Good Teacher Area Faith Community

St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Churches

Pastor: Father Craig Timmerman (507.829.3014)

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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 408 N. Washington St.

 Minneota, MN 56264

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

***Sunday, March 15***

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY

8:00 – 8:15 am Confession at St. Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Christopher Hennen)

10:00 – 10:15 am Confession at St. Eloi

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (*Anita VanOverbeke*) \*Confessions after Mass

***\*\* There will be a blessing of the new addition and elevator at St. Eloi.***

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm SOUP AND CHILI FUNDRAISER - ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

7:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at St Eloi

***Monday, March 16***

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (*Presider’s Intention*)

 \*For Mass time contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star

***Tuesday, March 17***

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Betty Claeys & Family) \*Adoration and Confession after Mass

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting at St Edward School

7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting at St Edward

***Wednesday, March 18***

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

10:30 am Mass at St Edward (Vince LeGare) \*Confessions after Mass

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Donald Maeyaert)

5:30 pm – 6:20 pm – Religious Ed Family Meal at St Edward Church Basement (***Serving: Tacos)***

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

6:30 pm – Religious Education at St. Edward

6:15 pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Eloi

***Thursday, March 19***

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Louis & Mary Buysse*)*

 Confessions after Mass

7:30 am Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Fuzzy Downing)

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

5:30 – 6:30 pm Confession at St Edward

***Friday, March 20***

5:45 am TMIY Gathering at KC Hall

7:30 am Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Vincent Bot & Pam Haukom)

2:30 pm Mass at Minneota Manor (*Craig Ahman*)

4:00 pm YOUTH LEAVE FOR DNU BROOMTREE RETREAT

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Edward

***Saturday, March 21***

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presiders Intention)

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm First Communion Retreat at KC Hall

4:30- 5:20 pm Confession at St. Edward

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Leon & Alice Louwagie) \*Confession after Mass

***Sunday, March 22***

7:45 am – 8:15 am Confession at St. Edward

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

10:00 – 10:15 am Confession at St. Eloi

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Ray & Jean Thooft) \*Confessions after Mass

12:00 pm – Public Square Rosary in Memorial Park in Downtown Minneota \****PLEASE COME PRAY FOR OUR NATION!!!***

***\*\*\*PLEASE CHECK ST EDWARD WEBSITE or FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL UPCOMING CHURCH/CATHOLIC SCHOOL EVENT AND SCHEDULE CHANGES***

**PERPETUAL ADDORATION**

Dear Parishioners:

Holy Redeemer has recently begun Perpetual Adoration in Marshall, in the chapel of the former convent that is attached to Holy Redeemer School.  I want to write inviting anyone from the neighboring parishes to be involved, as well.  It is weekly from Sunday at 5 pm to Friday at noon in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel, and on Friday from 12 noon until 5 pm in the Hospital Chapel at Avera in Marshall.  If you would like to sign up for a weekly hour of Adoration (or to be on a list as a substitute), you can do so through the Holy Redeemer Church website <http://www.holy-redeemer.com/> or through this link:   [www.tinyurl.com/sk49aof](http://www.tinyurl.com/sk49aof)  Everyone is invited to be a part of this, and you can also just stop into the adoration chapel, but from 7 pm to 7 am, for security purposes, you will need to have a code to open the door, given out to those who are signed up for a weekly hour.

