**Good Teacher Area Faith Community**

**Churches of St. Edward & St. Eloi**

**Pastor: Rev. Craig Timmerman (829-3014)**

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Facebook – One More Time Thrift Store

St. Edward & St. Eloi Mailing Parish Office Address

408 N Washington St, Minneota, MN. 56264

Office hours: 8:00 am - 11:45 am -12:45 pm – 4:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

***SUNDAY – Feb 2***

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

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward (For the Parish Family)

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

10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi (George DeSutter)

***MONDAY – Feb 3***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Presiders Intention) \*for Mass time contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star*

***TUESDAY******– Feb 4***

7:30 am - Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Ida Monnet Louwagie & William Monnet)*

***WEDNESDAY – Feb 5***

**NO MASS at St Edward**

**NO MASS at St. Eloi Convent ()**

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

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

6:30 pm – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST EDWARD

6:15 pm - CATACHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHARD at St Eloi

***THURSDAY – Feb 6***

7:00 am - Mass at St Edwards (Vincent Bot & Pam Haukom)

*\*Confessions after Mass*

NO Mass at St Eloi Convent ()

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

***FRIDAY – Feb 7***

5:45 am – TMIY Gathering in KC Hall

7:15 am – Mass at St Edward (Presider’s intention)

NO Mass at St Eloi Convent ()

2:30 pm – Mass at Manor (Sandy Opdahl)

***SATURDAY –Feb 8***

No Mass at St Eloi Convent ()

4:45 pm – 5:20 pm Confession at St Edwards

5:30 pm – Mass at St Edwards (Jerry & Florence Soenon & Families)

***Prayer for Married Couples***

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***SUNDAY – Feb 9***

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

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward (Troy LeBrun)

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

10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi (Conrad Hennen)

***\*\*Ghent Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast after Mass – ALL ARE WELCOME!!!***

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – St Edward Capital Campaign Update at KC Hall

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm – RACE Sunday at Holy Redeemer – MASS, Speaker (Kevin Losleben) & ADORATION

Area Faith Weekly Mass Schedule

*These Mass times are Subject to Change*

Mon, Feb 3 9:00 am – Mass at Dawson Nursing Home (Presiders Intention)

Tue, Feb 4 6:00 pm – Word and Communion at St Peter ()

Wed, Feb 5 No Mass at St Peter ()

Thur, Feb 6 9:00 am – Mass at St Leo (Audrey Kloos)

Friday, Feb 7 10:30 am – Mass at Sylvan Court (Leonard Drietz)

Saturday, Feb 8 5:30 pm – Mass at St. Peter (Deceased members of Roman Devorak Family)

Sunday, Feb 9 No Mass at St Leo ()

Sunday, Feb 9 8:30 am – Mass at St James in Dawson (Presiders Intention)

Sunday, Feb 9 10:30 am – Mass at St Peter (Parents of Kick & Evelyn Regnier)

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Radio Rosary:

Feb 3: In memory of Ed (Edward) VanOverbeke by Barbara Skierecki

Feb 4: For the repose of the Soul of Fr. William Marks

Feb 5: In memory of Pat Deutz by Gary and Armella Deutz

Fe 6: I n memory of Vincent Bot and Pam Haukom by Judy Bot and Family

Feb 7: In memory of Raymond Halbur by Mary Halbur and Friends

Feb 8: Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America of Marshall, Court of St. Joan of Arc

Feb 9: In memory of Vincent Leifgen and deceased family members of Ralph Leifgen

To Schedule Radio Rosary Call Carol Louwagie at 532-6081.

For Rosary Times call Radio Station at 532-2696

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETING: (\*\*\* means new event added)**

***Feb 1 4:30 pm – Mass at St Edward, \*\*Note the time changed for Flurry event***

Feb 1 5:30 pm – MUSICAL NIGHT OUT at the American Legion in Minneota

Feb 13 4:45 pm – 5:30 pm – Children’s Adoration with the Sisters of Mary of Morning Star at St Eloi Convent; children womb-12 are invited!!

Feb 9 9:30 am – Open Forum for St Edward School in St Edward Gym

Feb 9 5:30-7:00 pm – Spaghetti Supper at Hope Lutheran Church.  *All the spaghetti and breadsticks you can eat, lettuce salad and dessert!  Adults $10 Students $8.\*\* Proceeds go to help the Minneota Mission Trip*

Feb 23 10:30 am – AFC CONFIRMATION MASS at St Leo

Mar 15 11:00 - 12:30   St. Eloi Soup & Chili and Silent Auction to assist with tuition to RE and catholic schools.

