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St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Churches

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**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020**

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

***Sunday, May 24***

Fr. Craig: For the Parish Family

8:30 am – 10:30 am Adoration and Communion at St Edward

9:00 am Confession at St. Edward

9:30 am Adoration and Communion at St Leo

9:00 am Confession at St Leo

10:30 am – 11:30 Adoration and Communion at St Eloi

10:30 am Confession at St Eloi

11:30 am *LiveStream* Mass

*\*\** ***Please pray a spiritual communion prayer each day!***

***\*\*Please take a missalette with you and keep it to bring back and use at mass.***

***Monday, May 25***

9:00 am Mass at St James (Presider’s Intention)

9:00 am Mass at St. Eloi (Florence Determan)

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (*Betty Claeys*)

\*For Mass time contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star

6:00 pm Mass at St Peter (Presider’s Intention)

***Tuesday, May 26***

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Fuzzy Downing)

*\* Confession after Mass*

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (*Shirley Sussner & Family*)

5:30 pm Confession at St Peter

6:00 pm Mass at St. Peter (Ben Browning Sr.)

***Wednesday, May 27***

8:30 am Confession at St Peter

9:00 am Mass at St Peter (Leonard Drietz by KC’s)

10:00 am – 10:15 am – Confession at St Edward

10:30 am Mass at St Edward (Dan VanKeulen)

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (*Harold and Edna Kelley*)

*6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Adoration and Confession at St Edward*

***Thursday, May 28***

7:00 am Mass at St Edward (*Vincent Bot & Pam Haukom*)\*Confession after Mass

8:30 am Confession at St Leo

9:00 am Mass at St. Leo (Irene Mamer)

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Soenon)

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St Edward

***Friday, May 29***

10:00 am Confession at St Peter

10:30 am Mass at St Peter (Deceased members of Roman Devorak family)

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Alfred & Irene Rabaey & Family)

2:00 pm Confession at St Edward

2:30 pm Mass at St Edward (Helen & George McGuire)

***Saturday, May 30***

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Anita VanOverbeke)

4:45 pm Confession at St. Edward

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Mass at St Edward (Ernie Thooft)

Ascension Mass Vigil at St Eloi Convent

\*For Mass time contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star

***Sunday, May 31-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION***

Fr. Craig: For the Parish Family

8:00 am Confession at St Edward and St James

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward and St James (Presiders Intention)

9:00 am Confession at St Leo

9:30 am Mass at St Leo (For the Parish Family)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

10:30 am Mass at St Eloi (Orville Hennen)

5:30 pm Confession at St Edward and St Peter

6:00 pm Mass at St Edward

6:00 pm Mass at St Peter

**Dear Parishioners:**

“We cannot live without the Sunday Eucharist.” These words from Christian martyrs in 302 AD Northern Africa come to my mind today. Worshipping God and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ are what make us Church! What we offer at the Mass is nothing other than the Sacrifice of Our Lord on the Cross, re-presented to us again each day. Our prayers are heard when we pray the Mass, just as the prayer of Jesus was heard from the Cross. “When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself,” Jesus said. This is essential, even more essential than the economy. Therefore, we have to find a SAFE way to worship – we have done that. Our Bishops have given us permission to return to Sunday Eucharist, while not requiring it: the Sunday obligation is still lifted and those who are high risk are encouraged not to come. But I am so PROUD of our Bishops! As one parishioner said, “If I can go back to work, the store, etc., then I can go back to Church!” Please read the Bishop's letter. And so we are so GRATEFUL in our hearts for the AMAZING GIFT of CHURCH and the EUCHARIST. This desire is burning in your hearts like the disciples going to Emmaus! I am so excited to pray with you again. I've missed you!

We already sent out the whole list of guidelines. Here are some more personal notes and instructions for our Churches. We are allowed to have essential religious services (Mass, baptisms, funerals, weddings, adoration) with proper social distancing guidelines. This does not allow for social gatherings, small group studies or other meetings. I firstly encourage you to prepare yourselves spiritually to come back to Church and receive the Eucharist again. May we never take it for granted! If you need confession, please go before returning! May your first return to the Sacraments be a beautiful one, not one in the state of sin. Invite back those who have been away – you now know what their life is like without Church. Perhaps they also see it now!

I want everyone to return! I really do, and I can't wait, as I know you can't either. That said, those in high risk categories – over 65, underlying health issues – are still encouraged to NOT COME. Also, if you don't think your children will be able to keep their hands to themselves, consider not coming for awhile yet. Bishop is still dispensing us from the Sunday obligation, due to the risk it still involves.

