**Good Teacher Area Faith Community**

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

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Facebook – One More Time Thrift Store

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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 26, 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

***SUNDAY – Jan 26***

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

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

9:00 am – 11:00 am – 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)

***MONDAY – Jan 27***

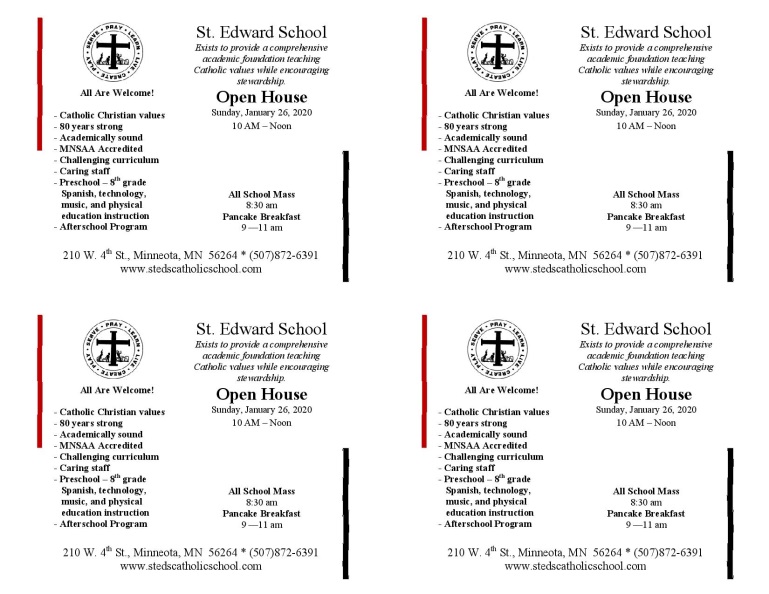
12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Presiders Intention) \*for Mass time contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star*

1:30 pm – Mass at St Edward with Bishop Levior (School Families and Staff)

***TUESDAY******– Jan 28***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Joanne Vavrosky)*

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

7:00 pm – KC Meeting \*\* Rosary at 6:30 pm

***WEDNESDAY – Jan 29***

12:00 pm – Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presiders Intention)

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 – Jan 30***

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

*\*Confessions after Mass*

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

***FRIDAY – Jan 31***

5:45 am – TMIY Gathering in KC Hall

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

2:30 pm – Mass at Manor (Duane & Edward Sarbaum)

***SATURDAY –Feb 1***

***\*\*TIME CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE MUSICAL NIGHT OUT***

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

3:45 pm – 4:20 pm Confession at St Edwards

4:30 pm – Mass at St Edwards (Charles & Elizabeth Bot)

**5:30 pm – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK “*A Musical Night Out”***

***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)

Area Faith Weekly Mass Schedule

*These Mass times are Subject to Change*

Mon, Jan 27 6:00 pm – Mass at St James (Presiders Intention)

Tue, Jan 28 6:00 pm – Mass at St Peter (George Skorczewski)

Wed, Jan 29 9:00 am –Mass at St Peter (Alex Schubert family by KC’s)

Thur, Jan 30 9:00 am – Mass at St Leo (Harold, Phyllis, and Chad Bach)

Friday, Jan 31 10:30 am – Mass at Sylvan Court (Raymond Benson)

Saturday, Feb 1 5:30 pm – Mass at St. Peter (Harold Bach)

Sunday, Feb 2 9:30 am - Mass at St Leo (Loving Intention for Lucille Hoffman)

Sunday, Feb 2 8:30 am – Mass at St James in Dawson (Presiders Intention)

Sunday, Feb 2 10:30 am – Mass at St Peter (John Bueltel)



Radio Rosary:

Jan 27: In memory of Wanda Arends by Bob & Diane Buysse

Jan 28: For all the members of the St. Clotilde CCW Altar & Rosary Society of Green Valley

Jan 29: In memory of Pat Deutz by Bill and Becky Deutz

Jan 30: In memory of Joann Lanners by Cletus and Lorraine Lanners

Jan 31: In memory of Gabriella Schmitt by her family

Feb 1: In memory of Charles and Elizabeth Bot by their family

Feb 2: In memory of Helen C Van Acker and all deceased family members

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**

**Jan 27 1:30 pm - MASS AT ST EDWARD WITH BISHOP LEVIOR**

***\*\*NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY***

***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 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 Hot Dogs.*** 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](mailto: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 26: Pray for Fr Craig Timmerman, Fr Paul Timmerman, Dcn Michael Thoennes; Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23
  + Do you believe you are cherished by God?
* Monday, Jan 27: Pray Fr Paul Van De Crommet, Fr Steven VerHelst, Dcn. Paul Treinen; 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Psalm 89:20-22, 25-26; Mark 3:22-30
  + In what ways can you be ready to serve God better today?
* Tuesday, Jan 28: Pray for Fr Matthew Wiering, Fr Paul Wolffe, Dcn. Travis Welsh; 2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19; Psalm 24:7-10; Mark 3:31-35