**Religious Ed Family Meals**

We are now providing a light meal for RE families before RE class from 5:45-6:25 pm in the St. Ed's Church basement. ***Our next Wednesday meal will be Smoked Sausage Fajitas.*** It will be a free will 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), we would appreciate any help.  Also, if anyone is able to help serve and clean up for the meal, please contact Tina Myhre, RE Coordinator, at goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com or 870-5108.

***CHURCH ENVELOPES*** *– Donation Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Church basement for St Edward and in the back of Church for parishioners at St. Eloi.* ***PLEASE DO NOT USE 2019 ENEVELOPES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020. WE HAVE RENUMBERED THE ENVELOPES SO THEY WILL NOT MATCH YOUR OLD NUMBER! THANK YOU!!***

**Catholic Athletes Youth Group** - Starting Jan 8th, youth grades 7-12 are invited to attend Cathletes Youth Group after RE classes from 7:30-8:30pm in the St. Ed's School gym.  We will be playing games, hear from other Catholic athletes, have some time to ask Fr. Zach questions & learn from him, along with some prayer time.  This group is not exclusive to athletes, but we will be learning how our faith and athletic activities work together and how to live and play as a Cathlete.

**MASS READINGS and PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK**

* Sunday, Feb 2: Pray for Bishop Levior; Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
	+ Do you believe you are cherished by God?
* Monday, Feb 3: Pray Fr Christian Adike, Fr. Garret Ahlers, Dcn. Arthur Abel, Joshua Bot (Sem.); 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 20, 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-7; Mark 5:1-20
	+ What demons do you struggle with? Do you call out to Jesus?
* Tuesday, Feb 4: Pray for Fr James Barry, Fr John Berger, Dcn. Russell Blashko, Carter Currans (Sem.); 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Psalm 86:1-6; Mark 5:21-43

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

Jan 26: Open

Jan 27: Open

Jan 28: Sponsorship in honor of Joseph Rabaey

Jan 29: Open

Jan 30: Open

Jan 31 Sponsorship in honor of Ella Bot on her Birthday

Feb 1: Open

Feb 2: Open

*\*For questions on how you could seize the opportunity to become a sponsor for St Edwards please call – 872-6391*

* + Is our love expansive enough to include even those who have injured or betrayed up?
* Wednesday, Feb 5: Pray Fr Harry Behan, Fr William Bowles, Dcn. Bruce Bot, Nathan Hansen (Sem.); 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; Mark 6:1-6
	+ Where can I allow the Sacraments of the Church to transform me?
* Thursday, Feb 6: Pray for Fr David Breu, Fr Eugene Brown, Dcn Rick Christiansen, Dcn John Hayes (Sem.); 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Mark 6:7-13
	+ Would I have offered food and shelter to Jesus’ apostles and listened to their suggestions that I repent?
* Friday, Feb 7: Fr Patrick Casey, Fr. James Devorak, Dcn Timothy Dolan, James Herzog (Sem.); Sirach 47:2-11; Psalm 18:31, 47, 50-51; Mark 6:14-29
	+ What is the depth of my faith?
* Saturday, Feb 8: Pray for Fr Michael Doyle, Fr Cornelius Ezeiloaku, Fr Frederick Fink, Luke Miller (Sem.); 1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9-14; Mark 6:30-34
	+ Instead of looking for someone to fix things for me, where do I become Christ and help others in need?

**SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH:**

* Marriage, Becoming Catholic, Baptisms, Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) – Call the Rectory 872-6346
* ***EUCHARIST TO SHUT-INS: If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at home***

***ST ELOI -*** *Contact: Sandy Nuytten 829-9690.*

***ST EDWARD -*** During the week of Feb 1 – Feb 7 – Contact: Father 872-6346

**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE** – For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and be messengers of God’s love for every human life; *we pray to the Lord:*

**BULLETIN BRIEFS** – “An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. … Don’t forget the most important thing is to pray. Even if it’s just a quick two-second prayer, prayer is the most effective way we can help. Pray for her, for her child, and for guidance in how you can give her the best possible support.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting” ([www.respectlife.org/support-her](http://www.respectlife.org/support-her))”

**BAPTISM PREP –** To set up a baptism date please call the St. Edward Office at 507-872-6346. Please check the Church website for the God Parent Requirements.

