

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

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Catholic Charities: 1.866.670.5163 Victim's Hotline: 1.800.422.4453 Facebook: One More Time Thrift Store

Sunday, July 4, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday, July 5

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

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jim DeCock)
10:00 am Confession before Mass
8:00 – 9:30 pm Teen Talk in Knights' Hall

Thursday, July 8

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Jimmy Johns)
6:30 am Confession before Mass
5:00 - 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

<u>Friday, July 9</u>

2:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (LeGare family)

Saturday, July 10

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Larry Goslar, George & Bertha DeVlaeminck, LeRoy, Charlie, & Mary Hebrank)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, July 11

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Zona Laleman)
8:00 pm Confession before Mass
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Louis H. & Elizabeth Claeys)
10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

As you can imagine, there are a lot of things that a pastor needs to learn in any new parish, no matter how long he has been ordained or how many assignments he has had. In this first year of my ministry here (Wednesday was the one-year mark), I have learned much about our great school, parishes, and other ministries and apostolates offered here. Even with the COVID restrictions, there have been wonderful things.

Sometimes, however, things get overlooked or neglected. This is in no way a reflection of importance, but sometimes the wheel that is not squeaky does not get oiled. One such thing is our thrift store. I am thankful for the parishioners who volunteer there, for those that donate their gently used and clean clothes and housewares, and those that shop there. The money that is raised there goes to support the ministry of the school and faith formation programs. I am deeply appreciative of this.

Last week I went back for the 4-week check-in following the discharge from the hospital. The visit was 'uneventful' aside from a bird that somehow made its way into the lobby. They reviewed everything but will not access the ejection fracture (EF) – the rate that my heart is pumping out blood to the rest of my body) – until l return in late August. This means that they request I remain on a LifeVest monitor (it is worn under the clothes and both monitors the electrical signals of the heart and is set to defibrillate should the need arise). Should the EF not improve significantly, there will be need to further intervention possibly including an internal defibrillator. There is still evidence that the heart is not functioning as it should, however, seen in the EKG, so continued prayers are needed. The good thing is that aside from being more easily fatigued, I feel good, and cardiac rehab is helping me to know my limits and to expand them further as far as exercise and exertion.

Happy Independence Day Weekend! May this weekend be more than great summer fun but also a celebration of all that makes this country great, and a greater commitment to making it even better. As we remember the freedom we enjoy, perhaps a read of the poem "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus, written in 1883 and engraved into a brass plaque and put at the base of the statue of Liberty in 1903, is appropriate:

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame, With conquering limbs astride from land to land; Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand Glows world-wide welcome: her mild eves command The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame. "Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" May she continue to invite all to our golden doors to build a nation that welcomes all.

In Christ, Fr. Todd



	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$447.64	\$2,110.26	(\$1,662.62)
Loose	\$564.00	\$146.15	\$417.85
Commodity	\$		\$
Year-to-Date	\$124,605.31	\$116,682.15	\$7,923.16

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 11

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt

Servers: Tyler Welsh, Xavier & Mark Rabaey

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Nuytten

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Ushers: Mike Monnet, Darren VanKeulen, Martin Hennen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,270.00	\$4,829.92	(\$1,849.92)
Youth	\$2.00	\$5.69	(\$3.69)
Loose	\$148.00	\$153.85	\$72.15
Commodity			
Online Giving	\$445.00	*Added to the adult	
		envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$250,530.83	\$261,737.79	(\$11,206.96)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 10

Sacristan: Claren Novotny Servers: Kylie & Kaci Callens Lector: Erian Faris Eucharistic Minister: Claren Novotny Usher: Jackie Laleman

Sunday, July 11

Sacristan: Fran Sturm Servers: Lane & Kylee Loyson, Brynn Kern Lector: Fran Sturm Eucharistic Minister: Juanita Bot Usher: Rick Bot

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR NEWS

St. Eloi Convent Masses at	t 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

Position Available – NEW POSTING!

- St. Edward School is in search of a teacher for 1st/2nd grades for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Interested candidates should include a cover letter, resume, copy of MN teaching license (or proof of eligibility to obtain a MN teaching license) and 3 letters of recommendation when applying.

Application documents should be sent to jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com

Position Available

- St. Edward School is in search of a teacher for K 8 general music curriculum.
- Please email your resume and two reference letters to: jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Update – The church roof repair will begin the week of July 12. The roofing company is asking that the church not be used during that week so several Masses have been cancelled.