On that note, if anyone would like communion be brought to them at home, have them contact the parish office and this will be arranged. We can do that again now. You can also request to receive communion at any time from one of our priests or deacons, outside of Mass, if this feels safer.

Sunday May 31st is Pentecost! Our first Sunday back (with new protocols) – Come Holy Spirit! We will have Mass in St. Leo at the normal 9:30 time and add Sunday evening Masses at 6 PM in St. Edward and St. Peter, so you can spread yourselves out. You are also encouraged to come to daily Mass if you are worried about Sundays. Remember, the Sunday obligation is still dispensed. And so, I expect the crowds to be small enough for our guidelines. However, if the Church is already 1/3 full (our limit) you will not be able to enter at that time and you will have to return for a later Mass.

Can I please encourage you to come to Mass every day? If you made this resolution when you missed it so much, this is good! If you can now, follow through on this good resolution, or when things let up.

The health guidelines encourage us to wear face masks in public. As of now, it has not been required by the health department, but it may be – watch and listen for it. We cannot provide masks for you. Remember all the normal safety measures – cough into your sleeve, avoid touching your face/head, etc.

You will be required to come in and go out in a very orderly fashion, maintaining 6 foot social distance the whole while. Therefore, we will ask everyone to refrain from the little conversations that often happen while coming in and leaving Church. Come in, take hand sanitizer, genuflect, enter the pew and take your spot. Maintain 6 feet between your household and the next household (to each side, in front and in back – we advise you to stagger yourselves from those ahead of and behind you). Slide in, so we use the middle of the pews as well. You may not greet each other with touching. At the end of the Mass, some may choose to stay and pray. That is fine. Those who will be leaving are asked to start with the back pew first, progressing up to the front, who will leave last (last shall be first, first shall be last! :). Use hand sanitizer again. You may not stand in the entryway or congregate outside. Even outside, please go to your cars. If people stay by the Church doors, they will create a safety hazard. I encourage you during this time to not talk in Church, but let it be a place of prayer. We have been longing to pray for so long – give that gift to one another during this time since we can't stand and talk!

You may want to bring a coat, as we will leave doors/windows open and may have fans for ventilation. It might be cool or hot depending on outside weather. We will not be using heat or A/C at this time.

**And above all, pray your way back into Church again! This time has been difficult, but, I pray, blessed!**

**In Christ,**

**Fr. Craig Timmerman**



**SUNDAY OFFERING**

As pastor and shepherd of Good Teacher AFC, I continue to pray for all of you during these challenging times. There is no manual for leading parishes through a pandemic, and we are faced with tough decisions every day. That is why I am asking all parishioners, if you are able, please continue your financial support of your parish to help us make up for our loss of Sunday offering. All parishioners of St Edwards can give on-line here: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4628>  . **St Edward and St Eloi** parishioners may bring in your donation and take it to the drop off box that has been set up in the old mail slot on the west side of the KC Hall by the side door facing Washington Street.  There is a sidewalk that leads to the door.  You can slip your envelope in that slot and it will be collected that way. You may also mail your gift to the parish office.  
I want to especially thank those who are signed up for automatic giving and those who have been sending their envelopes. Your faithfulness is more important than you can imagine. Our parish staff is praying for you during this unprecedented crisis.  Please know that you can contact the parish office if you have an emergency need. We are still the Church, even when we cannot come together. Please pray that we will soon be able to resume meeting as a parish family for the Holy Sacrifice of Sunday and weekday Masses.

**Radio Rosary – Week of May 24 – May 31**

May 25: In memory of LaVern Evers by his family and Friends

May 26: In memory of Allen VanKeulen by Rona Van Keulen and Family

May 27: In memory of Andrew Timmerman by Pat Timmerman and Family

May 28: For an End of Terrorism by the Knights of Columbus, All Saints Council #4912, Ivanhoe

May 29: Sponsored by the St Clotilde CCW of Green Valley

May 30: For World Peace

May 31: For the Safety of Our Troops and their families by Pat Timmerman and Family

To schedule a Radio Rosary – Call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

***MASS READINGS & PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS***

***May 24 – May 30***

**SUNDAY, May 24 – Pray for Fr Paul Schumacher, Fr. Mark Steffl, Dcn. Steven Spilman**

**Acts 1:12-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11**

* *How might I share the experience with Jesus’ presence with others at home and at work?*

