



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



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Sunday, January 12, 2025 The Baptism of Our Lord

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 12

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Mysteries of the Tabernacle*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Richard & Phyllis Bot)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Special Intention K)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Margaret Doom)

Wednesday, January 15

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 7 & 8 (Ron & Donna Schilling)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Parents of Grace & Francis Rabaey)

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

7:34 pm Choir at St. Edward

8:00 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Knights' Hall

Thursday, January 16

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Charlene Callens)

- 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Tom Swedzinski)

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, January 17

5:45 am TMIY

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Darrell & Karen Baty Family)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Marian Laleman)

Saturday, January 18

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Vincent & Torie Hennen)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Francis Rabaey)

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Lincoln Lessman)

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Mysteries of the Tabernacle*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Jim & Adeline Welsh)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

As most may know, I had another bout of whatever is going on with my stomach this last week, though this time it was different in some symptoms and duration. After a Saturday morning trip to ER to eliminate more concerning causes, they determined that it seems as I developed some form of enteritis – inflammation of the colon.

It started on Tuesday evening, and the pain intensified Friday and was fairly constant until Sunday afternoon... as I write on Tuesday morning, I am dealing with some of the other issues from calorie deprivation to other intestinal issues, but I am on the mend. I have now a strategy in place for when this occurs again. I am following up with my doctor and will contact my gastroenterologist. Fun. What a way to begin the year!

Thank you for your prayers for the repose of my friend, Jolene (Welu) Hjelmberg. I offered the graveside service on Sunday afternoon in Milroy, with a good number of her family there. I am privileged to have known them for so long, as I was seemingly adopted as a family member because of my friendship with Jolene. As I left without staying for the reception (I could not eat anyway), I left marveling at the unique position I am often in as a priest – a father to none, but a son and spiritual father to many. I pray I never neglect or misuse this honor.

This weekend, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus had no need of repentance, yet He takes the baptism of John, a baptism of repentance. In doing so, the Church Fathers declare, He transformed the waters of the world to have the power to wash away the stain of sin. The baptism we receive, transformed by Christ, renews the life of grace in us, washing away Original Sin. But that grace is one that needs to be opened and used.

Too often, it seems that some treat the sacraments like stamps in a passport – just an official mark of what we have done. But the sacraments impart grace which is God's unmerited gift – a gift that must be accepted. As we celebrate the Lord's baptism, we might be wise in thanking God for our own Baptism and thanking God for the priest/deacon/bishop that imparted that gift. Perhaps we might even take time to memorize our baptism date, and plan to celebrate it.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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

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	\$12,735.00	\$2,110.00	\$10,625.00
Loose plate	\$503.00	\$146.00	\$357.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$64,765.00	\$60,875.00	\$3,890.00

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 19 – 10:30 am - Epiphany

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse
 Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke
 Lector: Brad Hennen
 Musicians: John Rabaey
 Offertory Gifts: Vin & Charlotte Thooft
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mike DeSutter

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,197.00	\$4,830.00	\$367.00
Loose plate	\$316.00	\$154.00	\$162.00
Online Giving	\$1,050.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$1,805.00		
Christmas	\$300.00		
Year-to-Date	\$151,106.00	\$152,662.00	(\$1,556.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 18 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen
 Servers: Jules Gossen, Audyn & Brisbyn Traen
 Lector: Claren Novotny
 Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Rabaey
 Ushers: Jackie Laleman, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Scott Thooft

Sunday, January 19 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
 Servers: Landon & Addyson Pohlen
 Lector: Joe Callens
 Eucharistic Ministers: Seth Myhre
 Ushers: Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

“The time is fulfilled,
 and the kingdom of God
 is at hand;
REPENT and BELIEVE
 in the gospel.”

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.
 If you know anyone who should be added to this list, contact Caren at the office.

- ★ All caregivers
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Anyone who has received a cancer diagnosis
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Grace Rabaey
- ★ Joann Sturm

ST. EDWARD CHOIR – Members needed!

Choir will be starting on Wednesday, January 15, at 7:34 pm in the choir loft. That is this coming Wednesday. It's time to learn a few new hymns/songs from the songbook for Mass and a new Mass service. Everyone is more than welcome!
 St. Augustine has been credited with saying, “He (She) who sings, prays twice.” Come and sing!

CCW MEETING – January 20, 2025

The next CCW meeting will be on Monday, January 20, at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Hall.
 This is for all women who are part of CCW. We would love to have you join us! The meetings are not very long, and it is a good way to meet other women of our parish.