* **RCIA -**We believe that 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 please contact Deacon Bruce Bot at 507-828-7012

***GREIF SHARE -*** New Session beginning February 10

Community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to participate in a GriefShare seminar. GriefShare is a nondenominational, Christ-centered DVD seminar, featuring nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion.  The new session begins Monday, February 10, 6:30-8:00 pm in Holy Redeemer Church gathering area, 503 W. Lyon, Marshall. For questions, please call 532-5711 or Dorothy, 401-0601.

ST. ELOI NEWS

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED  | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $2,015.00 | $ 2,294.90 |  - $279.90 |
| Loose |  $ 123.00 | $ 146.15 |  - $23.15 |
| Commodity |  $1,514.89  |  |  |
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| Year to date |  $67,965.89 | $84,155.82 |  - $16,189.93 |

**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. St. Eloi Church and its mission and ministry would not exist without your giving.

*Saturday Feb 8th, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Marlene Polejewski

Servers: Truman Wambeke, Riley Wambeke, Noah Gorecki

Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Thooft, Sherry Kern, Ed Laleman, Bonnie Laleman, Claren NovotnyUshers: Gary Crowley, Galen Boerboom and Mike DeSutter

***SOUP & CHILI FEED***

St. Eloi's Soup & Chili Feed and Silent Auction COF Matching Fund event is March 15th. All proceeds help assist with parish student’s tuition to Religious Ed classes or catholic schools. Anyone wanting to donate something for the silent auction or food for the meal should contact Julie Schuelke, Jason & HollyJo Boerboom, Steve Hennen or Darla Timmerman. An e-mail, with all the details, will be sent out to all families with school aged children soon, please watch for it!

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

* **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**:  Seeking donations to purchase new Nativity Figures.  Please consider an early Christmas present to CGS.  For more information, contact Joy Wambeke or Jennifer Rabaey.
* ***WILL YOU HELP?***The new gathering room is looking welcoming! We still need cash donations for the leather chairs. We are also hoping that we receive extra cash that we can use to update the dining hall. The dining hall has not been painted since 2000. Donations should be made out to St. Eloi with a note marked "furniture fund". Any questions on either project contact Shirley Maeyaert 872-5460. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS/MEMORIALS – 2018

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* In Memory of Ray & Jean Thooft from Joan LaVoy
* In memory of Conrad Hennen by Elaine Hennen
* In memory of Our friends and family from Dennis & Rita Engels
* In memory of Deceased members of the Fischer & Schmidt families from Dale & Lila Schmidt
* In memory of Deceased family & friends from Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt
* In memory of Tom Brewers by Beth Brewers
* In honor of Friends and Family by Charlotte Thooft
* In memory of family and friends of Gary & Sandy Nuytten
* In honor of the Senden & Doom families by Don and Monica Senden
* In honor of friends and family by Linda Oftedahl
* In honor of Friends and Family by Steve & JoAnne Vavrosla
* In honor of Scott Kesteloot and Kathy Reinhart
* In memory of Paul DeCock, Walter & Delores DeCock, Frank & Emma DeCock by Lyle & Lola DeCock

**BAPTISM**

Congratulations on the baptisms that were held in

November and December for:

*Hattie Marie Hammer,* daughter of Michael & Samantha Hammer;

*Vivian Jane Hennen,* daughter of Robert & Caroline Hennen;

*Henry Michael Engels,* son of Kevin & Brittney Engels;

*Otto Raymond Rupp,* son of Travis & Amanda Rupp.

We welcome these children into our St Eloi Faith Community

and congratulate their families.

***Sympathy-*** *Our* sympathy to the family and friends of Ed Buysse and Lois Chlebecek. Whose Christian Burials were held at St Eloi. May they rest in Peace and may their family be comforted by their faith and the promise of eternal life.

**THANK YOU** - THANK YOU – Thank you funeral committee members who provided food and service for the funeral dinners for Ed Buysse and Lois Chlebecek. This extra help was very much appreciated by the family.

Sisters of Mary Morning Star News

St. Eloi Convent Masses: Call 428-3919 for times. Mass on M-W-Thru-F and Sat

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

**NOTICE** - 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 send an email to us at sistersofmarymorningstar@gmail.com and let us know which of the 3 (or all) announcements you are interested in.  It is always a joy when you come to pray with us!

**CHILDRENS HOLY HOUR WITH THE SISTERS**

Our next Children’s Adoration hours will be held Thursday, February 13th from 4:45-5:30 pm; children womb-12 are invited!!

