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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

The Baptism of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Monday, January 11

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)

Tuesday, January 12

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Church (Myron Sustacek)

Wednesday, January 13

10:30 am Mass – 7th & 8th grade (Mary VanHecke)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)

3:15 – 4:15 pm Rel Ed – Grades 2 & 3

6:30 – 7:30 pm Rel Ed – Grades 6 - 12

6:30 – 7:30 pm Adoration – All are welcome

8:00 – 9:30 pm Teen Talk in Knights' Hall

Thursday, January 14

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Special intention)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

7:45 am Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)

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

Friday, January 15

5:45 am That Man Is You

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Eric Hennen)

• 7:30 am Confession after Mass

Saturday, January 16

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Judy Saffle)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the parish family)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 17

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Bruce Hoffmann)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Lois Chlebecek)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Yes, technically this is the last liturgical day of the Christmas season, though in some cultures the celebration lasts until February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This baptism was different from our Sacrament of baptism in some key ways. First, Jesus was 30 when He was baptized by John. John's baptism was largely symbolic - Jews had a custom of mitzvah's ceremonial washing that John elevated to being a preparation and act of repentance for the coming Messiah. It did not wash away Original Sin (and even if it did, Jesus did not have any sin). Jesus transforms the act into a life-changing one - it washes away sin, imparts grace, and welcomes the baptized into the family of God.

Now that the vaccine for COVID19 is in our area, some have asked about taking it. Recently, the Vatican has stated that the morality of taking the vaccine freely is not an issue. Neither the Moderna nor the Pfizer vaccines were developed from aborted fetus tissue, but they were tested on tissue first harvested in the late 60s. The participation in the evil of abortion is remote, and the need for the vaccine especially for those with co-morbidities is great. It is sad that aborted tissue was used at all, but getting the vaccine does not mean participation in that evil. We should do all we can to object to the use of aborted fetal lines. The AstraZeneca vaccine used aborted tissue in its production but that is not available in the US, and should it become used in the US, it should be avoided if the other vaccines are available. Two others have not used aborted lines at all but are still in study phase (Sanofi-

GSK and Merck IAVI) and won't be available until later this year. There are unfortunately lots of myths about the vaccine, however, and I would steer you to an excellent article published in Our Sunday Visitor <https://www.osvnews.com/2020/12/29/to-be-vaccinated-or-not-answering-common-questions-for-catholics/>.

First, while the vaccine has been expedited, it has not been rushed. Scientists were studying how to create a vaccine against certain viruses with tell-tale or unique protein sequences - this corona virus has a very unique one - the T-shaped spikes on the surface of the virus. Once they had the genetic code of the virus, working on a vaccine against this spike began quickly, and Operation Warp Speed lowered not the standards but much of the bureaucracy that surrounds vaccine production.

Both Pfizer and Moderna created a what is know as an rDNA vaccine which warns the immune system to watch for the unique spike protein and does not allow it to be reproduced - no spike protein, no COVID virus. It does not change a person's DNA, nor does it contain any trackers or tags (that is not how any vaccine works).

There is paper tracing of when and who received the vaccine, as there would be for most medical procedures. There is warning, too, that a vaccine record should not be required to work, travel, or socialize in the future. There is not enough study in the case of pregnancy or those wishing to be pregnant - though there is some concern that the protein that helps to form the placenta is similar to the spike protein that there could be issues, though unlikely. As with all vaccines, there are chances of allergic reactions and other side effects. While we may hear of every 'failure', these seem to be in the realm of expected issues - not that we want any.

For those that do not want to receive the vaccine, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith writes that they need to do all they can to not only avoid catching the virus, but especially spreading it to the vulnerable through masking and distancing.

For more information, please see the COVID section at the National Catholic Bioethics Center (<https://www.ncbcenter.org>).

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13 – Pray for Fr. Denny Labat, Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Dcn. John Hansen, Adam Eberhard (Sem.)

Hebrews 2:14-19, Mark 1:29-39

- *Father God, open my eyes to find God around me today.*

THURSDAY, Jan. 14 – Pray for Fr. Mark Mallak, Fr. Brian Mandel, Dcn. Mark Kober, Nathan Hansen (Sem.)

Hebrews 3:7-14, Mark 1:40-45

- *God, let me reach out to those who need healing.*

FRIDAY, Jan. 15 – Pray for Fr. Gerald Meidl, Fr. Robert Mraz, Fr. Andy Michels, James Herzog (Sem.)