CCW – Message from your President Bonnie Laleman

June 21 – Meeting held at Knights' Hall

- 2020-2021 President Rhonda Buysse presided over the meeting.
- Thank you to Eileen Differding for her many years of service to the Funeral Committee by making the meals. She has prepared over 100 meals for parish family funerals.
- Thanks to the entire Funeral Committee for volunteering to prepare, serve, and clean up after these meals.
- Commission Reports There is a need for a Spirituality Commission leader – if you're interested in what this involves, contact Cindy Novotny.
- Ministry Meals These meals are made and delivered to anyone from our parish who might've been ill, hospitalized, or in need of a meal. There is a need for volunteers for this essential ministry.
- Little Dresses for Africa (there is a separate bulletin announcement below).
- One More Time If you are interested in assisting the store in any way, please stop in and talk to anyone who works in the store.
- Parish Festival September 19 At this time there will only be a meal and country store. In order for there to be a carnival someone will need to volunteer to lead this part of the day.
- Church basement cleaning will take place before the Fall Festival.
- Induction of officers: Bonnie Laleman president, Mary Myhre – vice president, Juanita Bot – treasurer, Caren Buysse – secretary
- All women (especially our younger women) are invited to come to a meeting and find out what is going on in our parish and diocese. You will not be forced to take on a job.

I look forward to serving as CCW President for 2021-2022. Please let me know if you have suggestions and I will try to answer any question you may have. 507.828.5703

CCW – Little Dresses for Africa Supply Drive

"The Little Dresses for Africa" organization is asking for assistance sewing dresses and shorts for the needy in places such as Africa and Haiti.

Donations for the following supplies are needed. 100% cotton fabric in ½ yard for shorts (boys) and 1½ yard for dresses (girls)

¾ inch or 1 inch wide elastic – any color

White all purpose or polyester thread

Wal-Mart or Hobby Lobby gift cards

Donations can be dropped off in the back of the church in the Little Dresses for Africa box. Thanks for helping!

MASS & GATHERING GUIDELINES – from Father Todd

- As we return to Sunday (and Holy Days) of Obligation, we will be restoring things slowly to more normal ways.
- First, please do not come to Mass if you have been exposed to the COVID virus or even flus or colds until you are certain to not have it. The vaccine is effective in blocking contracting and spreading the COVID virus so please consider getting the vaccine to protect yourself and others around you.
- The obligation for Mass attendance has always been lifted for those who are sick or caring for the sick.

After July 1 – weekend of July 3 & 4:

- The sign of peace will be announced, and we encourage families to exchange some form of sign of peace, either through the traditional shaking of hands, a hand gesture of peace, or even a smile. Exchanges between other groups as each person is comfortable.
- Communion will be distributed through coming up the center aisle and returning down the side.

After Labor Day – weekend of September 11 & 12:

Ushers will be returned (Note that we are in need of ushers!!!) at St. Edward's.

- Collection will be taken through the passing of the baskets at St. Edward's.
- The offertory (collection, ciborium of hosts and the cruet of wine) will be brought up to the altar.

Undetermined:

The reception of the Precious Blood by the faithful. Due to the fears and potential of contamination, we want to avoid over-consecrating too much Precious Blood requiring a priest or deacon from having to consume too much of the alcohol as it is possible to become intoxicated.

MEMORAL GARDEN – In Memory of Jackie Skillings

There will be a dedication of the Memorial Garden for Jackie Skillings on Friday, July 23, at 2 pm behind the Knights' Hall.

Please join us in this tribute to Mrs. Skillings.

NURSING HOME MASS INTENTION

This week's nursing home mass intention is for Ruth Jacob.

ONE MORE TIME THRIFT STORE

- St. Edward CCW Service Commission is sponsoring supply drives that will benefit some of our local services as well as reaching those further away. Now we would like to add the "One More Time" thrift store.
- "One More Time" is doing well but if you would like to help them out in ways other than working at the store, some frequently used supplies would be welcome. Price stickers (without prices already printed on them), masking tape, permanent black markers, tags with connectors, paper towels, toilet paper, glass cleaner, and baggies of all sizes. Hangers for children's size clothing are also needed.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barb Guttormsson at 872.6931 or Brenda Verschelde at 507.317.9975. Thank you, especially to our "One More Time" volunteers!

OTHER INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA

AmazonSmile FUNDRAISING

- Shop at www.smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to your favorite charitable organization—no fees, no extra cost. You select your donation recipient.
- Check out the amazon.smile website and sign up. Up to this point St. Ed's has received \$34.71 from AmazonSmile.

UNITED WAY STUFF THE BUS

United Way of Southwest Minnesota (UWSWMN) is collecting new school supplies to help local children start the school year off right.

Please contact United Way for information

at unitedway@unitedwayswmn.org or 507-929-2273. Thank you for helping us Stuff the Bus! _____

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

Monday, July 5 – Fr. Harry Behan Fr. Paul Wolf Dcn. Bruce Bot Nathan Hansen (Sem.)

