



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



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Facebook: One More Time Thrift Store

Sunday, December 19, 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 20

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

Tuesday, December 21

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Judy Saffle)
3:00 pm Apartment Mass – *residents only* (Jeffery DeSmet)
6:00 pm Education Committee
7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting in Knights' Hall

Wednesday, December 22

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Laurence Stienessen)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Lumir & Emaline Zak)
No Religious Ed.
8:00 pm Teen Talk

Thursday, December 23

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Bob Soenen)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Florence Determan)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Nancy Kennedy)
4:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Presider's intention)
10:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (Presider's intention)

Saturday, December 25

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the people)
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Presider's intention)
NO 5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward

Sunday, December 26

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (LaVern Evers)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Jamie Welsh)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Jim, Bernice, & Tom Bradley)

Dear Parishioners,

One more week of Advent, but a short week. While many in the culture might be counting down until the day, planning on removing the trees in decorations shortly after Christmas Day, we are only gearing up! This last week is a final push to prepare our hearts for the Christ Child, and may He find a welcome home. Like the people around the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth and St. Zechariah, we rejoice in the announcement of His birth, but also know that we are called to live in joy and continued expectation.

Thank you for the prayers for my sister and mother. Both are recovering well, at least at the time of writing. Certainly, it made for interesting times knowing that both were sick but that I could do so little to help them. My mom recovered at home after getting a good course of antibiotics, and my sister was released after 5 days in the hospital. Sadly, one of the days was her birthday – a terrible way to spend it.

We submitted the request for approval to begin the replacement of the sound system at St. Eloi's a week ago, and I am fairly certain that it will be approved. I am grateful for all who have already contributed to this project. I am also thankful to those who have contributed to the school's match grant efforts. At the time of writing, it appears that we have the necessary money in hand to receive the matching grant from the Richard M. Schultz Foundation. This is amazing and I am so thankful.

Finally, thank you to those that contributed to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. St. Edward's is about halfway to its goal, and St. Eloi has made the goal. A reminder that 20% of every dollar returns to the parish, and so we benefit in not only helping the Diocese fund social concerns issues, Formation of Seminarians and Deacons, and other areas, we get a return on the contributions. All of these are over and above your regular Sunday offerings, which have also been fairly good. As you are aware, the tax year is coming to an end. Any contributions that you wish to have applied to 2021 need to be given by December 31.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

In our last week of Advent, we are invited to experience the love of Christ, as well as share that gift with others. It is love that brings Jesus into our world and it is love that transforms our being.

“God so loved the world that He sent His only Son.” John 3:16

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,110.00	\$2,110.26	\$999.74
Loose	\$128.00	\$146.15	(\$18.15)
Commodity	\$		\$
Year-to-Date	\$58,588.85	\$52,689.57	\$3,899.28

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 4:30 pm

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Evan Hennen, Tyler Welsh, Leo Hennen, Xavier Rabaey
Lector: Mike VanKeulen
Eucharistic Minister: Caroline VanKeulen, Ron Sussner
Musicians: Barb Hennen, John Rabaey, Parish Volunteers
Offertory Gifts: Corey & Betsy Jo Kack
Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim VanKeulen,
Galen Boerboom

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day – 10:30 am

Sacristan:
Servers:
Lector: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Eucharistic Minister: **FOR ALL MINISTRIES!**
Musicians:
Offertory Gifts:
Ushers:

Sunday, December 26 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Kate Hennen, Mark Rabaey, Toby Wambeke
Lector: Steve Hennen
Eucharistic Minister: Dan Sik
Musicians: Sisters
Offertory Gifts: Ann Loyson
Ushers: Corey Kack, Mark Nelson, Tim VanKeulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,014.00	\$4,829.92	(\$2,814.92)
Youth	\$3.00	\$5.69	(\$2.69)
Loose	\$250.80	\$153.85	\$96.95
Commodity	\$673.34		
Online Giving	\$920.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$114,656.84	\$118,864.47	(\$4,207.63)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 10:00 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Tim & Tom DeSmet
Lector: Nate Welsh
Eucharistic Minister: Nate Welsh
Ushers: Volunteers

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Elana & Sam Myhre
Lector: Ruth Bot
Eucharistic Minister: Seth Myhre
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 26 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Wyatt & Landon Pohlen
Lector: Joe Callens
Eucharistic Minister: Terry VanKeulen
Ushers: Mike Vlaminck

Sunday, December 26 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Sylvia Rabaey, Faith Myhre
Lector: Tim Gossen
Eucharistic Minister: Margrit Rabaey
Ushers: Jerry Kloos, Charlie Callens, Mike Longtin

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

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
Office: 872.6391

December 21 – The last day of the quarter and food shelf collection continues through today.