**Sr. Maria Johanna**

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

**ST EDWARD WEEKLY REPORT**:

St. Edward News

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED  | DIFFERENCE |
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| Adult |  $2,244.05 | $ 4,826.92 |  -$2,582.87 |
| Youth |  $6.23 | $5.69 |  $.54 |
| Loose |  $260.62 | $ 153.85 |  $106.77 |
| On Line Giving |  $225.00 | ***\*Added to the Adult envelope total*** |
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| Year to date | $162,607.12 | $150,703.23 |  - $11,903.89 |
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SEVERAL IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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.

**CD’s AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE** – Reminder CD’s are available in the back of church. If you don’t see something you would like contact Margrit Rabaey at 872-6937

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS –** Our general intention throughout the year is for world peace and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life (January is for World Peace and an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life) we need and welcome new members to complete our roses. If you have any questions and/or would like to join, please call Judy Bot at 872-6525 or Marian Laleman at 872-6807. 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. St. Edward Church and its mission and ministry would not exist without your giving.**

**INFORMATION CENTERS** – remember to check out our Facebook page (St. Edward Catholic Church) or the website (stedschurch.com) to keep up with new information.



**Online Giving Online** Giving helps you maintain you’re giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Go to our parish website at [www.stedschurch.com](http://www.stedschurch.com/) to get started today.

**CCW NEWS:**

* ***St. Edward Council of Catholic Women will be having a meeting for all women of the parish on Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Knights Hall.  Please join in for some fellowship, snack, and business.***
* CCW guild lists have been sent out reminder to pay dues of $40 made out to St. Edward CCW.  Can be sent to Juanita Bot or put in the collection basket.  Thank you.
* ***LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA*** - We will again be sewing “Little Dresses for Africa”.  Little dresses should be made from fabric that is cotton, or a combination of cotton / polyester. We are unable to use fabric that is 100 percent polyester. ***The New Ulm center for “Little Dresses for Africa”, has plenty of size “small “ dresses on hand. So when you are sewing dresses, please sew size medium or size large.***   If you have fabric that you would like to donate for this project, please contact Terry Van Keulen @ 872-6696 or let the fabric in the “ cry-room” at Church .
    If you need a pattern or fabric or have a question, please call Terry Van Keulen.

**St. Edward Liturgy Schedule**

*Saturday Feb 8th, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Marlene Polejewski

Servers: Truman Wambeke, Riley Wambeke, Noah Gorecki

Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Thooft, Sherry Kern, Ed Laleman, Bonnie Laleman, Claren Novotny

Ushers: Scott Thooft, Wayne Wyffels, Jerry Kloos, Troy DeSmet

*Sunday Feb 9th, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Cindy Novotny

Servers: Faith Beisler, Hope Beisler, Robert Beisler

Lector: Julie Janiszeski

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Hennen, Wayne Hennen, Mary Myhre, Seth Myhre, Fran Sturm

Ushers: Jeff Claeys, Ed Lozinski, John Sumerfelt, Mike Kern

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* In Memory of Ed Polejewski from Marlene Polejewski
* In memory of Richard Buysse, Harry & Mary Buysse, and Arnold & Vina Sanders by Donna Buysse
* In memory of Don Pesek for Donna Pesek
* In memory of Barney and Alan Bot, deceased members of the L & B Schmit Family and other deceased members of the Bot family by Alice Bot
* In memory of the deceased members of the Stoneberg and Boulton families from Mark & Deb Boulton
* In memory of John & Mary Stienessen, Leonard & Julaine Stienessen, and Elmo & Emilie Richards by Harold & Fran Stienessen
* In memory of Dan Van Keulen from his family
* In memory of Jennifer Ann Neyens and deceased Neyens family and Harry J. & Nellie Boerboom from Curt and Jeanette Neyens
* In memory of George, Bertha, Louis Veit; Joe & Helene Schreiber; Kevin Guttormsson and Mary Lou Powell by David & Mary Schreiber

**BAPTISM**

Congratulations on the baptisms that were held in

November and December for:

*Adeline Ray Slatko,* daughter of Dean & Angela Slatko;

*Wyatt Chet Alan Green,* son of Charles & Heather Green;

*Harlow Jean Parsons and Desmond Eric Parsons,* sons of Scott & Debra Parsons;

*Zachary Michael Downing,* son of Keith & Kristi Downing

*Creed Xander Schreiber*, son of Christopher & Shayna Schreiber.

