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St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Churches

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**SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**WELCOME FR. TODD PETERSEN**

***Sunday, July 5***

8:00 am Confession at St Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Zona Laleman)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

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

***Monday, July 6***

Mass at St. Eloi Convent (*Presider’s Intention*)

 \*For Mass time contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star

***Tuesday, July 7***

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Alan VanKeulen)

**My Dear Parishioners**,
I want to thank you SO much for all the years, 11 in St. Peter/St. Leo, 6 in St. Edward/St. Eloi, 2 in St. James. It's hard to believe! Thank you so much for all of you who expressed your gratitude to me in the last weeks, with words, cards and gifts. I bring your affection and prayers with me as I head to my new assignment. As I write this, my stuff is already in St. Peter, and I am closing down my computer here for the last time. I will miss you. I prayed the Angelus prayer every morning since 2009 specifically for you, first thing after my morning offering. I will
certainly continue to pray for you. Please do the same for me. God bless!

*In Christ, Father Craig*

***Wednesday, July 8***

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

10:30 am Mass at St Edward (Louis & Mary Buysse)

12:00 pm Mass at St Eloi Convent (Charles and Elizabeth Bot)

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

***Thursday, July 9***

6:15 am Mass at St Eloi Convent (Dan VanKeulen)

7:00 am Mass at St Edward (Audrey Kloos)

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St Edward

***Friday, July 10***

2:00 pm Confession at St Edward

2:30 pm Mass at St Edward (Jane Louwagie)

***Saturday, July 11***

4:45 pm Confession at St. Edward

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

***Sunday, July 12***

8:00 am Confession at St Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Bob & Margaret Theuninck)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

10:30 am Mass at St Eloi (Bruce Welvaert)

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

***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***

**Dear Parishioners:**

I am so grateful to be here in these parishes. I look forward to getting to meet all of you in person, getting to know you, and serving you and helping us all grow closer to Christ.

A little about myself: I was born and raised in Wabasso. My mother’s parents and mother were spiritual role models, and especially my grandparents’ lively faith inspired me to be open to God’s plan (little did I know while growing up that it would be as a priest!) I am the second of 4 children. My parents are divorced (and I am the only priest of our Diocese whose parents are divorced), so I have a special place in my heart for those affected by broken marriages. I entered college seminary after my first year in college, and knew that was where the Lord wanted me to be, and I knew that He had called me to a life of service as a priest. I have been ordained 21 years, and have served as an associate at our Cathedral and Sleepy Eye, and this last year, I was given time of study and prayer while serving as an associate in the Marshall Area. In between, I was pastor at Leavenworth by Sleepy Eye for three years, Green Isle, Henderson, Faxon Township on the eastern part of the Diocese for 2 years, the Wabasso Area for 6 years, and St. Peter/Nicollet for 6 years.

In the last 9 years, I have begun to enjoy running, walking, and other activities. If you happen to see me walking/running without wearing clerics, my car is not broken down somewhere along the road… This exercise helps keep me healthy and balanced - I love to pray the rosary and other prayers during exercise.

Certainly, with this Covid and riots, we are in interesting times to transition, but I know that the Lord has good prepared.

Often, as new pastor comes in, the question is asked what’s his agenda. I honestly have only one - to help us grow in deeper love of Christ and His Church. I hope to learn from you and others how Christ has already formed you, and to aid in growth.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd

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**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 July 6 – July 12**

July 6: In memory of Gordy Boerboom by Carolyn Boerboom and Family

July 7: In memory of Dr. DJ. Tegels, Al, Adelaide Rose, and great Grandpa Gail, by Marilyn, Staci and Kelleigh

July 8: In memory of Agnes Thooft by Duane and Bernie Louwagie and Family

July 9: End to terrorism by Knights of Columbus, All Saints Council, #4912, Ivanhoe

July 10: For peace in the world and In memory of Daniel Doom by Rose Doom

July 11: In memory of JoAnn Matthys by Mark and Kari Waletzko

July 12: For world peace and in memory of Gary Timmerman by Rose Doom

To schedule a Radio Rosary – Call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

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

 ***July 5 – July 11***

**SUNDAY, July 5 – Pray for Fr. Harry Behan, Fr. William Bowles, Dcn. Bruce Bot, Nathan Hansen (Sem.)**

 **Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Romans 8:9, 11-13**

* *What word from God am I being called to speak in the light today?*

**MONDAY, July 6 – Pray for Fr. David Breu, Fr. Eugene Brown, Dcn Rick Christiansen, Dcn John Hayes (Sem.)**

 **Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Psalm 145:2-9; Matthew 9:18-26**

* *What stereotypes of others limit my ability to see them as God’s children?*

**TUESDAY, July 7 – Pray for Fr. Patrick Casey, Fr. James Devorak, Dcn Timothy Dolan, James Herzog (Sem.)**

 **Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Psalm 115:3-10; Matthew 9:32-38**

* *By what narrower way is Jesus calling me to follow him in my life now?*

**WEDNESDAY, July 8 - Pray for Fr. Michael Doyle, Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku, Fr. Frederick Fink, Luke Miller (Sem.)**

