



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

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Sunday, December 4, 2022 The Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Special Intention)
3:00 pm Mass at Apartments (Charlene Callens)

Wednesday, December 7

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Pat Garrity)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Doug & Jeanette Konold)
5:30 pm RE Grades 1-5
6:30 pm RE Grades 6-12
7:30 pm Choir practice at St. Edward

Thursday, December 8

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Rosary Society)
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Frank Nothafft)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward
5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (For the people)

Friday, December 9

5:45 am TMIY
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (John Boulton)
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Albert & Margaret Callens G)

Saturday, December 10

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Jamie Welsh)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Armand Dandurand)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 11

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Bruce Hoffmann)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Knights' Hall
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the people)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
4:00 pm Peace of Mind Training

Dear Parishioners,

We enter the second week of Advent. We continue to reflect on how the Lord prepared us for the first coming, and we can use that to focus on preparing for His return. Just this week, we have memorials and feasts that invite us to conversion, study of our faith, and being prepared for Christ.

This Tuesday we celebrate the commemoration of St. Nicholas, so often reduced to a childish reduction of him. In reality, while he did give gifts, it was to the needy. He was also a bishop and theologian who was passionate about Jesus Christ and the truth of who He is and is for us.

Wednesday is the feast of St. Ambrose, who was instrumental in the conversion of St. Augustine. St. Ambrose helped the church normalize relations with the Roman Empire.

We also have the Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Thursday (the Mass on Wednesday Evening also meets this obligation). This feast reminds us that God our Father prepared the Blessed Mother from the first moment of her conception so that she would be a more perfect and pure vessel of the Incarnation of Christ, the Son of God.

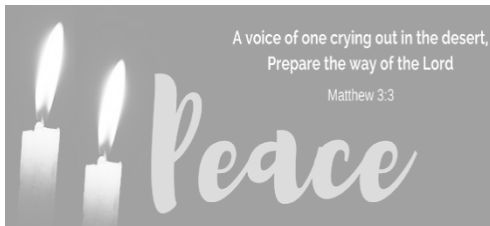
Friday is the Feast of St. Juan Diego, the visionary at Guadalupe (Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on Monday next week). These events in 1535 were the start of the conversion of millions of indigenous people of Mexico.

At our last Council Meeting for St. Eloi, several suggestions were made to help make the church and entries cleaner and more inviting. Some of the suggestions we will take into further consideration, but one we will address is the installation of a storage area along the exterior wall of the hallway between the narthex and the elevator.

There is a large duct that is covered with a wooden box and some storage for the usher supplies and other things, and this also becomes the storage area for the new missalettes and music books. The proposed plan is to build a sturdy cabinet around this space, removing the coat rack and moving the light switch. It would stand just short of the window, and one of the statues currently in the entry would be moved to the corner on top of the cabinet to 'balance' the three windows there.

It will cost about \$7,500, of which we already have received a generous memorial gift in memory of Elaine Hennen for about \$1,200. If you wish to give toward the project, please contact me.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd



ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,934.20	\$2,110.26	\$823.94
Loose	\$228.00	\$146.15	\$81.85
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$49,202.76	\$48,889.19	\$313.57

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 8 – 5:30 pm – Immaculate Conception

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Leo Hennen, Mark Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Mike Van Keulen

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt

Musicians: John Rabaey Family

Offertory Gifts: Gary & Sandy Nuytten

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Brian Timmerman

Sunday, December 11

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Evan Hennen, Joseph Ries, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Steve Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: John & Jennifer Rabaey Family

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Brian Timmerman

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$7,237.00	\$4,829.92	\$2,407.08
Loose	\$551.26	\$153.85	\$397.41
Commodity	\$15,672.40		
Online Giving	\$445.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$131,153.32	\$112,747.20	\$18,406.12

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 7 – 5:30 pm – Immaculate Conception

Sacristan: Claren Novotny

Servers: Tim & Tom DeSmet

Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck

Eucharistic Minister: Michael Ludwikowski

Ushers: Volunteers

Saturday, December 10

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Tara & Gabe Sterzinger

Lector: Eriann Faris

Eucharistic Minister: Michael Ludwikowski

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

Sunday, December 11

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Wyatt & Landon Pohlen

Lector: Joe Callens

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Callens

Usher: Mike Vlaminck

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@stedscatholicsschool.com Office: 872.639

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 pm – Peace of Mind Training

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm – Christmas Program
Freewill pork sandwich meal before the concert from
5:30 – 7:00 pm! Proceeds will be used for scholarships
for our 2023 graduating seniors.

Thank you for your participation in the Tournament Days Survey. The attempt was to encourage those who wanted to attend the game to do so. We also wanted to keep the doors open for those who were unable to attend the tournaments. We certainly support the Minneota community and our alumni who are an active part of the tournament teams. In the future we will try to follow the public school schedule.

It has come to my attention that some families are feeling that the **communication** from St. Edward School is not as it should be. Please know that we are making efforts to rectify the situation. It is only through open communication that we can know what families want and need for their children.

If there is a topic you would like to discuss regarding St. Edward School, please do so with the staff member that is most closely related to that topic. If a proper answer is not given, please bring the topic to me. I will do my best to reach out to you to further discuss the matter in a timely fashion. When e-mailing any staff member, please ensure you are using the e-mail addresses ending in @stedscatholicsschool.com.

