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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

***Sunday, August 23***

8:00 am Confession at St Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jim Wohnoutka)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

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

***Monday, August 24***

No Mass

***Tuesday, August 25***

**PRAY FOR BISHOP LEVIOR**

It is with sadness that we announce that Pope Francis has accepted the early retirement of Bishop LeVoir. Bishop LeVoir is currently away to attend to his physical and psychological health. Please pray for him, and pray for our next bishop. Following is the prayer the Diocese of New Ulm has provided.

**Prayer for a new bishop**

Almighty God,

Who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts of Your people,

Direct the counsels of those who are appointed to choose a bishop for the Diocese of New Ulm,

That we may be given a pastor who in faithfulness and wisdom shall lead your people in the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Students, Staff and Families)

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Jason Steffes)

7:00 pm KC Mtg at KC Hall (\*Rosary at 6:30 am)

***Wednesday, August 26***

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

10:30 am Mass at St Edward (Dennis Engels)

***Thursday, August 27***

7:00 am Mass at St Edward (Special Intention) ***\*\*Confession before Mass***

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St Edward

***Friday, August 28***

2:00 pm Confession at St Edward

2:30 pm Mass at St Edward (Lawrence & Josh DeCock, Joanie & Jim Duis)

***Saturday, August 29***

4:45 pm Confession at St. Edward

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

***Sunday, August 30***

8:00 am Confession at St Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Harold Buysse)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

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

**Dear Parishioners:**

Thank you to all who helped reroof the rectory and did yard work last Saturday and to those who provided food or drink, and also to those who contributed to the capital campaign to help fund the project, and a number other projects around St. Edward’s. The roof and grounds look so nice. I know myself well enough to know that I was not going to be helpful on the scaffolding, so I stayed on the ground. I am not afraid of heights - I am rationally cautious of sudden falls. As it turned out, I trimmed the various trees and vines from the hedges, and found out the hard way that I am not allergic to wasps. There was a good sized hive in the hedges, and 5 yellow jacket wasps gave me some warnings. Thanks to David H for dispatching the wasps… I took done the now dead hive and placed a task trap in the area to prevent their return. So close to a playground, I am glad I was the one to discover them.

Next Tuesday is 9 weeks before the election. With all that is going on, the Liturgy committee suggested that we would prepare a novena of prayer for 9 days before the Election. We found a great one, and I am recommending instead of days, we offer a novena of weeks. We will place the prayer for the appropriate ‘day’ in the bulletin each week, as well as make a booklet available. We pray that the people elected to office may defend and protect life, from conception to natural death, seek to end racism and division, and work toward a common good in which all can thrive and pursue true happiness.

School starts this week, and I pray that all students, teachers, and staff may grow in faith this year. We will start the year like no other, with masks, temperature checks, and physical distancing. But we can also choose to see how the Lord is allowing us to connect with each other.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE** – For persons with disabilities: May their lives always be recognized as worth protecting and fighting for, especially during times of widespread illness; *we pray to the Lord:*

**BULLETIN BRIEFS** – Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”
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As pastor and St. Edward and St Eloi parishes, I continue to pray for all of you during these challenging times. There is no manual for leading parishes through a pandemic, and we are faced with tough decisions every day. That is why I am asking all parishioners, if you are able, please continue your financial support of your parish to help us make up for our loss of Sunday offering. All parishioners of St Edwards can give on-line here: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4628>  . **St Edward and St Eloi** parishioners may bring in your donation and take it to the drop off box that has been set up in the old mail slot on the west side of the KC Hall by the side door facing Washington Street.  There is a sidewalk that leads to the door.  You can slip your envelope in that slot and it will be collected that way. You may also mail your gift to the parish office.
I want to especially thank those who are signed up for automatic giving and those who have been sending their envelopes. Your faithfulness is more important than you can imagine. Our parish staff is praying for you during this unprecedented crisis.  Please know that you can contact the parish office if you have an emergency need. We are still the Church, even when we cannot come together. Please pray that we will soon be able to resume meeting as a parish family for the Holy Sacrifice of Sunday and weekday Masses.

**Radio Rosary – Week of August 24-30**

Aug. 24: In memory of Alissa Vandendriessche by Dorothy Vandendriessche

Aug. 25: In memory of Cy and Blanche Bloome by Carol Louwagie and Family

Aug. 26: In memory of Jasper VanDelonotte by John and Mary Blake

Aug. 27: For world peace and in memory of Conrad Doom by Rose Doom

Aug. 28: In memory of Gary Timmerman by his family and friends

Aug. 29: For Mark and Mary Ann Full, by Tim and Betty Gossen

Aug. 30: In memory of Andrew, Mary, Gary, and Timmerman, by Pat Timmerman and Family

To schedule a Radio Rosary – Call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

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

 ***August 23 – August 29***

**SUNDAY, Aug. 23 – Pray for Fr. George Schmit, Fr. Philip Schotzko, Dcn. Barry Reindl**

 **Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20**

* *To whom might I voice my conviction about who Jesus is and what he is doing in our world?*

