.76

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 3

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Sam & Elena Myhre

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Minister: Margrit Rabaey

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Mike Longtin, Tom & Paula Sterzinger

Sunday, December 4

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Charity & Joe Beisler, Mason Moore

Lector: Cynthia Moore

Eucharistic Minister: Dawn Vlamincik

Usher: Mike Vlamincik

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: 872.639

Wednesday, December 14 – Christmas Program 7:00 pm
Freewill pork sandwich meal before the concert from
5:30 – 7:00 pm! Proceeds will go towards scholarships
for our seniors.

Employment Opportunity – Long-term sub for Mrs. Doom.
Beginning in February for 12 weeks. Contact Jaci Garvey
if interested.

Sponsorship of St. Edward School



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEALS AVAILABLE

The Hospitality Meal Program continues taking meals to members of our parish. 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.

COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP – St. Eloi

A fun tradition has begun in our gathering place after Sunday Mass...we have fellowship and Lyle DeCock's fresh cookies!

Lyle will be unable to keep that going on his own going forward. He has asked if others would be willing to bring 6 dozen cookies? If you are willing to keep this tradition going, please contact Sandy Nuytten at 829.9690 or email snuytten@frontiernet.net .

This will begin on December 11, 2022.

SCHOENSTATT NOVEMBER MEETING

The November Schoenstatt girls meeting will be held Monday, November 28, at 3:15 pm in the Knights' Hall in Minneota. There will be NO group in December.

Please register online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/222416888648167>

Volunteers are needed to bring snacks in February, March, and April. Please contact Jean Callens at 507.828.3472.

ROSARY SOCIETY NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

- ✝ General intention for world peace and more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- ✝ For the ill and suffering in our parish.
- ✝ For the souls in purgatory.

ONE MORE TIME THRIFT STORE

One More Time Thrift Store owned and operated by St. Edward Church/School Community needs your help. As our clerk staff is going through changes, we need help in this area. This volunteer position would work as the check-out plus opening or closing the store. It requires minimal training, working a three-hour weekly schedule or as much as you wish.

For our thrift store to continue at its present level, consider joining our volunteer group. Please contact Brenda at 507.872.5193.

Thrift Store financial history – Opened July 2017, almost 5 1/2 years. Profits, including an estimate to end of current 2022 year, raised for St. Edward's is \$73,000.

CHRISTMAS GOODIES FOR OUR SHUT-INS

On December 3, at 9:00 am in the Knights' Hall, CCW will be packaging and delivering Christmas goodies to the Minneota Assisted Living facility and to members of our community who are homebound or in need of a little Christmas cheer before the holidays.

We have a guild making the cookies but need help in packaging and delivering the goodies. Contact Bonnie Laleman (828.5703) if you can help.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's nearing the time of year the liturgy committees will be decorating St. Edward and St. Eloi for Christmas. Please consider helping out by donating the cost of a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one.

More details in the next few weeks.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Decorating for Christmas will take place after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Ed's on December 18. Consider helping out since "many hands make light work."

And, looking ahead – take-down will be after the 8:30 am Mass on January 8. The liturgy committee appreciates your assistance.

FLURRY OF FUN PRESENTS – A Musical Night Out

We are hosting our annual event on February 4, 2023.

Catering by Scotty Biggs and Entertainment by River Rats Dueling Pianos.

We are currently seeking and accepting donations for the silent and live auctions. Donations can consist of cash, gift certificates or any other items. If you would like to donate items, the committee would be happy to put the baskets together for you.

If you have any suggestions for auction items or contact information for individuals or businesses who would be willing to donate, we would be happy to reach out to them. We are always looking for new and improved items for the auctions.

Questions? Please feel free to contact our committee:

Julie Pohlen 828.7392 Nikki Traen 828.2912
Chassidy DeRoode 530.1835 Laura Hennen 428.3254

LITURGY MATTERS #5

As the liturgy begins, the assembly that God has called together rises to its feet and begins to sing. The beauty of song is not insignificant for understanding what is happening. The song represents the beauty of the one faith in the many Christians throughout the world. In the one song, all the voices join together in unity, every voice with its own timbre, own quality, in tune, or out of tune, blend into one beautiful sound and one beautiful voice: the voice of the Church.