We welcome these children into our St Edward Faith Community

and congratulate their families.

* In memory of Baby Sturm, Brandon Eischens and Larry Van DeVere by Fran and JoAnne Sturm
* In memory of Eric Hennen by David Hennen Family
* In memory of Norm VanOverbeke, and John, Dorothy & Joe Tillemans and Harold & Marie Tillemans, and Jim & Audrey Friedricks by Carey Doyscher
* In memory of George Bertha, Louis Veit, Joe & Helene Schreiber, Kevin Guttormsson, Mary Lou Powell by David & Mary Schreiber

***Sympathy-*** *Our* sympathy to the family and friends of LaVern Evers and Mary Van Hecke. Whose Christian Burials were held at St Edward these past months. May they rest in Peace and may their family be comforted by their faith and the promise of eternal life.

**THANK YOU** - THANK YOU – Thank you funeral committee and guilds 1, 2, & 11 who provided food and service for the funeral dinners for LaVern Evers and Mary VanHecke. This extra help was very much appreciated by the family.

**FALL FESTIVAL PRIZES:**  These people still need to pick up their prizes from the fall festival:  Paul Swedzinski, Ann Longtin, Ted Schmitz, Andrea Opdahl, Sherry Kern, Tony Mead, Terry Schreiber, Bruce Laleman, Pat Schmidt, Francis Engels, Hilary DeVlaeminck, Jeff Buysse, Kurt Fier, Dale Buysse, Dodie Derynck, Shelly Ratajczak, Karen Lussenhop, and Betty Gossen.  Please stop in and grab it during office.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – Jaci Garvey

SCHOOL OFFICE – 872-6391

SCHOOL SECRETARY – Trudy Banks

***OPEN FORUM FOR ST EDWARD SCHOOL***

As the New Year rolls around, we begin looking toward the 2020-21 school year.  As part of that process, we look at new families for our entire school:   preschool, kindergarten, grades 1-8, summer program and the afterschool program.  In order for St. Edward School to grow, we need current families and supporters to spread our good news into the community.  On Sunday, Feb. 9th, at 9:30 am, we will be having an open forum discussion about school choice and how St. Edward School fits into that puzzle.   The Education Committee and I are challenging each St. Edward School family to choose another family to personally invite and bring to this event.  If you have friends and family that have children of school age (to include preschool), invite them to come.  If you need ideas, call the school office and we will help you out.

**SCHOOL MASS**

Our next **school mass**is Wednesday, February 12 at 10:30am.

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

**CATHOLIC FINANCIAL RAFFLE**

**We have begun a very busy time!  Please read carefully as there is a lot of information here.**

**Catholic United Financial Raffle** **Tickets** is underway, as of today.   The ticket packets and instructions are being sent home in the family folders.   The first turn in day is next Tuesday.  This is a very important fundraiser for us and your participation is essential to its success.  We are looking for students and families to promote this fundraiser at our masses.   Students will be given a script to read at mass and families are asked to help them sell their tickets after mass.   Please let me know if your family would like to sign up for a mass either in Minneota or Ghent.  Tickets are $5 and are fairly easy to sell.  I am offering the following incentives for the students.

All students who turn in full books of tickets on the following dates will receive:

* ***January 28:  $3.00 worth of quarters for the Mardi Gras from Mrs. Garvey***
* ***February 4:  Monster cookie***
* ***February 11: Choice of crayons, markers, pencils, erasers or colored pencils***
* ***February 18: Mrs. Garvey will purchase 1 ticket***
* ***February 25: Slushie***

Please pray for Father Craig and his family at this time.  **Gary Timmerman**, Father Craig’s father entered into eternal life Thursday afternoon.

May God Bless,

Mrs. Garvey

**Capital Campaign Moving Forward!**

Time for another update on our $1,380,250 capital campaign to complete the proposed facility repairs and improvements to our church and school. Over the past several months, members of our Campaign Cabinet have joined me and visited a small portion of our parish to share the story of our campaign and invite their financial support. This process is referred to as the “quiet phase” of any successful campaign.

We have now raised over 31% of our goal in financial commitments. I continue to be humbled by the collective generosity of those who have responded to our initial invitation. I can imagine the prayerful and thoughtful decision that each individual or family must have made in determining their financial support. Now it is time to open the doors wide and invite all parishioners to offer their financial support. With your

cooperation and support we are making great progress. Let’s keep going. Thank you!

