



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



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Sunday, December 17, 2023 The Third Sunday of Advent ~ Gaudete Sunday

Monday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

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

3:00 pm Mass at Madison Ave. Apt. (Emil & Louise Goossens)

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Grades 5 & 6 (Florence Johnson)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Ron Traen)

5:30 pm RE Grades 1 – 5

6:30 pm RE Grades 6 – 11

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Opening Your Heart

6:30 pm Adoration at St. Edward – All are invited!

7:30 pm Choir practice in St. Edward choir loft

Thursday, December 21

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Bernie Moore)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Joyce Senden)

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

Friday, December 22

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Brandon Eischens)

Saturday, December 23

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

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Jim Wambeke)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 24

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (LaVern Evers)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am No Sunday FIRE

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the People)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Presider's Intention)

10:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (All recently deceased)

Dear Parishioners,

Rejoice! We begin the third week of Advent this weekend, and we are more than half done (and closer to two thirds). Next Sunday we have the fourth Sunday, and then in the evening begin Christmas.

For now, though, we continue with Advent. Starting on December 17, we hear the O Antiphons (which were used as the versus of the Advent song, O Come, O Come Emmanuel). These O Antiphons have been used since the 8th century, and are particular titles for our Lord, and are used at Evening Prayer for those who pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well as the Alleluia verses during the weekday Mass. They contain a wonderful mix of Scriptural imagery, Messianic hope and prophecy, and point to the fulfillment of Christ in His second coming.

In order, they are:

O Wisdom of our God Most High

O Leader of the House of Israel

O Root of Jesse's Stem

O Key of David

O Radiant Dawn

O King of all Nations and Keystone of the Church

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law

During this last week of Advent, I invite us all to take these titles and pray with them. Ask our Lord to reveal to us the truth of the title, and that our hearts may have space for Him.

I again want to thank those who have and will help with the decorations of the churches during this special season. Certainly, the creche and trees, the lights and the flowers, help us to focus on the unique season, and help us rejoice.

Also, thank you to the musicians who have practiced and are prepared to lead us in the carols and songs that are so much a part of this season we are about to enter.

Finally, thank you to all the liturgical ministers (sacristans, servers, lectors, ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Deacons) who will assist in assuring that our worship of the Lord is orderly and beautiful.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd



ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,095.00	\$2,110.26	\$1,015.26
Loose	\$308.00	\$146.15	\$161.85
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$41,344.90	\$52,358.74	(\$11,013.84)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 – 10:30 am – 4th Sunday of Advent

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Evan & Elise Hennen

Lector: Bernie DeCock

Musicians: Sisters

Offertory Gifts: Joel & Donna Van Damme

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Darla Timmerman

Ushers: Mike Monnet, Brian Timmerman, Daren Van Keulen

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

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Evan Hennen, Leo Hennen, Mark Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Karla Engels

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Parish Volunteers

Offertory Gifts: Vin & Charlotte Thooft

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

Cup: Beth Brewers, Don Senden

Ushers: Mike Monnet, Brian Timmerman, Daren Van Keulen

Choir Loft Usher: Corey Kack

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$22,800.00	\$4,829.92	\$17,970.08
Loose	\$352.11	\$153.85	\$198.26
Online Giving	\$540.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$116,059.88	\$123,117.59	(\$7,057.71)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Audyn & Brisbyn Traen, Gavin Whortenbury

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Minister: Marlene DeSmet

Ushers: Mike Longtin, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, December 24 – 8:30 am – 4th Sunday of Advent

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Addyson, Landon, & Wyatt Pohlen

Lector: Fran Sturm

Eucharistic Minister: Jo Coover

Usher: Richie Sorensen

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

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Volunteers

Lector: Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister: Mike Ludwikowski, Margrit Rabaey

Usher: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen

*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior."*

Luke 1:46-47

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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

December 22 – Last day of school before Christmas break

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

✠ For devotion to the Christ Child

✠ That the love of Mary and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every mother

✠ That fathers will model Joseph in practicing their faith so they will lead by example

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

8:30 am St. Edward 4th Sunday of Advent

10:30 am St. Eloi 4th Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm St. Eloi Christmas (anticipatory)