**Area Faith Weekly Mass Schedule**

*These Mass times are subject to change!*

Monday, March 16 9:00 am Mass at St James (Presiders Intention)

Tuesday, March 17 6:00 pm Mass at St. Peter (Bob & Ron Kack)

Wednesday, March 18 9:00 am Mass at St. Peter (Leonard & Ann Traen*)*

Thursday, March 19 9:00 am Mass at St. Leo (Louis & Cecelia

 Lozinski)

Friday, March 20 NO MASS AT SYLVAN

Saturday, March 21 5:30 pm Mass at St. Peter (Norbert & Phyllis

 Deslauriers)

Sunday, March 22 8:30 am Mass at St. James – Dawson

 (For the People of the Parish)

 10:30 am Mass at St. Peter

 (Connie Lanners)

**Radio Rosary – Week of March 16 – March 22**

March 16 In memory of Orville Hennen by Family and Friends

March 17 In memory of Walter Jacobs and Wayne Whitcomb and all

 deceased family members

March 18 In memory of Hedwig Ratajczak by Larry and Rosemary

 Demuth

March 19 In memory of Gerald (Jerry) Soenen by Madeline

 Timmerman

March 20 In memory of Jason Timmerman by his family

March 21 Sponsored by the St. Clotilde C.C.W of Green Valley

March 22 In memory of Clarence Lipinski by his family

To schedule a Radio Rosary – Call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

March 15 BLESSING OF THE ADDITION IN ST ELOI AFTER MASS

March 15 7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Eloi

March 15 **11:00 am – 12:30 pm** St. Eloi Soup & Chili along with

 Silent Auction to assist with tuition to RE and Catholic

 Schools.

March 20-22 DNU Teen Talk Broom Tree Retreat

March 21 **3:00 pm** - FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT at ST. Edward

March 25 Living Stations for RE - All are welcome to attend!

March 27 Stations of the Cross at St Eloi

April 3 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm St Edward KC Fish Fry

April 3 9:00 am CUF meeting at St John Cantius in Wilno

April 22 Last night of Religious Ed

April 19 FIRST COMMUNION

***CHURCH ENVELOPES***

Donation envelopes are ready to be picked up in the church basement for St. Edward and in the back of the church for St. Eloi parishioners.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE 2019 ENVELOPES ANY LONGER.**

The envelopes have been renumbered. Thank You!

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

***March 15 – March 21***

**SUNDAY, March 15 – Pray for Fr. Mark Mallak, Fr. Brian Mandel, Dcn Mark Kober**

 **Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42**

* *What “desert” am I most experiencing Lent in my relation to God?*

**MONDAY, March 16 – Pray for Fr. Gerald Meidl, Fr. Robert Mraz, Fr. Andrew Michels**

 **2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalms 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30**

* *How can I imitate Jesus’ attraction to the poor, weak, and vulnerable in society?*

**TUESDAY, March 17 – Pray for Fr Aaron Nett, Fr John Nordick, Dcn Michael McKeown**

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25 4-9; Matthew 18:21-35

* *What might I do to experience the of being a forgiven forgiver?*

**WEDNESDAY, March 18 – Pray for Fr. Brian Oestreich, Fr. Jerome Paulson, Dcn Jason Myhre**

 **Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:7-19**

* *How have I been growing in holiness this Lent by drawing closer to Jesus?*

**THURSDAY, March 19 – Pray for Fr. John Pearson, Fr. Samuel Perez, Dcn Kenneth Noyes**

 **Samuel 7:4-5,12-14, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29; Romans 4:13, 16-18, Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24**

* *How might I imitate Joseph’s love for Jesus and Mary in life?*

**FRIDAY, March 20 – Pray for Fr. Todd Petersen, Fr. Zachary Person, Dcn Roger Osborne**

 **Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34**

* *What can I create or restore from the ashes of my failures and losses?*

**SATURDAY, March 21 – Pray for Fr. Germain Rademacher, Msgr. John Richter, Dcn. Travis Welsh**

 **Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14**

* *What can I do to stop thinking I am better than others and recognize how alike we are?*

**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.

***Sponsorship of St. Edward Catholic School***

***March 1*** Open ***March 8*** Open

***March 2*** Open ***March 9*** Open

***March 3*** Open ***March 10*** Open

***March 4*** Open ***March 11*** Open

***March 5*** Open ***March 10*** Open

***March 6*** Open ***March 11*** Open

***March 7*** Open ***March 12*** Open

**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE**

…May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as a temple of God, in whom the Spirit dwells; we *pray to the Lord:*