Wednesday, July 7 -Fr. Patrick Casev Fr. James Devorak Dcn. Tim Dolan Luke Miller (Sem.)

Friday, July 9 -Fr. John Goggin Msgr. Doug Grams Fr. Richard Gross David Rabaey (Sem.)

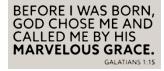
Sunday, July 11 -

Fr. Tony Hesse Fr. Jeff Horejsi Fr. Ron Huberty Tanner Thooft (Sem.)

Tuesday, July 6 -Fr. David Breu Fr. Eugene Brown Dcn. Rick Christiansen James Herzog (Sem.)

Thursday, July 8 -Fr. Michael Doyle Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku Fr. Fred Fink Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Saturday, July 10 -Fr. Lawrence Hansen Fr. John Haves Sam Rosemeier (Sem.)



Radio Rosary – Week of July 5 – 11, 2021

- July 5: In memory of David Louwagie by Luke & Sherry Louwagie
- July 6: In memory of Gordy Boerboom by his family
- July 7: In memory Dr. D. J. Tegels, Al, Adelaide Rose, & Great Grandma Gail by Marilyn, Staci, & Kelleigh
- July 8: In memory of James Novasad by Ruth & Tony Louwagie
- July 9: In memory of Laurence Louwagie by Allison Vandelanotte
- July 10: In memory of David Vandelanotte by Allison Vandelanotte
- July 11: In memory of Laurence Louwagie by JoAnne & Joe Louwagie
- To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

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 – Call the church office 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

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JACI GARVEY

Every year, as part of our accreditation, I am required to complete a year end summary and submit it to MNSAA. The following is the executive summary that I submitted this year. While much of it is old news, it does give a good overview of many of our accomplishments.

At a principal's meeting in April, school leaders were asked to describe their biggest wins and frustrations for the 2020-21 school year without using the word COVID. We all made gallant efforts to do so, but in reality, all of our wins and struggles were colored by its presence. This executive summary too will be colored by the fact that we were operating in the midst of a global pandemic.

During most of my tenure here, planning for a school year begins in the winter and spring months of the year prior. For this year, that planning was interrupted and ultimately halted by the governor's 2020 distance learning decree. As we neared the end of the 2019-20 school year I knew that continuing distance learning in the fall of 2020-21 was not an option that was in the best interest of our students or staff. I began researching how to open our doors in the fall. Fortunately, the Diocese of New Ulm and the Minnesota Catholic Conference were also thinking along the same lines. After much planning and reorganization of the way we do things, we opened our doors to in person learning on Tuesday, August 25th, as originally planned.

During those first days and weeks of school, we washed our hands, wore our masks and held our breath, waiting for the worst. What we learned is that holding our breath just made us out of breath. Eventually we looked around and saw that the children were learning and laughing and praying – in many cases differently than in years' past, but not entirely.

When we stopped holding our breath, our mindset immediately changed to providing opportunities for the children that were equal (albeit different) to those of years' past. We spent time learning outside in our makeshift outdoor classroom and harvesting our school garden. We celebrated Mass weekly. We held our annual All Saint's Day Costume Contest and put together a Christmas Concert that was recorded and shown to the parents via Zoom. Catholic Schools Week activities were planned and implemented. The Catholic Schools Week carnival was postponed and then held outdoors in May. Our afterschool program was operational, even though we service children from both our school and the local public school. We held our science fair, our annual Living Stations of the Cross, monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an outdoor Living Rosary. The Student Council was especially active in promoting fun diversions for the students to include more dress up days. At the end of the school year we made several school outings to include a trip to the YMCA, Camden State Park and a nearby movie theatre.

NWEA assessments were given in September, January and April. For multiple reasons, we added mid-year assessments. While these were helpful and served their intended purpose, the likelihood of us continuing with midyear assessments into the 2020-21 is slim. Overall, NWEA scores, along with teacher conferences show us that our students learned and gained in 2020-21, similarly to what those gains may have been had there been no global pandemic to contend with; although we will never know for sure.

Given the constant media attention given to "learning loss", more focus was put toward students who are struggling; more questions were asked as to why and teachers were given specific professional development assignments to complete that focus on helping all children learn. As a school we attended pieces of the FIRE Conference in the spring which focuses on special needs children. A very wise instructor once told me that all children have special needs, we just need to figure out what they are. The FIRE Conference solidified this theory as much of what we learned could be applied immediately to all of our students.