10:00 pm St. Edward Christmas (anticipatory)

Monday, December 25

8:30 am St. Edward Christmas

10:30 am St. Eloi Christmas

Saturday, December 30

5:30 pm St. Edward

Sunday, December 31

8:30 am St. Edward

10:30 am St. Eloi

Monday, January 1

8:30 am St. Edward *Mary, Mother of God*

10:30 am St. Eloi *Mary, Mother of God*

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 as a remembrance or in honor of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked Christmas Flowers on an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The St. Edward Liturgy Committee would appreciate assistance decorating for Christmas. Decorating will take place on Sunday, December 17, after 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 decorations will be taken down after the 8:30 am mass on January 7, and help will be appreciated that day also.

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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 snytten@frontiernet.net).

COFFEE AND ROLLS – St. Edward

Coffee & rolls is schedule for the first Sunday of each month.

Please contact Tina Myhre if you would be willing to sponsor and help with any of the following dates:

January 7, February 4, or March 10.

All donations go to your cause.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Please call the church office with the names of those who would benefit from prayers.

Week of December 18 – December 24

✠ Nicole (Stiklestad) Marschall who is dealing with cancer

✠ Francis Rabaey

ONLINE GIVING – St. Edward

There is an option for parishioners of St. Edward to give their weekly, monthly, or capital campaign donations online. The first of the year would be a great time to make this change. This is a safe and convenient way for you to make your donation to St. Ed's.

If you would like to sign up for this, here is the website:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-eds-church/giving/funds>



YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is not far away, and it is time to start thinking of strategies to maximize the tax benefits of year-end giving. Federal tax laws and many state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities like your parish, diocese, schools, and other ministries. Remember that only gifts made by December 31, can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April.

Please consult your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation.

A Charitable Remainder Trust

This is designed for individuals with highly appreciated assets like farmland or stock. Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs) offer donors extra tax advantages while allowing the donor to set the life income rate they would like to receive (generally 5% to 7%). As a donor, you can designate your parish to benefit from your gift after your lifetime.

There are many variations of these trusts, and we work with Catholic charitable foundations that can walk you through various alternatives. These foundations also offer the expertise of attorneys who work with every day to insure competent investment advice. A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) provides an immediate tax deduction while providing a predictable stream of income during your life or other period of time you choose.

You can name your parish to be the beneficiary of your CGA after your lifetime. For more information about Charitable Gift Annuities or Charitable Remainder Trusts, contact the parish office.

Gifts from Retirement Plans or Life Insurance Plans

Retirement plan assets can be a practical source from which to make charitable gifts to your parish. If you are over

70 1/2 and are required to take withdrawals from a Traditional IRA, you may want to consider making a charitable gift using all or a portion of your mandatory withdrawal amount. This way of giving may result in little or no tax impact when you report the amount withdrawn along with an offsetting charitable deduction. For more information about charitable gifting from your retirement plan, please contact the parish office.

If you own life insurance policies that you no longer need, the cash value of these policies may be another source from which to make gifts to your parish, and they may result in significant state and/or federal estate tax savings. You can also name your parish as beneficiary of your life insurance or annuity.

Again, for more information about charitable giving through life insurance, please contact the parish office.

EXODUS 90

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 1, 2024, and ends on March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday.**

You can check it out for yourself at Exodus90.com or use the QR code. If interested or for more information contact, Joseph Callens at 507.828.2894 or josephcallens67@gmail.com



YEAR OF WINNING

Week 4 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Kevin Swedzinski



AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – DECEMBER

For the persons with disabilities ~

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/2022/02/14/pope-francis-reveals-2023-prayer-intentions/>



Radio Rosary

Dec. 18: In memory of JoAnn Lanners by Cletus & Lorraine

Dec. 19: In memory of Gary & Jason Timmerman by Pat Timmerman & family

Dec. 20: In memory of Anthony, Betty, & Bill Krogman by the Krogman family

Dec. 21: Sponsored by the Ivanhoe Knights of Columbus

Dec. 22: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

Dec. 23: In memory of Ida & Joe Engelhardt by Yvonne Girard

Dec. 24: In memory of Allan Van Keulen and his deceased relatives by his family

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

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

Monday, December 18

Fr. Zach Peterson
Fr. Shawn Polman
Fr. Germain Rademacher
Matthew Wood (Sem.)