**BULLETIN BRIEFS**

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2018-19 Respect Life Reflection

***Chicken Wild Rice Soup & Chili Feed and Silent Auction***: All are invited to come and help support the students of St. Eloi Church in Ghent on Sunday, March 15, down in the church basement. We will be serving soup and chili along with breadsticks and bars from 11:00-12:30. Bidding for the silent auction closes at 12:15. Everyone is welcome to join us for some great fellowship while supporting the education of our students. The Catholic Order of Foresters are hosting this event and are offering Matching Funds as well.            ~ St. Eloi Ct #1081 COF

***PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY***

America needs Fatima! There will be a Public Square Rosary Rally on March 21, 2020 at 12:00 pm. This will be held at Memorial Park, Downtown in Minneota. Please pray for traditional Marriages, for America, and for the Protection of the Unborn

***Man Is You***

The "That Man Is You” men have been meeting Friday mornings at the Knights Hall in Minneota. The program has been well received and well attended. We would like to invite all men to join us as we proceed through our Lenten journey. Come and experience this wonderful program! Join us at 5:45 am Friday mornings at the Knights Hall in Minneota for coffee, breakfast, faith building and fellowship. There is no cost other than a little sleep. For more information call Brian Timmerman at 507.428.3519 or just show up!

***Catholic Daughters Offer Scholarship***

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas local Court St. Joan of Arc #129 is offering a $500 scholarship to a 2020 graduating Catholic girl who plans to continue her formal education. She must be a member of Holy Redeemer parish or any of the adjacent Catholic parishes that do not have a Catholic Daughter Court.

Applications are available at the Holy Redeemer Parish office or from Lois Novosad, 710 N 6th St., Marshall Mn 56258. Phone number- 532-5236. Completed forms, including letters of recommendation, must be returned to Lois Navosad no later than April 15.

***Religious Ed Family Meals***

We are now providing a light meal for RE families from 5:45 – 6:25 pm in the church basement before class begins at 6:30 pm.

**Our next Wednesday meal will be Taco.**

It will be a freewill offering which will help pay for future meals.

If you would like to donate any ingredients or store-bought goodies for dessert (cookies, cupcakes, etc.), it would be appreciated.

Also, if anyone is able to help serve and clean up the meal, please contact Tina Myhre, RE Coordinator, at goodteachereafcre@hotmail.com or 870.5108.

RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES

* As we begin the month of March, I realize that we are only 8 weeks away from the end of RE classes!  These next 2 months will be busy as we fit in the remaining grades (4th-9th) for their 2nd time for confession during our year, as well as a night of Stations of the Cross, which will hopefully be performed by the Confirmation class on March 25th and all are invited.  Our last night will be April 22nd and we will either have a fun event or catechists will have their last night with their students doing something fun.
* The next class for Confirmation prep starts this week with a parent/candidate meeting in the Knight's Hall at 6:30pm, for 10th grade or above looking to prepare for Confirmation.

**SCRIP NEWS**

The Scrip committee is happy to announce that we have a new merchant in our program!  **Larson's Home Furnishings of Marshall** will have $100 paper gift certificates available.  They will donate 10% to our program.  We will keep one on hand, but you are able to purchase more if you desire. These will only work in Marshall!  We thank Larson’s for their willingness and generosity!

**CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Catholic United Financial Council #307 will hold a meeting on Friday, April 3, 2020 in the Wilno Church Basement following 8:15 Mass. All are welcome to attend.

***Catholic Athletes Youth Group***

*Upcoming dates for Cathletes* will resume this week to Weds nights after RE class from 7:30-8:30pm.  Cathletes is for youth grades 7-12 to gather for games and learn from other Catholic athletes and Fr. Zach how faith and athletics work together in our lives. All 7-12 youth are invited, and group is not exclusive to athletes.