**MONDAY, May 25 – Pray for Fr. Joseph Steinbeisser, Fr. Bernard Steiner, Fr. Anthony Stubeda, Dcn. Kenneth Stalboerger**

**Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-7; John 16:29-33**

* *Which aspects of the Holy Spirit have made the deepest impression on me? Why?*

**TUESDAY, May 26 – Pray for Fr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Paul Timmerman, Dcn Michael Thoennes**

**Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11**

* *How might I evaluate issues better in relation to God’s desire for right relationships?*

**WEDNESDAY, May 27 - Pray for Fr. Paul VanDe Crommert, Fr. Steven Verhelst, Dcn. Paul Treinen**

**Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36; John 17:11-19**

* *How might I try to make God more central to my thoughts words and actions?*

**THURSDAY, May 28 – Pray for Fr. Matthew Wiering, Fr. Paul Wolf, Dcn. Travis Welsh**

**Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; John 17:20-26**

* *How has my prayer most helped me draw nearer to God and others?*

**FRIDAY, May 29 - Pray for The Women Religious in the Diocese**

**Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; John 21:15-19**

* *In what way am I being invited to drop my agenda to care for Christ’s sheep?*

**SATURDAY, May 30 – Pray for All Men and Women Whom God is calling to the Priesthood or Religious Life**

**Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4-5, 7; John 21:20-25**

* *What barriers dividing me from others do I most need to overcome?*

**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:** Jesus Christ came to reveal the fullness of God’s love for us and we continue to celebrate that love through praise, sacraments, service, and community. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our church or in learning more about the Catholic Church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot 507.828.7012.

***The St. Edward kitchen will continue to make lunches 5/26-6/30.***

If you are in need of noon meals, please let us know.  We will be providing this service as long as we are able. If you know of anyone who is in need but doesn’t have access to email or the internet please share this information with them.

Please call Trudy (872-6391) or Caren (872-6346) if you are in need.

**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE** – For persons with disabilities: May their lives always be recognized as worth protecting and fighting for, especially during times of widespread illness; *we pray to the Lord:*

**BULLETIN BRIEFS** – Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”   
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**POPE FRANCIS’s PRAYER TO OUR LADY FOR PROTECTION DURING covid-19 Pandemic**

Pope Francis composes a prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

In these days of trial, as humanity trembles at the threat of the [coronavirus] pandemic, I would propose that all Christians join their voices together to heaven.” – Pope Francis

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.* *At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.* *Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**NOVENA FOR LIFE**

To help our church, community and country establish a culture of life for all nations, the Knights of Columbus and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life from conception to natural death.

To help promote this reverence toward life the Knights will have a Novena, nine days of sustained prayer. The Novena will be from Mar. 21 to Mar.29. We will be saying a prayer at all the week-day and week-end masses during this time. We will also be saying several rosaries during some of the masses and in private. We ask all parishioners to join us for this most spiritual event. Consider attending daily masses and saying an extra rosary for this noble cause.

Life is a very special gift; let us pray to protect it for everyone.

***KC MISSION***

The Knights of Columbus have initiated an Adopt a Parish Program for Christians in Iraq. Christians there have been persecuted for many years and are in great need of assistance to help them recover. Our Minneota council is 1 of 4 that have been selected in the state of Minnesota to help with this initiative.

We have adopted Mart Shmoni Chaldean Catholic Church in Perka Village, Dohuk, Iraq. Our council`s goal is to reach at least $2500 by June 30, 2020. We would like to give as many people as possible to the opportunity to help with this noble cause. If you would like to make a donation, make checks to: `***Knights of Columbus`.*** In the memo put `Adopt a Parish`.You can put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked *`Minneota Knights`* or send to:

***Brad Hennen***

***2243 330th ST.***

***Ghent, MN. 56239***

Thank-You,

Knights of Columbus council 14420

***THRIFT STORE***

One More Time Thrift Store is closed until further notice.  They will NOT be excepting any donations due to Covid 19.  We will put something in the bulletin when they are able to reopen and to start taking donations again.

***THANK YOU***

Thank you to all of you who are giving back to God some of your time, talent, and finances that God has given you. Our churches and their mission and ministry would not exist without your giving.

***ST. ELOI NEWS***

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $1,190.00 | $2,294.90 | -$1,478.70 |
| Loose | $300.00 | $146.15 | -$146.15 |
| Commodity |  |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $94,332.75 | $126,818.21 | -$32,485.46 |

**MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM -** Ghent American Legion will have a Memorial Program Monday May 25 at 9:30 am with reading of Deceased Legion names and a 21 gun salute at the St Eloi Cemetery. They will be wearing masks and be 6 feet.

***SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR NEWS***

St. Eloi Convent Masses: Call 428.3919 for times.

Masses on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

Dear Friends !

We keep praying for the world, and each one of you.

May the Lord pour out upon us his graces and gives us peace and hope.

God bless you

The sisters of Mary Morning Star

***ST. EDWARD NEWS***

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $5,790.00 | $4,829.92 | -$3,719.92 |
| Youth | $0.00 | $5.69 | -$5.96 |
| Loose | $0.00 | $153.85 | -$153.85 |
| Online Giving | $575.00 | *\*Added to the adult envelope total* | |
| Commodity | $1,407.67 |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $220,148.19 | $230,300.03 | -$10,151.84 |

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Our general intention throughout the year is for world peace and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. May is for all mothers & more devotion to the Blessed Mother. We need, and welcome, new members to complete our roses. If you have any questions and/or would like to join, call Judy Bot (872.6525) or Marian Laleman (872.6807).

**ONLINE GIVING**

Online giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot attend Mass. This helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Go to our parish website and get started today. [www.stedschurch.com](http://www.stedschurch.com)

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

Hospitality meals are on hold until further notice. We will put an announcement in the bulletin when we are ready to resume. Thank you and we pray for health and safety to all of you.

**CDS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

CDs are available in the back of the church to purchase. If you don’t see something you would like contact Margrit Rabaey (872.6937).

**HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?**

Remember to check out our Facebook page (St. Edward Catholic Church) or the website ([www.stedschurch.com](http://www.stedschurch.com)) to keep with updated information.

***ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS***

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

Office: 872.6391

It is hard to believe that this will be the final parent letter for the 2019-20 school year, and what a year it has

There will be an **Education Committee Meeting**on Tuesday, May 19th at 6 pm.  We will be discussion distance learning and policy changes for the future.  As this will likely be a Zoom event, I will publish the Zoom ID and Password on Tuesday afternoon.

Our **Summer Care Program**here at St. Edward School will begin on Tuesday, May 26th.  We have been busy researching and implementing safety measures and precautions for the students in attendance.  We currently have space available, but are receiving new participant applications daily.  Please spread the word.  Registration forms are available on our web-site @ [www.stedscatholicschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com/).  We will be posting more information on Facebook as it becomes available.

**SUMMER FOOD** - Also on Tuesday, May 26th, the St. Edward school cafeteria will provide free meals to **all children 18 and under** who want or need a noon meal.  This is provided under the USDA Summer Food Program.  Please call the school office for more information or to register.

As the Governor slowly opens the state back up for business, please keep Scrip in mind.  Right before we shut things down, **Larson's Home Furnishings of Marshall** joined the Scrip team.  Thank you Larson’s!

**WINNERS OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION CONTEST** Catholic Daughters of the Americas-Court St. Joan of Arc #1291 winners for the 2020 Local Education Contest from St. Edward's School, Minneota, MN in the ART category were Elizabeth Garvey (1st place), grade 5 and Sarah Gruenes (1st place), grade 6; Niara Gorecki (1st place), grade 4 in the POETRY category; Riley Wambeke (1st place), grade 7 in the PHOTOGRAPHY category and Kylie Callens (2nd place), grade 7 in the PHOTOGRAPHY category.

**PLEASE GIVE SHARE YOUR VOICE** - At the direction of USCCB and the MN bishops, the diocesan Economic Impact Task Force is urging all Catholics to contact their congressional representatives to advocate for inclusion of assistance for nonpublic schools (Catholic and other private) in this stimulus package.  This assistance will help us to overcome some of the extra expenses that COVID-19 has and will continue to cause in our school.

Please date the correspondence and include your name and address. You can send correspondence to any members of congress but especially those who represent our district.  - Collin Peterson (District 7).  The following link will take you to the email address for Mr. Peterson.  <https://collinpeterson.house.gov/zip-code-lookup?form=/contact/email-me>  Thank you for responding to this effort to secure relief for our Catholic schools!

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May God Bless,

Jaci Garvey, Principal

***CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS***

**Capital Campaign – THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

We are grateful to those who joined us the past two weekends for 20-minutes after Mass. Your cooperation enabled us to share the important information about our proposed facility repairs and improvements project. Please take time this week to review your personalized folder, reflect on your blessings and capacity to respond, prayerfully determine your financial commitment, and then return your decision to Father Craig in the confidential envelope. Thank you!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CABINET**

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