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*

* + Today, turn to the Lord with your needs and your weaknesses.
* Wednesday, Jan 29: Pray for the Women religious in the diocese; 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 89:4-5, 27-30; Mark 4:1-20
  + 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 30: Pray for all men and women whom God is calling to the priesthood or religious life; 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Psalm 132:1-5, 11-14; Mark 4:21-25
  + Where have I felt Jesus’ healing in my life?
* Friday, Jan 31: Pray for all Deceased Preists and Deacons; 2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17; Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11; Mark 4:26-34
  + What is the depth of my faith?
* Saturday, Feb 1: Pray for Pope Francis; 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Psalm 51:12-17; Mark 4:35-41
  + 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

***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 |
| Commodities | $1,514.89 |  |  |
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| Year to date | $65,827.89 | $81,428.55 | - $15,600.66 |

**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, February 2nd*, 10:30 AM***

*Sacristan:* Corissa VanKeulen

Servers: David Rabaey, Evan Hennen and Robert Beisler

Lector: Jason Boerboom and Steve Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: **B:** D.Timmerman, D.Senden **C:** J.Kesteloot, J.Welsh, B.Brewers and J.Head

Musicians: Barb Hennen, Shirley Maeyaert and Youth Choir

Gifts: Travis and Amanda Rupp Family

Ushers: 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



* 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](mailto: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 | $4,740.00 | $ 4,826.92 | -$86.92 |
| Youth | $4.50 | $5.69 | -$1.19 |
| Loose | $142.00 | $ 153.85 | - $11.85 |
| On Line Giving | $340.00 | ***\*Added to the Adult envelope total*** | |
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| Year to date | $149,995.63 | $147,783.13 | $2,212.50 |
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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. ***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 1st. 2020

*Sacristan:* Pauline Wambeke

Servers: Regan Bierschenck, Tristan Bierschenck, Tom DeSmet

Lector: Mary Ann Christensen

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kampa, Dawn Vlaminck, Julie Mead, Eriann Faris, Charlene Tillemans

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

Sunday Feb 2nd, 2020

*Sacristan*: Joe Callens

Servers: Lane Loyson, Kylie Loyson, Sam Frie

Lector: Teresa Myhre

Eucharistic Minister: Joy Buysse, Kevin Downing, Melissa Downing, Becky Engels, Diane Hennen

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS/MEMORIALS – 2018



* 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

**THANK YOU!!!** - Thank you to the family of Mary  Van Hecke for the beautiful flowers you left at Church following her funeral. They were appreciated!

***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

**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](tel:6053913145).

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.

***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.

**Catholic Schools Week 2020 begins this Sunday!  There will be Mass, Open House, and a Pancake/Sausage breakfast!  Please invite family and friends to experience what Catholic school today looks like.**

**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***

**Monday** is **Dress Your Best Day** as **Bishop LeVoir** is coming to celebrate Mass with us at **1:30 pm**.  We will hold **a short reception** in his honor at **2:30 pm** in the cafeteria.   **The collection for Monday is for the Sisters of Mary, Morning Star.**

**Tuesday** is **Beach Day**.  We will be playing “Beach Volleyball” in the afternoon and eating “Coney Dogs” for lunch with our **alumni**.  This meal is open to all **9th-12th grade St. Edward alumni**.  Invitations have been sent to all of these students.   Please have them RSVP with Trudy in the office.  In the morning we will be **walking** to local businesses to assist them in areas that they need (keep this in mind as you dress for beach day).  A **permission slip** is included in today’s parent letter.  The collection for Tuesday is for “**With Angel’s Wings**”.  This foundation, established by Natalie Delmonico, sends boxes of love to grieving families.   For more information visit, <https://www.facebook.com/109162777092524/posts/163292615012873/?sfnsn=mo> .

**Wednesday** is **Baby Day**!  We will gather in the church at 8:10 am for a **prayer for the unborn**.  At 10:45 am we will have our **Spelling Bee** in the gym followed by **family lunch** at 11:45 am.  Please RSVP to Trudy if you will be coming for family lunch.  Our collection for the day will be for **Birthright**.  They are especially in need of small diapers and small sleepers.  In the afternoon we will have **mini sessions** where the students will be given the opportunity to learn about some new tasks such as baking, archery, trapping, building and painting.  Thank you in advance for all those who have agreed to help with these activities.

**Thursday** is **Country Day** and will be our **Retreat Day**.  Our collection will be for **San Lucas**.  Given the mail service in Guatemala, the best donations at this time are cash which we can deposit directly into their account.

**Friday** is, of course, **Mardi Gras**!  Dress in Mardi Gras colors (green, gold and purple) and wear beads and masks.  Each family is asked to bring in **food item for the cake walk**.  This can be cake, cookies, fruit, etc.  We just ask that any homemade items are wrapped and labeled with the contents.  We will be opening the Mardi Gras from **10:30 – 11:15 am** for our preschool students and any other little ones that want to come and join the fun.  The Mardi Gras will also be open from **1 – 2:30 pm**.  This, of course, is open to the public.  Please come in and join the fun!  Our second **Family Lunch** is on Friday at 11:45 am.  Please let Trudy know if you or any family members will be attending.

**Saturday** is the **Musical Night Out**.  Invite friends and family to enjoy a night of food, fun and entertainment.  Doors open at 5:30 pm and the meal will be served at 6:30 pm.  The live auction begins at 7:30 pm with **Rock It Man Entertainment – Deuling Pianos** beginning at 8:30 pm.  Tickets are $40 each and are available after Masses, in the school office or at the rectory.  Please make checks payable to:  ST. EDWARD CHURCH, in the memo put “Flurry”.

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!

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