***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 | $12,000.00 | $2,294.90 | -$1,394.90 |
| Loose | $97.75 | $146.15 | $90.33 |
| Commodity |  |  |  |
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| Year-to-Date | $84,440.55 | $101,298.69 | -$16,858.14 |

**LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS**

**Sunday, March 22*, 10:30 AM***

*Sacristan*: Darla Timmerman

*Servers*: Kate Hennen, Joseph Ries and Tyler Welsh

*Lector*: Steve VanKeulen and Brad Hennen

*Eucharistic Ministers*: M. Senden and D. Senden

            C: J. Kesteloot, B. Brewers, S. Maeyaert, C. Nelson

*Musicians*: Sisters

*Gifts*: Denis and Mary Jo Thooft

*Ushers:* Brian Timmerman, Mike Monnet, Daren VanKeulen

**BLESSING ON ST ELOI’S NEW ADDITION**

March 15th we will do a blessing of the new addition and elevator at St. Eloi.

***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

**CHILDREN’S HOLY HOUR WITH THE SISTERS**

Our next Children’s Adoration hours will. Be held Thursday, April 2 , from 4:45 – 5:30 pm. Children from the womb to age 12 are invited! St. Maria Johanna

We will begin emailing announcements for the different activities that we do: our prayer vigils, come and see weekend retreats for young women, and philosophy evenings or weekends for youth. If you would like to receive these announcements, please email us at: sistersofmarymorningstar@gmail.com and let us know which of the three announcements you are interested in. It is always a joy when you come to pray with us!

**You are welcome to pray in our chapel whenever you’d like.**

***ST. EDWARD NEWS***

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $3,178.00 | $4,829.92 | -$1,326.92 |
| Youth | $4.00 | $5.69 | -$1.96 |
| Loose | $129.01 | $153.85 | -$23.99 |
| Online Giving | $325.00 | *\*Added to the adult envelope total* |
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| Year-to-Date | $179,047.28 | $179,347.33 | -$300.05 |

**LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS**

*Saturday March 21st, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Truman Wambeke, Riley Wambeke, Tom DeSmet

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Minister: Janell Laleman, Nate Welsh, Lisa Hennen, Jeff Buysse, Mary Ann Christensen

*Ushers*: Don Gorecki, Brad Laleman, Bruce Laleman, David DeSmet

*Sunday March 22nd, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Terry VanKeulen

Servers: Joseph Beisler, Sam Frie, Wyatt Pohlen

Lector: Julie Bottelberghe

Eucharistic Minister: Neal Bot, Diane Hennen, Lisa Hennen, Mary Myhre, Becky Engels

*Usher*s: Gary Buysse, Jerry Differding, Omer Laleman, Doug Janiszeski

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Our general intention throughout the year is for world peace and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. February is for blessings on all Marriages and March is for the return of fallen away Catholics. 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 872.6242.

**PRAYERS**

If you know 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. Their names will be added to the petitions.

**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. Ed’s Adult Choir**

St Ed’s Adult Choir will be preparing music for the Easter Triduum services beginning Wednesday evening, March 11 --- 7:30-8:45.  Rehearsals will take place in the Choir Loft. ***New voices are always welcome!***

**ST. EDWARD CCW NEWS**

**LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA**

We will be continuing with our sewing of Little Dresses for Africa. Dresses should be made from fabric that is cotton or a cotton/polyester blend. Fabric that is 100% polyester cannot be used. The New Ulm Center for “Little Dresses for Africa” has plenty of small dresses on hand. Please sew medium or large dresses. “Since 2011, over 13,000 pieces of clothing have been distributed to children in Uganda, the Philippines, Jamaica, New Guinea, South Africa, Bulgaria, Indonesia, and India to name a few.

If you have fabric you would like to donate to this project, contact Terry Van Keulen (872.6696) or put the fabric in the cry room. Terry also has patterns and fabric for you.