EXODUS 90 – For all interested men

Men – do you desire to be a better husband, a better father, and a better man for others – check out Exodus 90. Exodus 90 is a ninety-day program that gets us back to the fundamentals of the Christian faith: prayer, self-denial, and fraternity. It starts on January 20, 2025, and ends on April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday.

You can check it out for yourself at Exodus90.com. If interested or for more information contact, Joseph Callens at 507.828.2894 or joseph.callens67@gmail.com.

OMELETTE & HASH BROWN BREAKFAST – Jan. 26

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a made-to-order omelette and hash brown breakfast on Sunday, January 26, from 9:00 am – Noon in the St. Edward church basement.
 The freewill donation benefits St. Edward School.

FLURRY OF FUN – FEBRUARY 1 – Details & info

Save the date for this year's Flurry of Fun – Saturday, February 1, 2025. Tickets are on sale now. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



The Flurry will include a live & silent auction, gun raffle, dinner, drinks, dessert, and live entertainment. If you would like to donate to the event, contact a committee member.

Faith Oakland Addie Buysse Taylor Kruize
 507.829.6751 507.591.0316 507.476.0441

ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS REMINDER

Your 2025 Rosary Decade assignments are in the back of church. Please pick them up.

REMINDER FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

As the end of the year approaches, please remember to pick up your new donation envelopes (if needed) and discard the 2024 envelopes because numbers have changed for 2025.

If you need a copy of your donation record, please contact Caren before January 20, 2025.

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 snuytten@frontiernet.net).

BLOOD DRIVE ~ KB'S BALLROOM

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Minneota High School, Wednesday, January 22, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

KNIGHTS FREE THROW CONTEST

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will be held for boys/girls, ages 9-14, at Minneota Public School on Sunday, January 26. Sign up is at 2:00 pm and shooting will be from 2:30 – 3:00 pm in the competition gym.

There will be candy for all participants and plaques for the winners. Please come and shoot.

Contact Wayne Hennen with (605.391.3145) questions.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Our parish is part of a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers entitled, *Walking with Moms in Need*.

Join us in praying that our efforts will help ensure pregnant women in need know that they can turn to our parish for support and assistance.

We invite all parishioners to join us in *Walking with Moms in Need*. There are purple folders with more information in the back of church; please feel free to pick one up and share with someone who may use this information.

FOUND – Glasses

A pair of glasses were found on the step by the south door of the Knights' Hall were found. Please stop by and pick them up if they are yours.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 8 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Jeremy DeSmet



This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – JANUARY

For the Right to an Education ~

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A "FORGIVEN RETREAT"

St. Michael Catholic Church in Madison will be hosting an exciting upcoming event called a "Forgiven Retreat."

This half-day retreat will be an opportunity to renew our understanding and love for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession). Over time, this Sacrament can come to seem like an obligation or something only needed for very big sins.

Join us on **Sunday, January 26, at 2:00 pm** to be renewed in the gift and to receive deeper healing.

The reality is that the Lord desires to meet us regularly with His mercy and healing and does this in an unparalleled way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We all have various experiences and misunderstandings surrounding our experience of this Sacrament.

The day will include presentations, shared meals, small groups, Q & A with a priest, and an opportunity to go to Confession and receive prayer with prayer teams during a Eucharistic Holy Hour. See the link to register for free. Please prayerfully consider who in your life you could invite to come with you!

<https://www.dnu.org/diocesan-events/2025/1/26/forgiven-retreat>

FCCLA PROJECT – WoMen's Rural Advocacy Program Collection

Olivia Claeys is working on a community service project for FCCLA. She is collecting items for people who have experienced trauma, harassment, human trafficking, and sexual assault.

Some of these items are diapers, bath products, chapstick, hair brushes, ibuprofen, silverware, towels, pillows, and/or kitchen supplies. There will be a box in the back of church where items can be dropped off.

Email questions to fcclafundraising@mpsvikings.net.



