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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

***Sunday, August 2***

8:00 am Confession at St Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Frank & Elly Swedzinski)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

10:30 am Mass at St Eloi (For the Parish Family)

***Monday, August 3***

No Mass

6:30 pm CCW Meeting at KC Hall

***Tuesday, August 4***

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Betty Claeys and family)

***Wednesday, August 5***

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

10:30 am Mass at St Edward (Mark Carrette)

*6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Edward*

***Thursday, August 6***

7:00 am Mass at St Edward (Ann Fier) ***\*\*Confession before Mass***

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St Edward

***Friday, August 7***

2:00 pm Confession at St Edward

2:30 pm Mass at St Edward (Frank Swedzinski)

***Saturday, August 8***

4:45 pm Confession at St. Edward

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Mass at St Edward (For the Parish Family)

***Sunday, August 9***

8:00 am Confession at St Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Dorothy Tillemans)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

10:30 am Mass at St Eloi (Dick VanKeulen)

**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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**1st/2nd Grade Teacher Needed**:

**Dear Parishioners:**

Congratulations to Allison Bot and Nicholas Steffl who are married this weekend. I am sure that the wedding will be memorable for number of reasons.
Regarding weddings scheduled in the near future, the idea of the most intimate moments of the marriage ceremony being masked is difficult. My understanding is that the bride and groom are liturgical ministers at the exchange of vows, and therefore the removal of the mask is allowed especially at that time. Further, while following the mandate is necessary at this time to lower the risk, during certain other times during the ceremony or for a few more select people (the best man and maid of honor, perhaps, it might be appropriate to take off the mask. I recently remarked that perhaps we request that the bride wears a veil as a face cover… technically speaking, it meets the criteria!

That being said, thank you to all who are following the mandate regarding masks. Thank you for being responsible for in wearing them as required. It is a momentary hardship for all, and I hope that the mandated use will be short. I am hoping that we are able to relax some things in the near future.

With the start of August, there will be an increase of activity as we gear up for the school year. At this time, it appears that we (at least the Catholic Schools in the Diocese) will be open with some modifications to accommodate social distancing. That said, there are reports that the transmission from children to adults is negligible, and that children are less likely to have complications if they contract it. The difficulty is adult-to-adult spread in our schools and churches, and especially to those more likely to have complications. These are all factors that need to be considered as we open to keep everyone safe.

Finally, this week I will finish a 12 week seminar (through Zoom) on the traditional Latin Mass. I am getting more comfortable with the Mass offered in the Extraordinary Form, which, in addition to being in Latin, has a number of differences such as blessings and gestures, volume of the voice, and positions. This was something that was not offered when I was in seminary, but was something that I had an interest in for the last years. With the slowdown of Covid and the offering over Zoom, it seemed God’s will to take part now. I need some more time to incorporate all of this in to meet a certain comfort level to offer Mass worthily and well, but eventually I would be interested in offering the Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form publicly if there are more than a few interested. Please let me know with ideas.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

***St. Edward School is seeking applications for a highly qualified 1st/2nd grade teacher for the 2020-21 school year.***

***At St. Edward School we take pride in our high academic standards, Catholic culture and the dedication of our teachers.***

***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:
St. Edward School***

***Jaci Garvey, Principal
210 W 4th St***

***Minneota, MN 56264
Phone 507-872-6391***

***E-Mail:******jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com***

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**SUNDAY OFFERING**

As pastor and St. Edward and St Eloi parishes, 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 August 3-9**

Aug. 3 – For world peace and in memory of Ed and Nellie Lozinski by Rose Doom

Aug. 4- In memory of Conrad Hennen by Elaine Hennen

Aug. 5: For the deceased members of the Thooft and Demuth Families, by Larry and Rosemary Demuth

Aug. 6: In memory of Mary Noyes by David and Diane Hennen

Aug. 7: In memory of Jasper VanDelanotte by Leonard and Marian Louwagie

Aug. 8: In memory of Larry Naber by Dennis and Evelyn Louwagie

Aug. 9: In memory of Mary Timmerman by Madeline Timmerman

To schedule a Radio Rosary – Call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The St. Eloi Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is moving atria to St. Edward's School. After much thought and countless prayers, we have discerned to move in response to the needs of St. Edward's School and the religious education program of both parishes. We are indebted to St. Eloi for generously giving us the space and funds to get the program off to a great start. Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm over the years. Please pray for us as we transition to our new home, specifically that we can continue to serve the children of St. Eloi and St. Edward and help them to intimately know the Good Shepherd.