***T*he Service Commission for St. Edward CCW is offering the opportunity during the 2020 Lenten season to offer alms toward some of our ongoing projects.**  They include "Little Dresses for Africa", prayer shawls and quilts.  The quilts are donated to the Heart to Heart as Christmas gifts for those in need.  Prayer shawls are knitted/crocheted by women in our parish who pray for the recipient as they make the shawl.  The shawls are then blessed and given to those who are ill, have lost a loved one or have experienced a major life event.  Little Dresses for Africa are dresses and boys’ britches made by women of our parish and sent to Africa.  All of these programs require funds for the supplies the CCW women use.  **If you would like to make a monetary donation, please feel free to make checks payable to "St. Edward CCW" with "projects donation" in the memo line.**You may drop off at the office or drop in the collection basket.  If you have any questions contact Jan Bot at 507-401-1167.  Thank you!

CCW lists have been sent out. Please remember to pay the $40 dues. Checks should be made out to St. Edward CCW. This should be sent to Juanita Bot or put in the collection basket.

## St. Paul, Minnesota Approves Special Day to Honor Abortionists Who Kill Babies in Abortions

[***The politicians who govern Minnesota’s capital city honored abortionists who kill unborn babies Wednesday in a special resolution.***](https://www.lifenews.com/2020/03/06/st-paul-minnesota-approves-special-day-to-honor-abortionists-who-kill-babies-in-abortions/)

[The Pioneer Press reports](https://www.twincities.com/2020/03/04/st-paul-city-council-approves-abortion-providers-appreciation-day/) the St. Paul City Council unanimously passed the resolution to recognize March 10 as Abortion Providers Appreciation Day.

Council members timed the resolution to coincide with [a U.S. Supreme Court case about a Louisiana abortion law](https://www.lifenews.com/2020/03/04/supreme-court-holds-hearing-on-louisiana-pro-life-law-saving-babies-from-abortion/), according to the local news. The high court heard oral arguments in the case Wednesday to determine whether states may require abortionists to have hospital admitting privileges for patient emergencies and whether abortion businesses may sue on behalf of their patients. A ruling is expected in June.

In the resolution, the St. Paul politicians expressed outrage at the new pro-life laws that are being passed to protect unborn babies and mothers.

“The Supreme Court of the United States now contains a majority of Justices who may not interpret the Constitution to provide protection for the right to end a pregnancy and may overturn or severely limit Roe v. Wade, which includes the threat of women patients and abortion providers being arrested and sent to jail,” the resolution states.

The resolution also implied that pro-life advocates are violent criminals who attack abortionists and their staff, though the opposite is true. Pro-lifers work to end violence, especially the violence of abortion against unborn babies.

**Life News depends on the support of readers like you to combat the pro-abortion media.**[***Please donate now***](http://www.lifenews.com/donate/)**.**

[In a letter to the editor](https://www.twincities.com/2020/03/06/letters-many-wont-celebrate-abortion-providers-appreciation-day/), local resident Barbara Seer described the impact of this violence by citing state abortion statistics.

“I can think of 10,000 Minnesotans from this past year, plus 9,000+ Minnesotans from the year prior, plus 10,000+ Minnesotans from the year prior to that, etc. (or ad nauseam), who will not be celebrating the St. Paul City Council’s newly approved Abortion Providers Appreciation Day,” she wrote.

About 10,000 unborn babies are aborted every year in Minnesota, [according to the state Department of Health.](https://www.mccl.org/abortion-in-minnesota#!)

Abortion is a billion-dollar industry, and abortionists and their staff make money selling abortions to vulnerable women who are struggling with difficult circumstances. Rather than provide compassion and support, they take the women’s money, kill their unborn babies and then turn them back out into the world to fend for themselves. That is not worthy of praise.

Pro-life advocates, in contrast, provide real support to mothers and babies in need, expecting nothing in return. Pregnancy resource centers provide free resources, including ultrasounds, diapers, maternity clothes and more. They connect families to public support programs, and they encourage and support them through the struggles.

