**Good Teacher Area Faith Community**

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

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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, JANUARY 19, 2020 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

***SUNDAY – Jan 19***

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

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward (Sister Helen Janssen)

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

10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi (Jerry & Florence Soenon and families)

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm – Cor Jesu at St Aloysius, Olivia

***MONDAY – Jan 20***

***NO SCHOOL***

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

***TUESDAY******– Jan 21***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Marie Rose Boerboom)*

*6:00 pm - Ed Committee Meeting at St Edward*

*7:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting at KC Hall*

***WEDNESDAY – Jan 22***

10:00 – 10:20 am – Confession at St Edward

10:30 am – Mass at St Edward (Joe Tillemans)

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

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

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 – Jan 23***

7:00 am - Mass at St Edwards (Fuzzy Downing)

*\*Confessions after Mass*

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Brad Claeys)

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

***FRIDAY – Jan 24***

5:45 am – TMIY Gathering in KC Hall

7:30 am - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Emil &Louise Goossens)

2:30 pm – Mass at Manor (Norbert & Eugene Hoffman; and Mary Lou & Ken McMahon)

***SATURDAY –Jan 25***

***\*Second Collection for Catholic Schools Week***

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

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

5:30 pm – Mass at St Edwards (Ed VanOverbeke)

***SUNDAY – Jan 26***

***\*Second Collection for Catholic Schools Week***

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

9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast at St Edward – ***ALL ARE WELCOME!!***

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward (Vince LeGare)

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

10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi (Duane Oftedahl & Boerboom families)

**PRO LIFE RALLY AT THE CAPITOL**

**PRAY! PRAY! PRAY**!

Plan to attend the MCCL Pro-Life Rally at the Capitol on Jan. 22; the 47th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in our country.  There will be a bus leaving from the Holy Redeemer Church parking lot at 6:30 am.  It is sponsored by area Knights of Columbus and CCW groups.  We will attend the Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30 am and then you can march to the Capitol or ride the bus for the public rally at noon.  The bus will return after the rally.  For questions or to sign up please call Lori Timmerman at 507-476-0070.

Area Faith Weekly Mass Schedule

*These Mass times are Subject to Change*

Mon, Jan 20 6:00 pm – Mass at St James (Presiders Intention)

Tue, Jan 21 6:00 pm – Mass at St Peter (Lauren Schubert)

Wed, Jan 22 9:00 am –Mass at St Peter (Ben Browning Sr.)

Thur, Jan 23 9:00 am – Mass at St Leo (Joe Rader)

Friday, Jan 24 10:30 am – Mass at Sylvan Court (Dean Behnke)

Saturday, Jan 25 5:30 pm – Mass at St. Peter (For the People of the Parish)

Sunday, Jan 26 NO Mass at St Leo ()

Sunday, Jan 26 8:30 am – Mass at St James in Dawson (Fr. James Kleffman)

Sunday, Jan 26 10:30 am – Mass at St Peter (Diane Schlapkohl

Radio Rosary:

Jan 20: In memory of Edward DeVos by Violet DeVos and Family

Jan 21: In memory Richard Downing by Leonard and Marian Louwagie

Jan 22: In memory of Ed Van Overbeke by David and Diane Hennen

Jan 23: For the Orville Hennen Family and Siblings by Cletus and Lorraine Lanners

Jan 24: For Special Intentions by Cletus and Lorraine Lanners

Jan 25: In memory of Don Louwagie and all deceased family members by Carol Louwagie and Family

Jan 26: Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America of Marshall, Court of St Joan of Arc

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)**

Jan 20 NO SCHOOL

Jan 26 1:00 pm – KC FREE THROW CONTEST at the Minneota Public School Competition Gym

Jan 26 – Feb 1 **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

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

Feb 6 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 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 PIZZA.*** 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, Jan 19: Pray for Fr John Pearson, Fr Samuel Perez, Dcn Kenneth Noyes; Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34
	+ Do you believe you are cherished by God?
* Monday, Jan 20: Pray Fr Todd Petersen, Fr Zachary, Dcn Roger Osborne; 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mark 2:18-22
	+ In what ways can you be ready to serve God better today?
* Tuesday, Jan 21: Pray for Fr Germain Rademacher, MSGR John Richter, Dcn. John Hansen; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:20-22, 27-28, Mark 2:23-28