***\*\*BOXES NEEDED***

Moving boxes needed! To help with the atria move, we are asking for cardboard box donations. If you have cardboard moving boxes, we would be grateful! We need several. Just put them in the level 1 atrium in the St. Eloi parish before Monday, August 3rd. Thank you!

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

 ***August 2 – August 8***

**SUNDAY, Aug. 2 – Pray for Bishop John LeVoir**

 **Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-915-18; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21**

* *What do you treasure the most?*

**MONDAY, Aug. 3 – Pray for Fr. Christian Adike, Fr. Garrett Ahlers, Dcn. Arthur Abel, Joshua Bot (Sem.)**

 **Jeremiah 28:1-17; Psalm 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102; Matthew 14:22-36**

* *How are you yielding your life to allow His word to take root in your heart today?*

**TUESDAY, Aug. 4 – Pray for Fr. Matthew Wiering, Fr. Paul Wolf, Dcn Travis Welsh**

 **Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13; Matthew 13:36-43**

* *How do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart, thoughts, and actions?*

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 5 - Pray for the Women Religious in the Diocese**

 **Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Psalm 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; John 11:19-27**

* *Is the Lord the treasure and delight of your heart?*

**THURSDAY, Aug. 6 – Pray for All Men and Women Whom God is calling to the Priesthood or Religious Life**

 **Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 146:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53**

* *Do you yearn for total peace, joy, and union with God in his everlasting kingdom?*

**FRIDAY, Aug. 7 - Pray for All Deceased Priests and All Deceased Deacons**

 **Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14; Matthew 13:54-58**

* *How do I treat my neighbor with the same favor and kindness which God has shown me?*

**SATURDAY, Aug. 8 – Pray for Pope Francis**

 **Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 14:1-12**

* *Where do I get the strength of will and heart to choose what is right and to reject what is bad?*

**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.

**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***

 Our hours are Wed. – Fri. 11:00 - 5:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am -3:00 pm. We are currently taking donations again.

 Please consider helping our school and parish through your work at the store. Your time and help will be very much appreciated.

***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 | $990.00 | $2,294.90 | -$1,304.90 |
| Loose | $92.65 | $146.15 | -$53.50 |
| Commodity | $0 |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $6,701.65 | $ | $ |

***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 are happy to announce that Ashley received her habit on Saturday, June 20, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  Her new name is Sr. Martha Victoria!

We would also like to tell you that we will be gone from July 10 until the beginning of September.  We will spend this time at a retreat house that has been offered to us to use for the summer.  Please be assured of our prayers for you during this time, and we'll look forward to seeing you again in September.

God bless!

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star

***ST. EDWARD NEWS***

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $1,485.00 | $4,829.92 | -$3,344.92 |
| Youth | $2 | $5.69 | -$3.69 |
| Loose | $5.00 | $153.85 | -$148.85 |
| Online Giving | $525.00 | *\*Added to the adult envelope total* |
| Commodity | $ |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $13,485.48 | $20,490.96 | -$7,005.48 |

**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

Calling all Mass Volunteers - During COVID-19 restrictions, Caren is not assigning duties for mass.  If you are coming to masses and are comfortable, please use the following link and sign up to be sacristan, lector, usher, etc.  -  Sign up is very easy and your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

<https://volunteersignup.org/84KMT>

\*\*If you have any questions regarding the jobs, please feel free to contact Dawn @ 507-530-4287 or Debbie Thooft @ 507-530-1231

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Our general intention throughout the year is for world peace and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. July is for blessings on America and our families. 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**

* If you know of anyone who is sick or new to the parish, please call Marlene Polejewski at 507-872-6042.