Abortion kills a unique, living human being and often injures the mother permanently. It even [can affect the health of future children.](https://www.lifenews.com/2020/03/04/new-study-shows-abortions-increase-risk-of-premature-birth-in-future-pregnancies/) This barbaric practice should be condemned, not celebrated. Unborn babies deserve a right to life.

ACTION ALERT: [Contact the St. Paul City Council](https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/city-council)with your condemnation of this special day to honor those who kill unborn children.

***ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS***

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

Office: 872.6391

**SCHOOL MASS**

Our next school Mass is Wednesday, March 18, at 10:30 am.

***All are welcome to join us!***

**Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up** is scheduled for Monday, March 30th from 4:30-6:30 pm.  This will be an open house event with a parent information session beginning at 5:30 pm.  Personal invitations will be sent out next week.  If you know of anyone that needs an invitation, please let us know.

**SUMMER CARE PROGRAM**

St. Edward School **Summer Care Program**.  This program will run weekdays beginning on Tuesday, May 26th through Friday, August 14.  All children between the ages of 5 and 12 are eligible to attend. St. Edward is looking for Summer Program assistants.  These are part time positions.  Applicants must love working with children and we willing to have fun and play!

**CAMP BELOVED and CAMP GREATNESS**

There is also a registration form in the family folders for **Camp Beloved**and**Camp Greatness**.  Children entering grades 6-12 in the fall are eligible to attend.  These camps are for children who want to grow in their faith while surrounded by other Catholic children and great role models.   Fun games, arts and crafts, sports, hiking as well as daily Mass and adoration combined with great talks make for an amazing experience.  I encourage all to attend these camps!

**SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS**

The annual **Science Fair** was held last, Friday, February 28th.  Everyone worked really hard on their projects.  I am so proud of all of you!  Madison Hennen, Sarah Gruenes, and Elizabeth Garvey took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.  They will be moving on to the regional science fair in Mankato on Saturday, April 25th at SMU in Mankato.

**HELP WANTED**

St. Edward School is seeking applications a part time PE/Health teacher for the 2020-21 school year.   Please e-mail a letter of interest, resume, and two references to jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com.

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

I suppose this parent letter would not be complete if I did not write something about **Coronavirus** (it has seemed to have captured the attentions of nearly everyone.)  Over the past 10 days I have received and sought out information from the CDC, MDH, the Diocese of New Ulm and the VA.  The common message is prevention.  Keep your hands clean by washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, stay home and away from others when you are sick, cover your coughs and sneezes with tissues or your arm/sleeve, and dispose of tissues in the trash.

We have been stepping up our prevention efforts at school by encouraging handwashing, and wiping down surfaces such as door knobs, desks, handrails, keyboards, etc. frequently.   We even had a proper handwashing demonstration.  Ask your children to show you how to wash hands properly.

Parents who gift their children with a Catholic education are laying the foundation that will inspire and guide them through their lifetime. Not only do Catholic schools teach the value of respect for others, they also teach the importance of respect for various religions of the world. Teaching global awareness of other faiths and social justice issues encourages students to be responsible, responsive, compassionate and empathetic to the beliefs, feelings and needs of others. By teaching morality in accordance with Gospel values, all members in a Catholic school community learn self-discipline and respect for everyone.  (NCEA Newsletter Feb 28, 2020)

***CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS***

**Capital Campaign – IN CHURCH INVITATION – THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEKEND**

After Mass this weekend or next weekend (March 21-22), please join us in the church for 20-minutes, when we will briefly review a folder of important information that has been personally prepared for your household. **You will NOT be asked to offer your financial decision at that time.**

We will encourage you to take the folder home, review the contents, reflect on your blessings and capacity to respond, prayerfully determine your financial commitment, and then return your **confidential** decision in the envelope that we will provide. Thank you for your cooperation!

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