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

Jan 10: Sponsorship in memory of Sadie Hamerlinck

Jan 19: Sponsorship in memory of Michael Afdem

Jan 20: Sponsorship in honor of James Vanhyfte

Jan 21: Sponsorship in memory of Gloria Novotny

Jan 22: Sponsorship in honor of Teddy Thomson 5th Birthday

Jan 23: Sponsorship in honor of Wanda Vierstraete and Katherine Olafson’s 95th Birthday

Jan 24: Sponsorship in memory of Allan Van Keulen

Jan 25: Sponsorship in honor of Don & Rose Bourgeois & Family; and Lillian & Henry DeCock

Jan 26: Open

Jan 27: Open

Jan 28: Sponsorship in honor of Joseph Rabaey

Jan 29: Open

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

* + Today, turn to the Lord with your needs and your weaknesses.
* Wednesday, Jan 22: Pray for Fr Keith Salisbury, Fr Bruno Santiago, OSB, Dcn John Reed; 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10; Mark 3:1-6
	+ How might I use my work and prayer to complement each other so both can help to lead me and others to God?
* Thursday, Jan 23: Pray for Fr George Schmit, Fr Philip Schotzko, Dcn Barry Reindl

1 Samuel 18:6-9; Psalm 56:2-3, 9-13: Mark 3:7-12

* + Where have I felt Jesus’ healing in my life?
* Friday, Jan 24: Pray for Fr Paul Schumacher, Fr Mark Steffl, Dcn Steven Spilman; 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mark 3:13-19
	+ What is the depth of my faith?
* Saturday, Jan 25: Pray for Fr Joseph Steinbeisser, Fr Bernard Steiner, Fr Anthony Stubeda, Dcn Kenneth Stalboerger; Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117:1-2; Mark 16:15-18
	+ How has the power of God’s love transformed my life?

**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 Jan 18 - 25 – Contact: Diane Hennen 428-3572

**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

***MINNEOTA BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, January 22 from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Minneota American Legion***

***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 | $2,195.00 | $ 2,294.90 |  - $369.90 |
| Loose |  $ 149.00 | $ 146.15 |  - $23.15 |
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| Year to date |  $56,890.36 | $78,506.49 |  - $21,616.13 |

**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.

**Sunday, *January 26th, 10:30 AM***

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman

Servers: Abby Hennen, Xavier Rabaey and Zach Hennen

Lector: Brad Hennen and Mike VanKeulen

Eucharistic Minister: **B:** L.Schmidt, R.Sussner **C:** Dan Sik, Deb Sik, Corissa VK, and

 Monica Senden

Musicians: Sisters

Gifts: John and Jennifer Rabaey Family

Ushers: Tim VanKeulen, Corey Kack and Mark Nelson

***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

* 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

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 |  $3,917.99 | $ 4,826.92 |  $908.93 |
| Youth |  $12.25 | $5.69 |  -$6.56 |
| Loose |  $144.05 | $ 153.85 |  - $9.80 |
| On Line Giving |  $340.00 | ***\*Added to the Adult envelope total*** |
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| Year to date | $141,404.36 | $139,569.89 |  - $1,834.47 |
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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:**

* 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.
   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 Jan 25th, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Tara Sterzinger, Gabe Sterzinger, Dylan DeSmet

Lector: Tim Gossen

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Buysse, Mary Ann Christensen, Marlene DeSmet, Monica DeSmet, Ann Longtin

Ushers: Harold DeSmet, Bruce Novotny, Mike Sontag, Tom Sterzinger

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS/MEMORIALS – 2018

*Sunday Jan 26th, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Fran Sturm

Servers: Elizabeth Garvey, Elena Myhre, Sam Myhre

Lector: Lisa Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: Julie Bottelberghe, Deb Boulton, Terry VanKeulen, David Vlaminck, Shannon Brewers

Ushers: Mark Boulton, Josh Bottelberghe, Kevin Downing, Joe Callens

* 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
* 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

***The Flurry Presents:  A Musical Night Out!!***

Tickets are on sale now!  You can purchase tickets after mass at the scrip table.  Tickets are also available at The Rectory office or School office during business hours.  You can contact one of the committee members with ticket orders or any other question you may have.  Tickets need to be purchased by January 26th, 2020.

