**Good Teacher Area Faith Community**

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

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St Eloi Facebook- St Eloi Catholic Church

Convent - 428-3919

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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 12, 2020 – BAPTISM OF JESUS**

***SUNDAY – Jan 12***

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

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward (Sharon Tholkes)

 \* *Liturgy committee would like help taking down the Christmas Decorations after Mass*

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

10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi (Arnold & Emma Hennen)

***MONDAY – Jan 13***

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

***TUESDAY******– Jan 14***

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

***WEDNESDAY – Jan 15***

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

10:30 am – Mass at St Edward (Audrey Kloos)

12:00 pm – Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Delores Seifert)

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm – Religious Ed Family Meal at St Edward Church Basement (***Serving: Hot Turkey Sandwiches***)

**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.

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 16***

7:00 am - Mass at St Edwards (Louis Buysse)

*\*Confessions after Mass*

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

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!!*

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

***FRIDAY – Jan 17***

5:45 am – TMIY Gathering in KC Hall

7:30 am - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Janet Hamerlinck Collins)

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

***SATURDAY –Jan 18***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Joseph, Mary & Clara Dangel)

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

5:30 pm – Mass at St Edwards (Brian Thielges)

***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

Area Faith Weekly Mass Schedule

*These Mass times are Subject to Change*

Mon, Jan 13 6:00 pm – Mass at St James (Presiders Intention)

Tue, Jan 14 6:00 pm – Mass at St Peter (Deceased members of the Roman Devorak)

Wed, Jan 15 9:00 am –Mass at St Peter (Magdelin Bueltel)

Thur, Jan 16 9:00 am – Mass at St Leo (Henry & Margaret Kraus)

Friday, Jan 17 10:30 am – Mass at Sylvan Court (Audrey Kloos)

Saturday, Jan 18 5:30 pm – Mass at St. Peter (Barbara Kronabetter)

Sunday, Jan 19 9:30 am - Mass at St Leo (Irene Drietz)

Sunday, Jan 19 8:30 am – Mass at St James in Dawson (For the People of the Parish)

Sunday, Jan 19 10:30 am – Mass at St Peter (Lauren Schubert)

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Radio Rosary:

Jan 13: In memory of Richard Downing by Laurence and Ardyce Louwagie

Jan 14: For all the members of the St. Clotilde CCW Altar and Rosary Society of Green Valley

Jan 15: In memory of Allan VanKeulen by Rona VanKeulen and family

Jan 16: In memory of Esther Peters by Tony and Ruth Louwagie

Jan 17: In memory of Raymond Halbur by Dennis and Evelyn Louwagie

Jan 18: In memory of Ray and Adeline Meulebroeck by their family

Jan 19: In memory of Helen C Van Acker and all deceased members of her family

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 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 5:30-6:20pm in the St. Ed's Church basement. ***Our next Wednesday meal will be Hot Turkey Sandwiches and Chips.*** 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 12: Pray for Fr Jeffrey Horejsi, Fr Ronal Huberty, Tanner Thooft (Sem.); Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17
	+ Do you believe you are cherished by God?
* Monday, Jan 13: Pray Fr Aaron Johanneck, Fr Jeremy Kucera, Dcn. Anthony Grack; 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-19; Mark 1:14-20
	+ In what ways can you be ready to serve God better today?
* Tuesday, Jan 14: Pray for Fr Dennis Labat, Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Dcn. John Hansen; 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Mark 1:21-28

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

Jan 3: Sponsorship in memory of Julius Wambeke

Jan 5: Sponsorship in honor of Jon Guttormsson on his Birthday

Jan 12: Prayers for healing and conversion for Alex

Jan 13: Sponsorship in memory of Bernerd and Helen Moorse

Jan 14: Sponsorship in honor of Fr. Dunstan Moorse

Jan 15: Sponsorship in memory of Allan Van Keulen

Jan 16: Sponsorship in honor of David and Deb Vlaminck

Jan 17: Sponsorship in honor of Don and Terri Gorecki on their 44th Anniversary; In honor of Margaret Thompson

Jan 18: Sponsorship in honor of Dick Stoks

Jan 19: Open

Jan 20: Sponsorship in honor of James Vanhyfte

*\*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 15: Pray for Fr Mark Mallak, Fr Brian Mandel, Dcn. Mark Kober; 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mark 1:29-39
	+ 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 16: Pray for Fr Fr Gerald Meidl, Fr Robert Mraz, Fr Andrew Michels; 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26; mark 1:40-45
	+ Where have I felt Jesus’ healing in my life?
* Friday, Jan 17: Pray for Fr Aaron Nett, Fr John Nodick, Dcn Michael McKeown; 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12
	+ What is the depth of my faith?
* Saturday, Jan 18: Pray for Fr John Pearson, Fr Samuel Perez, Dcn Kenneth Noyes; 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17
	+ 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 Dec 29 – Jan 4 – Contact: Bruce Bot 872-5465

**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***

ST. ELOI NEWS

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED  | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $1,925.00 | $ 2,294.90 |  - $369.90 |
| Loose |  $ 123.00 | $ 146.15 |  - $23.15 |
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| Year to date |  $48,046.36 | $76,363.63 |  - $28,317.27 |

**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, J*anuary 19th, 10:30 AM***

*Sacristan:* Lila Schmidt

Servers: Leo Hennen, Joseph Beisler and Morgan Hennen

Lector: Cindy Nelson and Steve VanKeulen

Eucharistic Minister: **B:** G.Bossuyt, C.Nelson **C:** S.Nuytten, M.J.Bossuyt, S.Maeyaert and D.Timmerman

Musicians: John Rabaey & Family

Gifts: Gary and Sandy Nuytten

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!

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 6th 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 |  $4,590.00 | $ 4,826.92 |  $831.08 |
| Youth |  $2.00 | $5.69 |  -$3.69 |
| Loose |  $225.00 | $ 153.85 |  $71.15 |
| On Line Giving |  $1,068.00 | ***\*Added to the Adult envelope total*** |
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| Year to date | $133,304.88 | $133,987.11 |  - $682.23 |
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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 Liturgy Schedule**

*Saturday Jan 18th, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Kylie Callens, Kaci Callens, Tucker Thooft

Lector: Nate Welsh

Eucharistic Minister: Sherry Kern, Ed Laleman, Bonnie Laleman, Janel Laleman, Pauline Wambeke

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

* 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.
* ***THANK YOU! THANK YOU!*** - St. Edward Council of Catholic Women and Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their generosity shown to our food drive for the "Mustang Market" at SMSU.  Wow!  They were impressed and very thankful.  One final trip of delivery will be made the week of January 6th.**If you are planning to donate and haven't, please do so BEFORE January 6th!**  Thank you again and God bless you for your generosity!

*Sunday Jan 19th, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Ruth Bot

Servers: Faith Myhre, Laney Myhre, Ian Myhre

Lector: Fran Sturm

Eucharistic Minister: Fran Sturm, Kevin Swedzinski, Ruth Bot, Neal Bot, Jan Bot

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

**NEEDED –** Sunday the 12th the Liturgy committee would like help taking down the Christmas Decorations after Mass. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

***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.

***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.

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**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.

***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.

***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.

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