**MONDAY, Aug. 24 – Pray for Fr. Paul Schumacher, Fr. Mark Steffl, Dcn. Steven Spilman**

 **Revelation 21:9-14; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51**

* *How might I find a way to silently center myself in God each day?*

**TUESDAY, Aug. 25 – Pray for Fr. Joseph Stienbeisser, Fr. Bernard Steiner, Fr. Anthony Stubeda, Dcn. Kenneth Stalboerger**

 **2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17; Psalm 96:10-13; Matthew 23:23-26**

* *What cloaks do I wear to disguise my faults from myself or others?*

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 26 - Pray for Fr. Fr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Paul Timmerman, Dcn. Michael Thoennes**

 **2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Psalm 128:1-3, 4-5; Matthew 23:27-32**

* *How might I be more prepared for God to come into my life and my world?*

**THURSDAY, Aug. 27 – Pray for Fr. Fr. Paul VanDeCrommet, Fr. Steven Verhelst, Dcn. Paul Treinen**

 **1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Psalm 145:2-7; Matthew 24:42-51**

* *What might I do to reduce the level of anger and division around me today?*

**FRIDAY, Aug. 28 - Pray for Fr. Matthew Wiering , Fr. Paul Wolf, Dcn. Travis Welsh**

 **1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Matthew 25:1-13**

* *How might I best allow the Holy Spirit to free me to help build Christ’s new creation?*

**SATURDAY, Aug. 29 – Pray for The Women Religious of the Diocese**

 **1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 33:12-13, 18-21; Mark 6:17-29**

* *What might I most imitate in the behavior of John the Baptist?*

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS’s PRAYER TO OUR LADY FOR PROTECTION DURING covid-19 Pandemic**

Pope Francis composes a prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

In these days of trial, as humanity trembles at the threat of the [coronavirus] pandemic, I would propose that all Christians join their voices together to heaven.” – Pope Francis

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.* *At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.* *Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**NOVENA FOR LIFE**

To help our church, community and country establish a culture of life for all nations, the Knights of Columbus and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life from conception to natural death.

To help promote this reverence toward life the Knights will have a Novena, nine days of sustained prayer. The Novena will be from Mar. 21 to Mar.29. We will be saying a prayer at all the week-day and week-end masses during this time. We will also be saying several rosaries during some of the masses and in private. We ask all parishioners to join us for this most spiritual event. Consider attending daily masses and saying an extra rosary for this noble cause.

Life is a very special gift; let us pray to protect it for everyone.

***KC MISSION***

The Knights of Columbus have initiated an Adopt a Parish Program for Christians in Iraq. Christians there have been persecuted for many years and are in great need of assistance to help them recover. Our Minneota council is 1 of 4 that have been selected in the state of Minnesota to help with this initiative.

We have adopted Mart Shmoni Chaldean Catholic Church in Perka Village, Dohuk, Iraq. Our council`s goal is to reach at least $2500 by June 30, 2020. We would like to give as many people as possible to the opportunity to help with this noble cause. If you would like to make a donation, make checks to: `***Knights of Columbus`.*** In the memo put `Adopt a Parish`.You can put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked *`Minneota Knights`* or send to:

***Brad Hennen***

***2243 330th ST.***

***Ghent, MN. 56239***

Thank-You,

Knights of Columbus council 14420

**New GriefShare session to begin Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

 GriefShare: This 13-week session is a seminar for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one or friend.  GriefShare is a nondenominational, Christ-centered DVD seminar, featuring grief experts and real-life stories, followed by a small group discussion.

The program is designed so anyone experiencing grief can join at any time.  The group will begin Tuesday, Sept 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Marshall, MN.   During this time of uncertainty and restrictions with COVID-19, please register online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org/). Enter your zip code to find a group and register.

For more information, call Dorothy at 507-401-0601 or the church office at 507-532-5711

**RELIGIOUS ED (CCD)**

RELIGIOUS ED (CCD) Religious Ed (CCD) - Online registration is now open for RE grades 1-11! Classes will start Sept 16th. We hope to be in person, but regardless, all grades will be enrolled in the online version of our current curriculums and will be able to participate and learn from home no matter our situations.

We are in need of catechists & helpers (minimum of 2 volunteers) for each of these grades: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th. All catechists and helpers must be VIRTUS Safe Environment trained or complete the free training within the first month of beginning.  Reminder: grades 1-5 will be from 3:15-4:15 and grades 6-11 will be from 6:30-7:30pm.

For all RE information, please visit the AFC website, [www.goodteacherafc.com](http://www.goodteacherafc.com/) or contact Tina Myhre, RE Coordinator with any questions, goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com.

***THRIFT STORE***

 Our hours are Wed. – Fri. 11:00 - 5:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am -3:00 pm. We are currently taking donations again.

 Please consider helping our school and parish through your work at the store. Your time and help will be very much appreciated.

***THANK YOU***

Thank you to all of you who are giving back to God some of your time, talent, and finances that God has given you. Our churches and their mission and ministry would not exist without your giving.