 **Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Psalm 105:2-7; Matthew 10:1-7**

*Where am I called to serve as stage manager to set the scene for God’s birth?*

**THURSDAY, July 9 – Pray for Fr. Joseph Steinbeisser, Fr. Bernard Steiner, Fr. Anthony Stubeda, Dcn. Kenneth Stalboerger**

 **2 Kings 24:8-17; Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9; Matthew 7:21-29**

* *What fears most keep me from letting God change me?*

**FRIDAY, July 10 - Pray for Fr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Paul Timmerman, Dcn Michael Thoennes**

 **2 Kings 25:1-12; Psalm 137:1-6; Matthew 8:1-4**

* *What most needs transformation in me to be a healer like Jesus desires?*

**SATURDAY, July 11 – Pray for Fr. Paul Van de Crommert, Fr. Seven Verhelst, Dcn Paul Treinen**

 **Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Psalm 74:1-7, 20-21; Matthew 8:5-17**

* *What barriers and love of rules most keeps me from drawing others to Jesus?*

**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.

***FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS***

Congratulations to the 1st Communicants who will receive/received the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist this week/this past week:  Dax Anderson, Keatyn Bouwman, Laney Coequyt, Nolan Coequyt, Kylie Davenport, McKenzie DePestel, Reagan DeSmet, Mia Fier, Talia Fier, Braxton Hennen, Harper Hjermstad, Hadley Jurrens, Mason Kopitski, Max Laleman, Jacob Loyson, Mariah Loyson, Noah Maurer, Levi Pohlen, Quinn Pohlen, Nevaeh Schreiber, Jagger Stassen, Kade Sussner, Jacob Swoboda, Harmon Van Keulen, Gracelyn Van Watermeulen, Gregory Rabaey, Reed Sorensen, Addyson Pohlen, Emmalee Jones & Deborah Beisler.  May the Eucharist continue to strengthen them in their faith and in their lives every day!

**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***

Thrift Store is celebrating their 3rd anniversary on July 3rd.  The weeks of July 8-11 and 15-18 they will be offering ½ off of everything in the store.  Please stop in and help them celebrate. 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 | $1,500.00 | $2,294.90 | -$794.90 |
| Loose | $114.49 | $146.15 | -$31.69 |
| Commodity | $1,500.04 |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $111,191.12 | $138,896.15 | -$27,705.03 |

***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 | $825.00 | $4,829.92 | -$4,004.92 |
| Youth | $0 | $5.69 | -$5.69 |
| Loose | $70.00 | $153.85 | -$83.85 |
| Online Giving | $.00 | *\*Added to the adult envelope total* |
| Commodity | $300.07 |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $243,318.67 | $247,846.70 | -$4,528.03 |

***St. Edward Council of Catholic Women*** *is pleased to announce our 2020 scholarship recipients.  Congratulations to seniors Natalie Bot, Hannah Brewers, Cecilia Rabaey, and Paige Welsh!  We wish each of you the best in your future endeavors.  God bless you!*

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Our general intention throughout the year is for world peace and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. June is for all Fathers and more devotion to the Sacred Heart. 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.

***ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS***

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

Office: 872.6391

I pray that each of you finds yourself healthy.  Here at school we are busy reflecting on our school year, staying busy with our summer program and looking forward to next fall.

Each June I must submit to MNSAA (our accrediting agency) an executive summary of what we have accomplished over the past year.   You will find a copy of that document at the end of this letter.

I think 2020 can officially be considered a time of change.   We, here at St. Edward School are not exempt.  I will be holding interviews today with possible 1st and 2nd grade teachers.  Please pray that God will send just the right person to us.

On Wednesday evening, June 24, the 2nd grade students will finally get to celebrate their First Communion.  Please pray for them during this very special event.

On Sunday, June 28th at 1 pm in St. Leo we will have the opportunity to say Good Bye to both Father Craig and Father Zach who have been reassigned.  I encourage all of you to bring your children in order that they may have some closure with this.  For the past five years, the priests have taken time out of their busy schedules to visit the classrooms every week and have often eaten lunch in our cafeteria with them.  It only stands to reason that the children have formed connections.