Hebrews 4:1-11, Mark 2:1-12

- *Jesus, let me be a more determined friend to someone in need today.*

SATURDAY, Jan. 16 – Pray for Fr. Aaron Nett, Fr. John Nordick, Dcn. Michael McKeown, Luke Miller (Sem.)

Hebrew 4:12-16, Mark 2:13-17

- *Jesus, allow your humanity to influence my relationship with You.*

SUNDAY, Jan. 17 – Pray for Fr. Brian Oestreick, Fr. Jerome Paulson, Dcn. Jason Myhre, Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

I Samuel 3:3-19, I Corinthians 6:13-20, John 1:35-42

- *Lord, permit my prayers be more attentive and aware of my union with Christ.*

ST. ELOI NEWS

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,985.00	\$2,110.26	\$1,874.74
Loose	\$83.71	\$146.15	(\$62.44)
Commodity			
Christmas	\$1,170.00		\$1,170.00
Year-to-date	\$65,388.94	\$60,559.50	\$4,829.44

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 17

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt

Servers:

Lector: Mike Van Keulen

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Nuytten

Musicians: John Rabaey & family

Ushers: Tim Van Keulen, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

ST. EDWARD NEWS

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,285.00	\$4,829.92	(\$1,544.92)
Youth	\$4.00	\$5.69	(\$1.69)
Loose	\$44.00	\$153.85	\$109.85
Online Giving	\$995.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Christmas	\$185.00		\$185.00
Year-to Date	\$132,572.72	\$135,845.13	(\$3,272.41)

MASS READINGS & PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

MONDAY, Jan. 11 – Pray for Fr. Tony Hesse, Jeff Horejsi, Fr. Ron Huberty, Tanner Thooft (Sem.)

Hebrews 1:1-6, Mark 1:14-20

- *Father God, help me to change (for the better) the way I live in your kingdom.*

TUESDAY, Jan. 12 – Pray for Fr. Aaron Johanneck, Fr. Jeremy Kucera, Dcn. Anthony Grack, Josh Bot (Sem.)

Hebrews 2:5-12, Mark 1:21-28

- *Lord, help me overcome a force that dehumanizes other people or groups.*

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Kaci & Kylie Callens

Lector: Tina Myhre

Eucharistic Minister: Margrit Rabaey

Usher: Mike Vlaminck

Sunday, January 17

Sacristan: Joe Callens

Servers: Elana & Sam Myhre

Lector: Teresa Myhre

Eucharistic Minister: Becky Engels

Usher: Rick Bot

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR NEWS

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon) on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
Call 428.3919 to double-check the time.

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

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
Office: 872.6391

January 13, 2021 – School Mass led by 7th & 8th grades

January 14, 2021 – Birthday lunch – January & June

January 15, 2021 – CUF Raffle begins

Welcome to Miss Nicole Evers – 1st & 2nd grades – we are thankful to have her join our St. Ed's team!

Welcome to Sue Van Watermeulen, our "Foster Grandparent." This program is offered through Lutheran Social Services. This year the meetings are held virtually through zoom. Sue helps kids with reading, math, spelling, and/or vocabulary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2021 donation envelopes. The St. Ed envelopes are in the basement and the St. Eloi envelopes are in the back of church. If you can deliver envelopes to friends and family, that would be great.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

St. Eloi is the recipient of a MN Catholic Order of Forester Tuition Grant in the amount of \$763.84. These funds are to be used to assist with tuition to either the Religious Education or Catholic School program. The amount of the grant was based on the number of youth events that St. Eloi hosted in 2019.

St. Eloi COF would like to **THANK** everyone for their generous support to help reach the matching funds goal to support our students. Donations of \$2,281.00

were collected! This allows us to receive the maximum matching funds of \$1500.00!

Thank you again ~ St. Eloi Ct #1081, COF

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Flower Funds. Both St. Edward and St. Eloi looked amazing throughout the Christmas season!

In Memory of	By	Parish
Deceased Family & Friends	Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt	St. Eloi
Robert & Helen Boulton Jerry & Pat Stoneberg	Mark & Deb Boulton	St. Ed's
Richard Buysse Harry & Mary Buysse Arnold & Vina Sanders	Donna Buysse	St. Ed's
Kevin Guttormsson Joe & Helene Schreiber Tom, Ragnar, & Ada Guttormsson Damian Maertens	Jon & Barb Guttormsson	St. Ed's
Conrad Hennen	Elaine Hennen	St. Eloi
Nuytten Family & Friends	Gary & Sandy Nuytten	St. Eloi
George, Bertha, & Louis Veit Joe & Helene Schreiber MaryLou Powell Kevin Guttormsson	David & Mary Schreiber	St. Ed's
John & Mary Stienessen Leonard & Julaine Stienessen Elmo & Emilie Richards	Harold & Fran Stienessen	St. Ed's
Deceased Swedzinski & Coudron Families	Tom & Madeline Swedzinski	St. Ed's

NOTICE TO ST. ELOI PARISHIONERS

Those of you who have been observant have noticed that we are only using half of the front steps. The steps on the east side are deteriorating and this is a safety issue.