It is only by working together that we can keep St. Edward School the wonderful place that it is.

~ Jaci Garvey, Principal

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

December 7 – In memory of Irene Winters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

We would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who worked at and/or brought delicious salads to Mom's funeral luncheon. We are so appreciative and feel so blessed to have such a wonderful church family here at St. Eloi!

~ Sincerely, Elaine Hennen's Family

PIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Crusty Pie Ladies would like you to know that Tuesday, December 13, is the last day they will be making pies for 2022. If you would like pies for your Christmas celebration, please place your order on or before Monday, December 12.



To order call Jo Coover (530.4103) or Barb Guttormsson (872.6931).

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST – December 4

The St. Edward Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a pancake & sausage breakfast on Sunday, December 4, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota.

Serving from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon). Free will offering.

All proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus.
All are welcome!

 "Be an organ donor.
Give your heart to Jesus." 

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 EVE CHOIR – St. Edward 10:00 pm Mass

All singers interested in being part of a Christmas Eve choir, please join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 8:30 pm, in the choir loft.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Soon 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 or in honor of a loved one. This is a free will offering. Place your donation in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers."

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.

THANKS FROM THE BOXES OF JOY COORDINATOR

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Box of Joy collection. We collected enough to fill 64 shoeboxes for children to receive a box filled with toys, love, and the message that Jesus loves and cares for them.

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 50th anniversary of Fr. Greg Schaffer's walk from St. Paul, MN to San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. The goal was to raise money and awareness 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.

LITURGY MATTERS #5

As the liturgy begins, the assembly that God has called together rises to its feet and begins to sing. 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.

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 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. The people rise to their feet and of course they are singing a joyful song.

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 2 – Congratulations! The Winner Is ... Josh Brewers



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 and there will be \$200 & \$300 jackpots as well as 18 – \$50 games. Donations are \$15 per ticket. 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.

The council will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and vegetable and ask that those attending bring a dish to pass for the potluck meal.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing 605.695.7630 or Merlin Downing 507.694.1209 by December 3.



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 10 Jason Myhre 872.6803
 - **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
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Radio Rosary

- Dec. 5: In memory of Leon & Marie Coudron
by Tom & Madeline Swedzinski
Dec. 6: In memory of Phyllis Bot by Rich Bot & family
Dec. 7: In memory of Madeline Timmerman
by Dave & Nancy Kesteloot
Dec. 8: In memory of Mark & MaryAnn Full by Tim & Betty
Dec. 9: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom
by Ruth & Tony Louwagie
Dec. 10: In memory of Richard Christopherson
by Diane Christopherson
Dec. 11: In memory of Alice Deutz
by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, December 5

- Fr. David Breu
Fr. Eugene Brown
Dcn. Bruce Bot
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Wednesday, December 7

- Fr. Michael Doyle
Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku
Dcn. Tim Dolan
Matthew Wood (Sem.)

Friday, December 9

- Fr. Nathan Hansen
Fr. Tony Hesse
Fr. John Hayes
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Sunday, December 11

- Fr. Jeremy Kucera
Fr. Denny Labat
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Tuesday, December 6

- Fr. Pat Casey
Fr. James Devorak
Dcn. Rick Christiansen
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Thursday, December 8

- Fr. Fred Fink
Msgr. Doug Grams
Fr. John Goggin
Lucas Baker (Sem.)

Saturday, December 10

- Fr. Jeff Horejsi
Fr. Ron Huberty
David Rabaey (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*



God of peace,
instill in us Your peace
that surpasses all understanding.
As we prepare for His coming,
make us instruments of Your peace
and help us to find rest
in the Prince of Peace,
Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Advent Week 2 Family Activities

Sunday, December 4

- Try to show special love to someone who seems lonely or unhappy.
- Light two purple candles.

Monday, December 5

Be kind to someone you do not like.

Tuesday, December 6

Watch your favorite Christmas movie and put M&Ms in your popcorn.

Wednesday, December 7

Take a family Christmas picture.

Thursday, December 8

Honor Mary in a special way today by being cheerful.

Friday, December 9

Heat up apple juice with cinnamon and cloves. Have this apple cider after dinner.

Saturday, December 10

Make some Christmas ornaments for the tree.
Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity.

Advent - Week 2 Word Search

G O Y E F I L G N I T S A L R E V E E G Y I A M
S E G E T I H W H C H D F Z T B N C F M X N J F
C O X V J C G Z P R E P A R E B X E I O N M T P
H R W E F E O Z S X Z O Y O J K J T O O T E M N
R P X Q X J L J X K B L O I M Z Z N U I K X C R
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I R R O T V A F N O X A N X X W N J G Y K O S T
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X P S L E G N A X D B A V C Y L J V A A R R R H
B R T C P O U G L F Z W Y O K X O J D X W T S C
I U S N W N B E J P H Z T U Q O J R A A E T B J
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| CELEBRATE | CHRISTMAS | CHRISTMAS EVE | CHRISTS BIRTH |
| CHRISTS RETURN | EMMANUEL | EVERGREEN WREATH | EVERLASTING LIFE |
| FOUR CANDLES | FOUR WEEKS | HOLY | HOPE |
| JOY | LOVE | PEACE | PINK |
| PREPARE | PURPLE | WHITE | WORSHIP |