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL OR ASKING FOR PRAYERS** – If you know of anyone from our parish who is sick or has had surgery recently or is ill and would like to be remembered in prayer during the weekend Masses; ask them to contact the church office. The Parish Secretary will add their name/names to the petitions.

**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.

**CONCERNED CATHOLICS**

**“[T]he death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”**
**– *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2267**

The federal government has resumed federal executions for the first time in 17 years. As Pope Francis has made clear, the death penalty is inadmissible as an affront to the Gospel and the dignity of human life.

The U.S. Catholic bishops have expressed their opposition to the death penalty for decades and have raised their voices against the death penalty several times since the new federal executions were announced.

Please consider raising your voice against these executions. Tell Attorney General Barr to stop the executions because they undermine human dignity!

[*Learn more*](http://usccb.org/news/2020/20-80.cfm) about the USCCB’s specific requests for policies that protect those who are poor and vulnerable during the coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns>

***ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS***

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

Office: 872.6391

As I begin this parent letter, I am at a loss of where to start.   The summer of 2020 has been difficult to describe.  We have been shocked by what we see on the news and continue to look for normalcy in our lives.  Please pray for all of us as we move through these changes in our lives.

Here at school we have providing summer care to school age children in the community, deep cleaning and creating plans to return to school.  All of the above named processes have required that we research and consult others.  It seems that my computer has permanent tabs open to both the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health along with a whole host of others.  My summer has consisted of weekly principal meetings with other Catholic school principals in our diocese; we are all looking for ways to bring our students back to school in the safest way possible.

This conversation has led to the creation of a COVID-19 preparedness document by the Minnesota Catholic school superintendents which were given to all Catholic schools in greater Minnesota as a way for us to prepare for our individual situations.  A task force was created here at St. Edward School to work through this document as it relates to us.  Working through the COVID-19 document forced us to rethink how we interact while maintaining our standards of excellence.  All the while, the physical and emotional health of the children remained in full view.

The St. Edward School COVID-19 Handbook is a result of this document.  It gives me the confidence to say that **we are prepared to have your children return safely to school on August 25th**.  It also gives us a tool to be prepared to make changes as they are recommended by the CDC, the MN Department of Health and others as needed in the future.

In the following weeks, I will send weekly e-mails to you which include the final draft of the document.  These letters will highlight areas of specific concern such as drop off and pick up, masks in school, Mass, etc.  We will also be hosting a **virtual open house on Monday, August 24th beginning at 6 pm**.

In July, members of St. Eloi Parish made a decision regarding their Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program; this decision directly impacts St. Edward Church and School.  Given many, many factors, the conclusion was made to move their Atria and materials into St. Edward School.  This gives our school the opportunity to utilize this fantastic program within our own building, while opening the program up to other religious education occasions within our parish communities.  This is, quite frankly, an answer to prayer for us.

However, the undertaking of moving the atria is a big one.  We are asking for the help of the entire St. Edward and St. Eloi community.  During the daytime hours on Tuesday, August 4th and Wednesday, August 5th, we will need people to help us pack up materials and small glass items.  On Wednesday, August 5th, Thursday, August 6th and possibly August 7th we will need people to come with trailers and pickups in the evenings.  This crew will help to disassemble, move and reassemble shelves.  Please use [this link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F44A9A82CA6FC1-catechesis) to sign up to help or call Caren at the church office (872-6346).

May God Bless,

Jaci Garvey, Principal

**Dear St. Edward families,**

After the untimely passing of Mrs. Skilling’s, a committee was formed to create a memorial for her. Her love for reading is a memory several of her students have shared of her. Due to her love of reading, our committee has decided to create an outdoor reading area in honor of Mrs. Skilling’s similar to the one in the picture.

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Our plan is to put this on the north side of the Knight's Hall near the garden.

  After Jackie's passing, the school received many inquiries about a memorial for Jackie. If you wish to donate to the Outdoor Reading Area Memorial, please send your donations to St Edward School by August 14, 2020. Checks can be made to St. Edward School with "Skilling’s Memorial" in the memo line.

God Bless,

Memorial Committee