***ST. ELOI NEWS***

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $5,713.90 | $2,294.90 | $3,419.10 |
| Loose | $52.00 | $146.15 | -$94.15 |
| Commodity | $4000.00 |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $17,934.55 | $ | $ |

***SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR NEWS***

St. Eloi Convent Masses: Call 428.3919 for times.

 Masses on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

Dear Friends,

We are happy to announce that Ashley received her habit on Saturday, June 20, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  Her new name is Sr. Martha Victoria!

We would also like to tell you that we will be gone from July 10 until the beginning of September.  We will spend this time at a retreat house that has been offered to us to use for the summer.  Please be assured of our prayers for you during this time, and we'll look forward to seeing you again in September.

God bless!

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star

***ST. EDWARD NEWS***

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $3,075.00 | $4,829.92 | -$1,254.92 |
| Youth | $7 | $5.69 | $1.31 |
| Loose | $322.00 | $153.85 | $168.15 |
| Online Giving | $500.00 | *\*Added to the adult envelope total* |
| Commodity | $ |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $20,148.35 | $29,008.53 | -$8,860.18 |

**ST EDWARD FALL FESTIVAL**

Due to the uncertainty caused by Covid, it was decided not to have the Carnival and dinner this year, but to have just the raffle. We will have Holy Mass at 6:30 Pm on Monday, October 12 with the pulling of the raffle tickets following, with location to be determined. Prizes are being collected and tickets will be printed and distributed shortly.

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Our general intention throughout the year is for world peace and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. July is for blessings on America and our families. We need, and welcome, new members to complete our roses. If you have any questions and/or would like to join, call Judy Bot (872.6525) or Marian Laleman (872.6807).

**ONLINE GIVING**

Online giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot attend Mass. This helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Go to our parish website and get started today. [www.stedschurch.com](http://www.stedschurch.com)

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

* If you know of anyone who is sick or new to the parish, please call Marlene Polejewski at 507-872-6042.

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL OR ASKING FOR PRAYERS** – If you know of anyone from our parish who is sick or has had surgery recently or is ill and would like to be remembered in prayer during the weekend Masses; ask them to contact the church office. The Parish Secretary will add their name/names to the petitions.

**HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?**

Remember to check out our Facebook page (St. Edward Catholic Church) or the website ([www.stedschurch.com](http://www.stedschurch.com)) to keep with updated information.

**CONCERNED CATHOLICS**

**“[T]he death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”**
**– *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2267**

The federal government has resumed federal executions for the first time in 17 years. As Pope Francis has made clear, the death penalty is inadmissible as an affront to the Gospel and the dignity of human life.

The U.S. Catholic bishops have expressed their opposition to the death penalty for decades and have raised their voices against the death penalty several times since the new federal executions were announced.

Please consider raising your voice against these executions. Tell Attorney General Barr to stop the executions because they undermine human dignity!

[*Learn more*](http://usccb.org/news/2020/20-80.cfm) about the USCCB’s specific requests for policies that protect those who are poor and vulnerable during the coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns>

***ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS***

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

Office: 872.6391

Things are beginning to feel a bit more like the beginning of the school year here.  New books are arriving, Montessori materials are on their way and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atriums have taken shape!  Thank you to everyone that came to help with the Atrium moving.  Many hands do make light work!

The staff met on Monday (via Zoom) to discuss the 2020-21 school year.   We will be meeting again next Monday to finalize our **COVID-19 Handbook**.  It will be e-mailed to all families on Monday afternoon.  On **Tuesday, August 11 at 3:30 pm** I will be hosting a Zoom session to discuss any COVID related questions and concerns.  I will have a copy of the COVID-19 Handbook available and will briefly discuss major changes in the way we will be doing things.  This time is intended for parents to pose any questions they may have in regard to our return to school on Tuesday, August 25th.

 I have included the school supply list as an attachment to this e-mail.   Please pay close attention as there are several changes.

On**Monday, August 24th at 9 am,** I will be hosting a Zoom session for the students.  I encourage you to get them logged in at that time.  This session is just for them to ask their questions and to pose their concerns.  The teachers and I will be available to answer their questions.

Also on Monday, August 24th, we will hold our **virtual open house** at 6 pm.  At this time we will introduce our staff, have a virtual tour of the building and answer any questions you may have regarding our return to school.

I have just received **stencils** for us to use on our new blacktop.  There are fun hop scotch designs, circles and other fun activities.   If you and your family are willing to paint some of these, please let me know and I will get you the materials.

Dan has been busy with his summer cleaning while attending to the increased disinfecting that COVID requires.  With the children not in the building, dust has accumulated over the past months on our shelves and our windows are in need of a good washing.  **We are asking for small groups of people to help clean these areas** over the next two weeks.  Please let us know if you are willing.  We will supply the rags, cleaners and pails.

Our quest for a new 1st and 2nd grade teacher has been an interesting one.  As the summer comes to a close, we are closer to a solution.  We will be making decisions regarding this position early next week.  I will let you know as soon as these things are finalized.

Please continue to pray for all of us as we prepare for this school year.

May God Bless,

Jaci Garvey, Principal