Julie Pohlen at 507-828-7392

Nikki Traen 507-828-2912

Chassidy DeRoode 507-530-1835

Colleen Lundwikowski  507-401-0044

***FROM ST EDWARD PIE LADIES***

We want to say "Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year, along with a BIG THANK YOU!" to all our dedicated pie ladies. Your time, effort and caring are very much appreciated.

We have made and sold 290 pies in 2019 during the months of January thru November. Those of you who would like to join us in our effort but aren’t able to, can participate by donating flour, sugar, Crisco, etc.

Our pies are a great way to support our St Edward Catholic School.

We also want to thank all who have purchased our pies – you make our endeavor successful!!

**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.

**KC FREE THROW CONTEST**

Knights Free Throw contest for boys/girls age 9-14 at Minneota Public School on Sunday January 26th with signup at 1 and shooting at 1:30 in competition gym. Please come and shoot. Questions call Wayne Hennen 605-391-3145.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – Jaci Garvey

SCHOOL OFFICE – 872-6391

SCHOOL SECRETARY – Trudy Banks

**SCHOOL MASS**

Our next **school mass**is Wednesday, January 15 at 10:30am.

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

**FLURRY OF FUN** - Tickets for **the Flurry** will go on sale on January 2nd. They are $40 each. They include a meal catered by Robert Deslauriers Catering and Entertainment by Rock It Man – Dueling Pianos. This promises to be a fantastic evening!

\*\*The Flurry committee is also accepting **gifts for auction items**. Reach out to Julie Pohlen, Nikki Traen or Chassidy DeRoode with any questions.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

 I want to thank everyone for helping to support the **Scholastic Book Fair**.  We met our goal, which means that 50% of our sales come back to us in the form of new books for the school.

***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PANCAKE BREAKFAST***

We are looking for volunteers to organize the CSW pancake breakfast that will be held on Sunday, January 26th.  In the past, it has been parents of the 3rd and 4th grade that host this event.   Please call the office if you are interested in helping.

***For your information***

FACTS is able to generate a form that summarizes all of your payments to St. Edward School during the past year.  To find it, log into RenWeb.  Hover over the three white lines at the top left of the screen.  Chose the "Financial" tab.  Once there, click on "Financial Home".  Next the "Payment Plan & Billing" click on "view details".  Then a "View Payment Summary" button will show up in light blue.  Click it.  It will open a payment summary document.  It currently defaults to 2019.

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

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ WEEK**

Catholic Schools’ Week is right around the corner.  We are finalizing the events calendar and it will be sent home next week.  Catholic Schools’ Week takes much planning and many hands.  In order to make everything happen well, we will need:

* \*Volunteers to help with Mardi Gras on Friday, Jan. 31st.
* \*Small, Medium and Large prizes for
* Mardi Gras prize tables and raffle items.  These can be new or gently used items.
* \*Volunteers to help with mini sessions during the week.   Ideas include:  Candy/Cooking making, Archery, Canvas and Kool-aid, Sports training, Veterinary, Card Games and pottery.

Please call the office if you are interested in sharing your talents.

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.

Last weekend was the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord.  The journey of the Magi revealed the significance of Jesus’ birth.   Epiphany means “revelation”:  the star revealed the way to Jesus, and their gifts to the newborn revealed his true identity (his royalty, divinity, and eventual death).  We all experience moments of epiphany:  moments when the darkness is dispelled and we see the world in a new way, moments when we find the courage to travel outside the safe borders of our normal lives.   Where is the star leading you?   (O’Malley, 2019)  Jeff Cavins has a short [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBP7tf6NiRo) I would like to share as well. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBP7tf6NiRo> to view this video.

May God Bless,

Mrs. Garvey