The replacement of these steps was not part of the Capital Campaign, but they will need to be replaced soon. We are creating a fund (formerly the elevator fund) for the replacement of these steps which will cost around \$39,000. Up to this time **\$5,500** has been received for this project.

Please donate by contacting the parish office or sending your donation designated for the steps to the office or in the collection basket. All donations are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Same website address, new look!

www.goodteacherafc.com still has all of our RE info (calendar and sacrament info, etc.), check it out!

If you would like to contribute to our snack program, there are about 13 kids each week. Donations can be left in the parish office, church basement, or cry room or contact Tina.

UPDATED WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING

As of Tuesday, December 29, 2020, the updated and improved website is up and running. Check it out for information regarding either of our parishes or the school as well as the religious education program.

www.goodteacherafc.com

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH AT LARGE

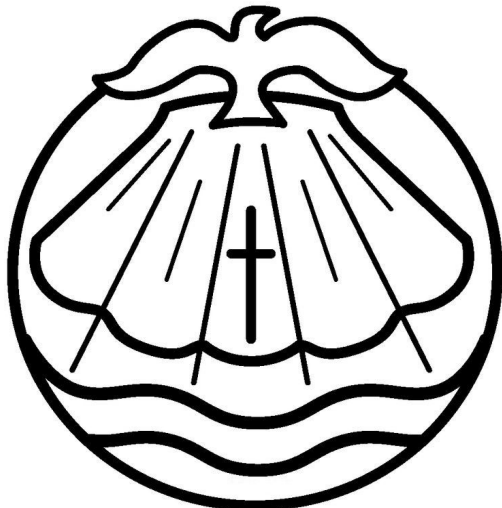
Radio Rosary – Week of January 11 – 17, 2021

- Jan. 11: In memory of David Fiegen by Ardyce Louwagie
- Jan. 12: In memory of Mary Timmerman by Curt & Lori Timmerman
- Jan. 13: In memory of Betty Brey by her cousin
- Jan. 14: In memory of Elizabeth Christianson by Mike & Lorraine Weverka
- Jan. 15: In memory of Allan Van Keulen by Rona Van Keulen & family
- Jan. 16: For Gary Timmerman by Marvin & Jeanne Louwagie
- Jan. 17: In memory of Marie & Greg Antony by Mark & Karla Antony

To schedule a Radio Rosary –
Call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

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:** If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 507.828.7012



ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE JESUS CHRIST'S BAPTISM

The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 3:13-17



T Y Y J K E W N U P D N O I D
D Z J J V S E U G J Z X F X G
V Q V O C X P Y I A E R J M I
O A L I H W F I M S L S D W F
I O M K F N U A R Z H I U P X
C M X X B F L E T I U P L S X
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A I K R Z X I J S Y B E L R E
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C O W S D K L R K C P W H F Q
Y P D E G A G D W I T A E L M
E E S O R P M A E M I T A B S
B N K U V H D N B M Z E V P G
S E W R L E Z O A H E R E A Z
T D P L E A S E D O D L N N Z

GALILEE	HEAVEN	VOICE	LOVE	JESUS
OPENED	DOVE	JOHN	PLEASED	SON
JORDAN	WATER	FULFILL	BAPTIZED	SPIRIT

The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11
Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



- ___ 1. The liquid used to baptize someone.
A. wine B. vinegar C. honey D. water
- ___ 2. The river where Jesus was baptized.
A. Nile B. Amazon C. Jordan D. Danube
- ___ 3. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
A. John B. Peter C. Matthew D. Paul
- ___ 4. To pardon for sins.
A. forgive B. sin C. repent D. dove
- ___ 5. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.
A. water B. wine C. honey D. milk
- ___ 6. To break one of God's commandments.
A. sin B. baptize C. repent D. forgive
- ___ 7. To turn away from sin.
A. repent B. forgive C. baptize D. preach
- ___ 8. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
A. voice B. wind C. dove D. locusts
- ___ 9. The Spirit came down from heaven like a _____.
A. river B. voice C. repent D. dove
- ___ 10. To admit that you have done wrong.
A. baptize B. confess C. dove D. voice