**Fr. Craig**

**The Time Has Come to Invite Your Financial Support**

We want to personally invite your financial support in a way that we believe will respect your valuable time.

Please join us for a brief one-hour gathering with other parishioners. Select the one-hour event that will

best fit your schedule.

**• Sunday afternoon February 9 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Knights Hall**

**• Thursday afternoon February 13 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Knights Hall**

**• Thursday evening February 13 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Knights Hall**

During that time, we will briefly review a folder that has been prepared for your household. We will invite you to take the information home, reflect on your blessings, and offer your financial support for the capital campaign. **You will not be asked to offer your financial decision when you receive your folder.**  The decision of whether to contribute or what specific financial amount to consider is entirely up to you.

There will be an opportunity for questions in the group setting. If you prefer, following the presentation, we can discuss any issues with you in a private, one-on-one conversation. We look forward to our time together, including light refreshments. Thank you!

**Capital Campaign Cabinet**

 • Deacon Bruce Bot (507) 828-7012 • Mary Myhre (507) 828-2521

 • Ruth Bot (507) 829-0514 • Fred Rabaey (507) 828-1420

 • Jeff Claeys (507) 530-1062 • Nate Welsh (507) 828-3341

 • Julie Janiszeski (507) 829-3894 • Fr. Craig (507) 829-3014



**COME CELEBRATE NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK**

**OUR FAMILIES ARE THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

This February 7-14, 2020, we will celebrate National Marriage Week! This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages.

This year our theme is: **Stories from the Domestic Church.**Here’s how you can join us:

* Spend a little dedicated time in prayer and reflection by participating in our [**seven-day virtual retreat**](https://www.foryourmarriage.org/marriage-retreat-2020/);  <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/marriage-retreat-2020/> (available in pdf in [English](https://www.foryourmarriage.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NMW-2020-Virtual-Marriage-Retreat.pdf) and [**Spanish**](https://www.foryourmarriage.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NMW-2020-Virtual-Marriage-Retreat-spanish.pdf)) focused on marriage. This year the retreat theme is **“Stories from the Domestic Church.”**Sign up to receive the retreat via email during National Marriage Week 2020 [**here**](https://www.foryourmarriage.org/sign-up-to-receive-the-national-marriage-retreat-via-email/) **at**  <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/sign-up-to-receive-the-national-marriage-retreat-via-email/>
* Pray a rosary for married couples and families with us! Join us on Wednesday, February 12 at 3pm ET on the [**USCCB Facebook Page**](https://www.facebook.com/usccb/).
* Invite your diocesan or parish community to pray for marriage with these [Prayers of the Faithful for National Marriage Week](https://www.foryourmarriage.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-NMW.pdf)**.**

And here are some resources to build up your marriage all year long:

* Listen to Marriage Unique for a Reason’s [**Made for Love Podcast**](http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/category/made-for-love-podcast/), (<http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/category/made-for-love-podcast/> ), which tells the stories of real people living out the call to love. Here are some of our favorites episodes on marriage:
	+ Episode 6: [**Real Marriage vs. the Ideal**](https://soundcloud.com/usccbclips/made-for-love-ep-6-real-marriage-v-the-ideal) <https://soundcloud.com/usccbclips/made-for-love-ep-6-real-marriage-v-the-ideal>
	+ Episode 10: [**Men & Women: Not Two Halves, but Two Wholes**](http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/2018/03/26/made-love-ep-9-complementarity/); <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/2018/03/26/made-love-ep-9-complementarity/>
	+ Episode 51: [**Engagement: Planning a Wedding or a Marriage?**](http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/2019/12/10/made-for-love-ep-51-engagement-planning-a-wedding-or-a-marriage/) <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/2019/12/10/made-for-love-ep-51-engagement-planning-a-wedding-or-a-marriage/>
* Take a look at our [**Daily Marriage Tips**](https://www.foryourmarriage.org/daily-marriage-tips-archive/). Maybe you’ll find a new idea to strengthen your relationship. <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/daily-marriage-tips-archive/>
* Visit the website of [**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**](http://wmd.wwme.org/), which provides numerous resources for celebrating World Marriage Day. <http://www.wwme.org/wpd-wmd>
* The website for [**National Marriage Week**](http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/) offers helpful ideas for building up your own marriage, recommended reading, supporting marriage in the community and much more. There’s also a listing of marriage-building events throughout the country. <https://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/>

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