During the 2018-19 school year we reviewed our religion curriculum. It was decided that we would begin a path toward Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our youngest learners. During the 2019-20 school year we transported our kindergarten and 1st grade students to a nearby parish within our area faith community for time to work in their Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium. While this was a wonderful opportunity for the children, I saw that it was not a long term solution. During the 2019-20 school year we decided that we must begin to work toward opening our own atrium on our campus. With the interruption of distance learning, this goal was put on the back burner. However, in August of 2020, a decision was made by the neighboring parish to relinguish the space given to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atria which left it without a home. The decision was quickly made here, to make space for two Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atria which would service Level I, Level II and Level III students (ages 3-12) to school children as well as those from the larger faith community. So, beginning in the fall of 2020 we were able to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious instruction to our preschool, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students.

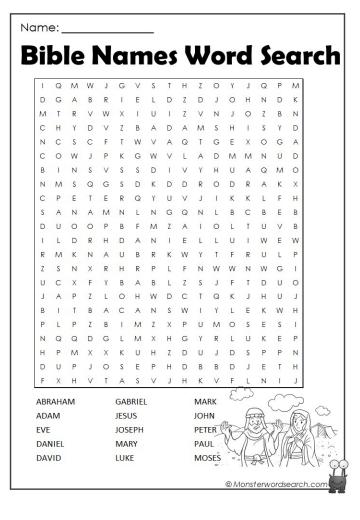
This transition has not occurred without its difficulties. We have learned much! In August we will be sending three staff members to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training and are finalizing plans to better educate parents regarding the methods utilized.

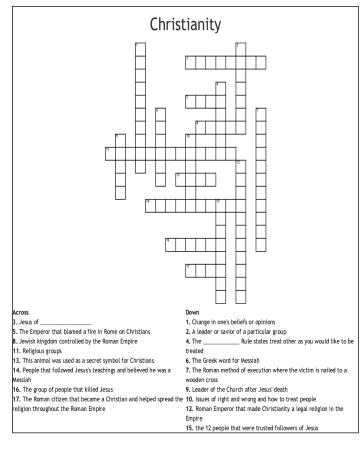
On June 1st we opened our Summer Care Program for its third season and currently have over 20 children enrolled. This program provides care for area 5-12 year old children; but what we are learning is how great the need is for their moral care. For the first time in many years, I am able to report that we have increased our enrollment. While the number fluctuated throughout the year, we ended with 59 children (PreK – 8). Given multiple conversations that I have had, I am hopeful that we will be able to hold our numbers for the 2021-22 school year. Marketing during this year focused largely on the internet in reaching out to potential families.

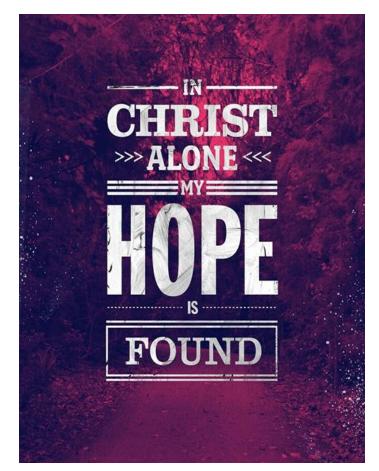
In the end, we can proudly say that we held 178 1/2 days of in person learning with zero documented cases of COVID in the building; not because we did everything right, but because we had parents who were very diligent about following the health guidelines set forth.

Overall, we have learned that change is possible, difficult and necessary.









Church of

St. Edward Commitment Sunday St. Eloi

Please circle which church you are volunteering at. It is essential that EVERYONE completes this form. *Please return the form on or before Sunday, July 18*.

You may email your selections to Caren at cbuyssegoodteacherafc@gmail.com

Name

Phone

Please fill this out even if you are already serving in one of these areas so we can keep our list current. If you would like your name *off* a list, please call Caren at the Parish Office. With COVID restrictions lessening, we need a current list of volunteers. Be sure to specify Saturday or Sunday when selecting Mass opportunities.

I would like to help by sharing my time and talents in the following ways:

<u>Worship</u>

- ____ Minister of Eucharist Sunday (Must be 21 and confirmed)
- ____ Minister of Eucharist Saturday (Must be 21 and confirmed)
- ____ Minister of Eucharist to shut-ins
- ____ Usher Saturday (Men and Women
- ____ Usher Sunday (Men and Women)
- ____ Lector Saturday or
- ____ Lector Sunday
- ____ Offertory Gifts Saturday or
- ____ Offertory Gifts Sunday
- ____ Lead Rosary before Mass
- ____Altar Server Saturday or
- ____ Altar Server Sunday
- ____ Work on Funeral Committee
- ____ Eucharistic Minister for Funeral
- ____ Usher for Funeral
- ____ Lector for Funeral
- ____ Sacristan

Music

- ____ Adult Choir
- ____ Funeral Choir
- ____ Organist/Pianist (Flexible Scheduling)

Please feel free to add something that you feel is important.

Other

Make sure to call the office to be taken off a list that you may be on at this time and you no longer are able to help in that way.