As we try to wrap our heads around the 2020-21 school year, the Minnesota Catholic Superintendents and the Minnesota Catholic Conference are looking for some input from you, the Catholic school parents.   Please fill out the following survey by July 2 in order to help us make decisions as we move forward.  Here’s the link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MNCatholicSchoolReopening](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.surveymonkey.com%2Fr%2FMNCatholicSchoolReopening&data=02%7C01%7Cdfremo%40gw.stcdio.org%7C350fb4ea12d541a53d6108d813c8d03a%7C380e4089e12a4ce4b6735d2ee7e28d72%7C1%7C0%7C637281100992252849&sdata=yvHIT8qdKBY61vPFcbkfHE283scKRYMfWSBdi2FvnBI%3D&reserved=0)

A St. Edward Garden Committee has been formed and they have been active in planting and maintaining the garden space.  They are asking for families and community members to assist by adopting the garden for a week (Monday – Sunday) during the summer.   Volunteers would be responsible for weeding, watering and harvesting during their week.  As this is a St. Edward community project, families and community members helping in the garden would be allowed to use any harvested food in their own kitchens.  As one of the goals of the garden is to provide food for the school kitchen, excess harvest should be delivered there.  To sign up for a week click here:  <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F44A9A82CA6FC1-stedward2>

The following words are replicated from the executive summary that I spoke of earlier.  If you have any questions about its contents, please feel free to contact me.  Also know that we are looking for new memberships for our many school committees for the fall of 2020.  These include the education committee (1), our marketing committee (2), an alumni committee and the technology committee.

I recently attended a webinar entitled “How to Lead in Times of Global Pandemic and Social Unrest.”  It seems that current events have taken over, making it difficult to look back at what has been accomplished or even forward to what might be on the horizon.  Here at St. Edward School the difficulty has been multiplied by the recent death of one of our senior teachers.  We find ourselves reeling from the punches.  So, taking a step back to look back at what has been accomplished is a much needed breath of fresh air.

The story of any school year actually begins in the winter and spring months of the year prior.  This was exceptionally true for us last year as we began the journey toward opening a licensed preschool.  This became a much larger effort than anyone had anticipated, but we were successful.  On Oct. 1, the first preschool students entered the building as ½ day students and in March when we received our state license, they were able to attend full day preschool.  As part of the preschool decision, the education committee and I were unified that what we do must be different than what is already offered for preschool in Minneota.  This led us down several paths as we discussed how we would accomplish this.   The first discussion centered around when to offer preschool (1/2 days, full days, how many days per week, etc.).   At the conclusion of this, parent choice became the focus.  Families simply need preschool to fit in with their work, home and daycare schedules.   These needs led us to explore different models in which flexible scheduling are a viable option.   Exploration of these models then led us to a Montessori concept, which was tested this school year.  The entire staff received training in Montessori Theory as we explored this type of learning and teaching.  The preschool teacher and our kindergarten teacher will be attending Montessori certification training this summer which will allow us to become a Certified Montessori Preschool.

As the decision was made to open a preschool, it was clear that a preschool teacher would be needed.  We interviewed several candidates and finally found the correct one in August.  Also during the summer we learned that we would need to replace our kindergarten teacher and our school secretary.  These positions were both filled in the nick of time, but there was a very large learning curve that needed to be overcome.

FACTS and Ren Web were rocky throughout the year.  I can say that we have them under control now, but it has been a long journey.  We are working toward automatic reenrollment for students within both FACTS and RenWeb for the fall of 2020 which should make things simpler here in the office and for our families.  We are also working to implement on-line permission slips and other payment options for 2020-21.

With the addition of preschool, we were able to hold enrollment steady this year.  The enrollment management plan was followed.  We began working with our potential families in late fall and met with them in November, January and March.  We held a virtual Kindergarten/Preschool Roundup in April which was very successful.  We currently have four kindergarten students enrolled and are expecting 12 preschool students in the fall.  We were able to host one BINGO event and an Oktoberfest meal after Mass.

We held an all school reunion on Sunday, Sept. 8th with a wonderful turnout.  The day filled me with grace and hope and our school filled with past students who were willing to share their memories with me.

The addition of summer care at St. Edward School has made us more visible to the community and we are offering a much needed service.  We have begun our second year and currently have 25+ children enrolled.  As I train new staff I tell them that we have three goals.  #1) The children need to have fun.  #2)   The children need to be safe.   #3)  They need to learn.  This is also a great way for us to share the love of Christ with those who may not otherwise get the message.

As COVID changed the way we taught, we learned several things.   #1)  Our technology initiatives over the past several years made us more ready to handle the challenge as each child was able to have their own device at home.  #2)   There is much to be learned about distance learning and its best practices as we move through the coming months and years.  While we did comparatively very well, we have a list of things that we need to do differently.  As administrator, I worry about overall student learning as well as the effects of this year’s summer slide.  My sincerest prayer is that we are able to have the students in our building next fall in order to properly assess and make goals to meet their needs.  At St. Edward School we have a long history of academic excellence; we must find a way to work through these times to ensure that our students are receiving the quality education we are known for.

May God Bless,

Jaci Garvey, Principal