Tuesday, December 19

Msgr. John Richter
Fr. Brendan Rolling
Dcn. Mike McKeown
David Rabaey (Sem.)

Wednesday, December 20

Fr. Keith Salisbury
Fr. George Schmit
Dcn. Jason Myhre
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Thursday, December 21

Fr. Philip Schotzko
Fr. Paul Schumacher
Dcn. Ken Noyes
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Friday, December 22

Fr. Mark Steffl
Fr. Joe Steinbeisser
Dcn. Roger Osborne
Matthew Wood (Sem.)

Saturday, December 23

Fr. Bernie Steiner
Fr. Tony Stubeda
Dcn. Ryan Pope
David Rabaey (Sem.)

Sunday, December 24

Fr. Tanner Thooft
Fr. Craig Timmerman
Dcn. Barry Reindl
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

*“Whatever you do, work heartily,
as for the Lord and not for men.”
Colossians 3:23*

**ADVENT - Anticipate, Blessed, Celebrate,
Expect, Experience, Fear, Forgive, Holy,
Hope, Joy, Mercy, Peace, Praise, Prepare**

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 23 Margrit Rabaey 828.1756

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 – 828.7012

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

The color pink has long been associated with joy and festivity. Joy is symbolized with the lighting of the pink candle, reminding us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of the Savior of the World.

This candle has also been referred to as the **“Shepherds’ Candle”** as we collectively imagine what incredible joy these humble peasants must have felt when they were heralded by the angels with *“Gloria in Excelsis Deo!”*

As the second candle is lit, the following prayer may be said:

O God, Rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by His truth.

May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us as we wait for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

O Key of David, Jesus Christ, The gates of heaven open at your command, Come and free your people.

ADVENT

N T W N E N X V S A M T S I R H C D X O C G G A
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M R Y K G L W B N R N N I T O U H D I S H P S M
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| ADVENT WREATH | ANGELS | BETHLEHEM | CHRISTMAS |
| GAUDETE SUNDAY | FAITH | EMMANUEL | HOPE |
| IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | JESSE TREE | JESUS | JOSEPH |
| JOYFUL MYSTERIES | JOY | MARY | NATIVITY |
| PEACE | ROSE | SHEPHERDS | STABLE |
| SWADDLING CLOTHES | STAR | VIOLET | WISE MEN |

● SHEPHERDS MAY BE MISSPELLED → SHEPARDS

Advent Crossword

What words are missing from these sentences?
Look for the words in the Puzzle Clues below.
Use the words you find to fill in the crossword.

Down

- The candles in the Advent wreath remind us that Jesus is the _____ of the world.
- Advent is to _____ as Lent is to Easter.
- We prepare our hearts for Jesus' two comings through penance, prayer, and acts of love and _____.
- This year the First Sunday of Advent falls on _____ 30.
- Advent is not only about Christmas. It is a special time for remembering that Jesus will come in glory at the end of time – his _____ coming.
- In his Gospel, St. John the Evangelist writes, "God is _____." The Advent-Christmas season is a special reminder of God's love.
- Gaudete is the name of the _____ Sunday of Advent. We take out time to rejoice because Christmas is only two weeks away.
- The priest may wear _____ vestments instead of violet, the usual Advent color, on Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice."

Across

- The word *Advent* means _____.
- Advent is a special time to prepare our hearts for a celebration of Jesus' _____ coming.
- _____ prepared God's People for Jesus' first coming. (3 words)
- There are _____ Sundays in Advent. This year there are 25 days to get ready for Jesus' birthday.
- Jesus will come again, in glory, to lead us to the heavenly _____.
- The First Sunday of Advent begins a new Church _____, 2008-2009, which will end on November 28, 2009.

Puzzle Clues

November	first	coming	year
kindness	four	banquet	third
second	light	love	rose
John the Baptist	Christmas		