December 22, 2021 – January 4, 2022 – Christmas Break – No School

January 5 – School will resume (this is different from the public school)

School Sponsorship

December 25 – In memory of Jeannette Konold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Florence Johnson, who passed away on December 12, with her funeral held on Thursday, December 16. 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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grants Awarded

Thank you to The Catholic United Financial Foundation, its members, and our area representative, Brian Zitzmann,

for the grants received to our RE program through the Chastity & Abstinence Education Grant and the Education Technology Grant. Our AFC was blessed with grants totaling \$1500 with letters of congratulations for each.

"The Foundation recognizes the importance of the work you are undertaking on behalf of the Catholic community, especially with students, and encourages you to continue in your efforts. Catholic parishes and schools continue to advance the academic, religious, and moral development of the members and students in their care.

Gifts to the Foundation from Catholic United Financial members and other donors have made it possible for us to support the Catholic communities where our members live, work, and worship together to build a stronger more vibrant Church.

Catholic schools and educational programs through our Churches are characterized by a strong sense of community, high standards, and a committed faculty & volunteers. We continue to remain dedicated to providing support for Catholic education to build a stronger, smarter community."

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL – Challenge Grant

As of Thursday, December 16, we have collected over \$38,000 toward our Challenge Grant. That means that we have met the \$25,000 challenge and will have \$63,000 to put toward our projects. We will need a total of \$95,000 in order to complete all of the projects on our list. Thank you to all of you that have contributed in any way!

The speed and excitement created by this challenge has left me with a very clear understanding that St. Edward School is highly valued within our community. That is something for us all to remember as recruitment season comes. Have you shared how much you love our school with your friends and family lately? I encourage all of you to do so. One positive conversation from you will go much farther than one from me.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL – Help Needed

St. Edward School is currently looking for a part time cleaning person, a substitute hot lunch cook, and substitute teachers. Please spread the word.

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!



OTHER INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA

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 25 Cathy Halverson 476.3728

- **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. 20 - 26, 2021

- Dec. 20:** In memory of Dorothy & Bill Stake by Madeline & Tom Swedzinski
- Dec. 21:** In memory of Leo, Isabelle, Ralph, Sharon, & Eric Hennen by their family
- Dec. 22:** Sponsored by Steve & Beth Ritter
- Dec. 23:** In memory of Lucille Hoffman by David & Diane Hennen
- Dec. 24:** In memory of George Louwagie by Carolyn Boerboom
- Dec. 25:** For all sponsors of the Radio Rosary
- Dec. 26:** In memory of Leon & Marie Coudron by Madeline & Tom Swedzinski

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, December 20

Fr. Shawn Polman
Fr. Germain Rademacher
Dcn. Ryan Pope
Tanner Thooft (Sem.)

Wednesday, December 22

Fr. Bruno Santiago
Fr. George Schmit
Dcn. Steven Spilman
Adam Eberhard (Sem.)

Friday, December 24

Fr. Mark Steffl
Fr. Joseph Steinbeisser
Dcn. Mike Thoennes
James Herzog (Sem.)

Sunday, December 26

Fr. Craig Timmerman
Fr. Paul Timmerman
Dcn. Travis Welsh
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Tuesday, December 21

Msgr. John Richter
Fr. Keith Salisbury
Dcn. Barry Reindl
Joshua Bot (Sem.)

Thursday, December 23

Fr. Philip Schotzko
Fr. Paul Schumacher
Dcn. Ken Stalboerger
Nathan Hansen (Sem.)

Saturday, December 25

Fr. Bernie Steiner
Fr. Tony Stubeda
Dcn. Paul Treinen
Luke Miller (Sem.)

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

GALATIANS 1:15

ADVENT

The fourth Sunday of Advent we meditate on the **peace** that Jesus brings our hearts and our world. Scripture is the place we can find the promises of God. Let us meditate on these truths and allow them to comfort our hearts this Advent season!

The fourth candle of Advent is called the “Angel Candle” and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke

2:14). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!

The Advent season is an invitation for us all to choose to set aside the fear and uncertainty that has defined the past two years. It's a chance to be intentional about taking our focus off of the hustle of the Christmas season. We can also give to God the sadness that many may be feeling as many of us will need to observe the holiday season differently this year.

This fourth Advent Sunday we are reminded that Jesus offers us peace in every season, and nothing is impossible with him!

WEEK 4 Lighting the Candle

Light four candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Peace,

Glow brightly each moment.

Enlighten our visions so that we see beyond the trappings of the holidays.

Relieve us, if just for a moment, of our worries and stress.

We await your coming with serenity.

Amen.



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 Word Search

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

Words to Find

Words can be found left to right and up and down.

- Advent
- Wreath
- Candles
- Purple
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Mary
- Joseph
- Jesus



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**"...and you are to call him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called
the Son of the Most High. The Lord
God will give him the throne of
his father David, and he will reign
over Jacob's descendants forever;
HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END."**

Luke 1:31-33