Radio Rosary

- Jan. 13:* In memory of Mary VanHecke by her family
- Jan. 14:* In memory of Eileen & Ron Doom by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie
- Jan. 15:* In memory of Ralph Leifgen by Kathie & Tony Van Uden
- Jan. 16:* For deceased family members of Clem & Alice Anton
- Jan. 17:* In memory of Rita Verly by Ardyce Louwagie
- Jan. 18:* In memory of Carol Louwagie by Tony & Ruth Louwagie
- Jan. 19:* In memory of Kenneth Lipinski by his family

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 – **January 18** Bruce Bot 507.828.7012
 (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

The Baptism of Jesus

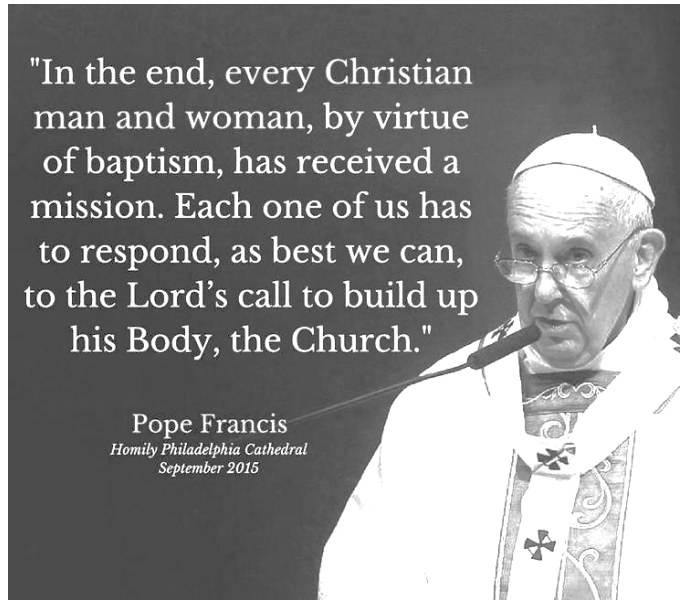
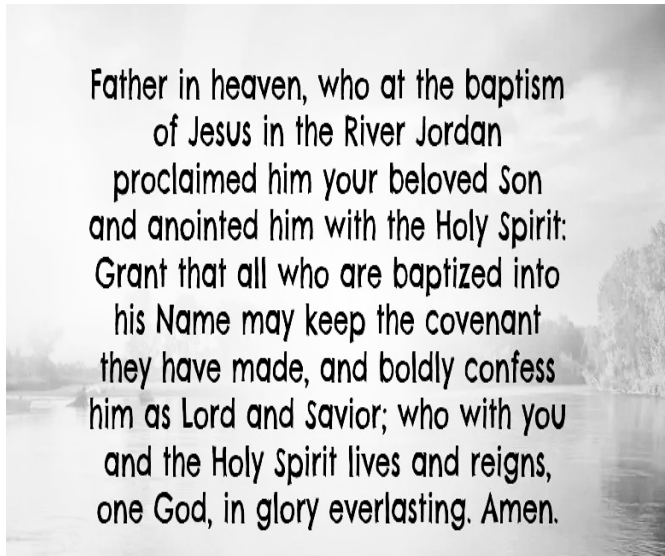


When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. Luke 3:21 (NIV)

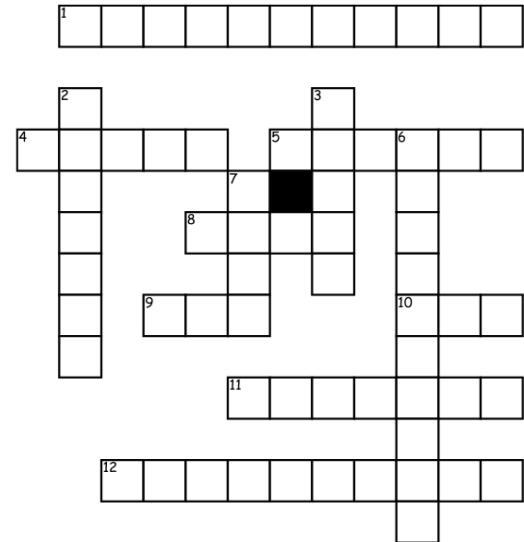
Words are taken from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NIV).

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 A O M H O Y R H K Q H T I Z J
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Spirit opened people	John Jesus praying	voice dove heaven	Christ powerful Holy	fire water baptize
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Baptism



Across

- 1. The river where Jesus was baptized
- 4. What was heard when Jesus was baptized?
- 5. We are baptized in the name of the _____, Son and the Holy Spirit

8. The Spirit came down from heaven like a _____

- 9. To break one of the commandments
- 10. "This is my beloved _____, in whom I am well pleased."

11. Jesus and the Baptist were _____

12. Turning away from sin

- Down**
- 2. If you repent your sins God will do this.
 - 3. Liquid used to Baptise someone
 - 6. What does the white bird represent?
 - 7. The name of the man who baptised Jesus