We must also recognize that this song does not only represent the assembly joined together in our particular building, but also the entire church including the countless number of angels raising their voices in song as well.

The human capacity to sing is truly wonderful. Human song is an image of the mystery of the Incarnation. Air in our body, in a throat, pushing the intelligible voice outward in beautiful expression is an image of Spirit in the flesh, of divinity joined to humanity.

While the song is being sung, a procession of the various ministers of the liturgy moves through the church and into the sanctuary. At the culminating point of the this procession is the bishop or priest, rendering visible and concrete for us what our fleshly eyes cannot see; namely, Christ himself as the head of our assembly and the one who leads us in prayer. Christ is coming and standing in the midst of his people and of course the people rise to their feet and of course they are singing a joyful song with one voice.

The other ministers accompany the priest in the procession, all signifying the difference in their roles. Some carry flame, another carries the smoking incense. When the flame and incense enter, the heavenly choirs of angels enter the sanctuary with them; and they will help us to worship. They will pray for us and with us. They will protect us because they love us.

In the procession the deacon carries the book of the Gospels which shows us that Christ is coming together with his

word. In what is about to happen, he will speak words of power and wisdom, a transforming word that will change our lives and form us into the likeness of himself.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 1 – Congratulations! The Winner Is ... Jodi Loyson

INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA

JACKPOT BINGO IN ST. LEO – All are welcome!

St. Leo Catholic Church on Sunday, December 4, at 12:30 pm

Lunch starts at Noon

\$200 & \$300 Jackpots 18 – \$50 games

Donations \$15 per ticket

The event is made possible by Catholic United Financial Council #99, St. Leo, MN. Proceeds will help support Catholic Education and other church projects.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL 307

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will hold their Christmas Party and Meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the St. John Cantius Church Basement.

Due to the increased cost of catering, we will be having a potluck lunch this year. The council will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and vegetable and ask that those attending bring a dish to pass.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing 605.695.7630 or Merlin Downing 507.694.1209 by December 3, so we know how many people to plan for.

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 3 Fr. Todd 872.6346
- **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

- Nov. 28: In memory of Ernie Lanoue by his family
Nov. 29: In memory of Clarence Doom by Pat Timmerman
Nov. 30: In memory of Madeline Timmerman by Arlene & Dan Markell
Dec. 1: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Joe & Joanne Louwagie
Dec. 2: In memory of Oscar & Mary Louwagie by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners
Dec. 3: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Pat Timmerman & family
Dec. 4: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Linda & Dean Louwagie

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

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

Monday, November 28

Fr. Paul Wolf
Dcn. Travis Welsh
David Rabaey (Sem.)
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Tuesday, November 29

The women religious
in the diocese

Wednesday, November 30

All men & women whom
God is calling to the
priesthood or religious life

Thursday, December 1

Pope Francis

Friday, December 2

Bishop Chad Zielsinski

Saturday, December 3

Fr. Christian Adike
Fr. Garrett Ahlers
Dcn. Arthur Abel
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Sunday, December 4

Fr. James Barry
Fr. Josh Bot
Dcn. Russ Blaschko
David Rabaey (Sem.)

*"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*

Thursday, December 1

Learn how two other countries celebrate the birth of Christ.

Friday, December 2

Write a family prayer about hope, peace, love, and joy.

Saturday, December 3

Have a cup of hot chocolate while Mom or Dad reads Luke 1:26-28.

Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity.

An Advent Word Search

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

ADVENT	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	CANDLES
CENSUS	CHRIST	COMING	COUNSELLOR
DARKNESS	FAITH	GABRIEL	HOPE
ISAIAH	JESUS	JOSEPH	JOY
LIGHT	MARY	MICAH	PEACE
PROPHETS	WAITING	WONDERFUL	WREATH



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 Week 1 Family Activities

Sunday, November 27

Make or buy an Advent wreath together.
Light one purple candle

Monday, November 28

Secretly do a kind act for someone today.

Tuesday, November 29

Set-up and talk about the Nativity scene. Place Mary and Joseph far away from the Nativity.

Wednesday, November 30

Turn on Christmas music.
Make a paper chain with a link for each day until Christmas.

Matthew 24:42

Stay awake!

for you do not know
on which day
your Lord
will come."