**Good Teacher Area Faith Community**

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

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Office hours: 8:00 am - 11:45 am -12:45 pm – 4:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

***SUNDAY – Jan 5 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

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

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward (Steve LeBrun)

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

10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi (For the People of the Parish)

***MONDAY – Jan 6***

11:30 am - Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Presiders Intention) \*for Mass time contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star*

***TUESDAY******– Jan 7***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Shirley Sussner)*

***WEDNESDAY – Jan 8***

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

10:30 am – Mass at St Edward (Ernie Thooft)

12:00 pm – Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Ann Fier)

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm – Religious Ed Family Meal at St Edward Church Basement

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 9***

7:00 am - Mass at St Edwards (Vincent Bot & Pam Haukom)

*\*Confessions after Mass*

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

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 10***

5:45 am – TMIY Gathering in KC Hall

7:30 am - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Florence Determan)

2:30 pm – Mass at Manor (Loving Intentions of Lucille Hoffman)

***SATURDAY –Jan 11***

**PRAY! PRAY!, PRAY**!

Thank you to all who participated in “***OUR FATIMA PUBLIC ROSARY”*** on Dec 8th to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary for conversion of sinners, for our country, and an end to abortion & infanticide; as well as our personal intentions.

*We thank Deacon Jason Myhre for leading us in the rosary and prayers.*

MAY GOD HEAR US AND MAY WE HAVE OUR MOST HOLY MOTHER’S BLESSING UPON US ALL!!

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

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

5:30 pm – Mass at St Edwards (Daniel & Agnes Laleman)

***SUNDAY – Jan 12***

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

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

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

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

Area Faith Weekly Mass Schedule

*These Mass times are Subject to Change*

Mon, Jan 6 9:00 am – Mass at Dawson Nursing Home (Presiders Intention)

Tue, Jan 7 6:00 pm – Mass at St Peter (Loving intention for Lucille Hoffman)

Wed, Jan 8 9:00 am –Mass at St Leo (Rita Theisen)

Thur, Jan 9 9:00 am – Mass at St Leo (Audrey Kloos)

Friday, Jan 10 10:30 am – Word and Communion at Sylvan Court ()

Saturday, Jan 11 5:30 pm – Mass at St. Peter (Barbara Kronabetter)

Sunday, Jan 12 No Mass at St Leo ()

Sunday, Jan 12 8:30 am – Mass at St James in Dawson (Wayne Marotzke)

Sunday, Jan 12 10:30 am – Mass at St Peter (For the People of the Parish)

Radio Rosary:

Jan 6: Sponsored by the St Clotilde CCW Altar and Rosary Society of Green Valley

Jan 7: In memory of Richard Downing by MaryAnn Buysse

Jan 8: In memory of Betty Mae Feda by Dean & Linda Louwagie

Jan 8: In memory of Esther Peters by Leonard and Marian Louwagie

Jan 10: In memory of Margaret Osum by Luke and Sherry Louwagie

Jan 11: In memory of Pat Deutz by Evelyn and Dennis Louwagie

Jan 12: For all the members of the Clotilde Altar and Rosary Society of Green Valley

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)**

Jan10 5:45 am – TMIY will resume at the KC Hall at St Edward

Jan 9 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!!

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

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

Feb 9 9:30 am – Open Forum for St Edward School in St Edward Gym

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**

Starting Jan 8th, we will be providing a light meal for RE families before RE class from 5:30-6:15pm in the St. Ed's Church basement.  We will kick this off with a ***CHEESY HASHBROWN AND HAM CASSAROLE***. 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 5: Pray for Fr Harry Behan, Fr William Bowles, Dcn Bruce Bot, Sem. Nathan Hansen; Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
	+ What gifts can I give the Christ Child?
* Monday, Jan 6: Pray for Fr David Breu, Fr Eugene Brown, Dcn Rick Christiansen, Dcn John Hayes (Sem.); 1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
	+ How have I most grown in wisdom and in my relationship with God this year?

Tuesday, Jan 7: Pray for Fr Patrick Casey, Fr James Devorak, Dcn Timothy Dolan, James Herzog (Sem.)

 1 John 4:7-10: Psalm 72: 1-4, 7-8: Mark 6:34-44

* Wednesday, Jan 8: Pray for Fr Michael Doyle, Fr Cornelius Ezeiloaku, Fr Frederick Fink, Luke Miller (Sem.); 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44
	+ How might I embrace the reality of Christ who lives in me?
* Thursday, Jan 9: Pray for Fr Robert Goblirsch, Fr John Goggin, Nolan Meyer (Sem); 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16
	+ How might I speak and act more for God’s ways in my daily life?
* Friday, Jan 10: Pray for Msgr. Douglas Grams, Fr Richard Gross, Fr Eugene Hackert, Dcn Shawn Polman (Sem.); 1 John 5:14-21, Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 3:22-30
	+ How have God’s love and power been most evident to me this past year?
* Saturday, Jan 11: Pray for Fr Lawrence Hansen, Fr Anthony Hesse, Sam Rosemeier (Sem.); Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17
	+ How might I join with others to stop the suffering of innocent children throughout the world?

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

Dec 29: Sponsorship in honor of Andy Trean

Dec 30: Open

Dec 31: Sponsorship in honor of the Brad Hennen Family and Sofia Rabaey on her birthday

Jan 1: Open

Jan 2: Open

Jan 3: Open

Jan 4: Open

Jan 5: Open

Jan 6: Open

Jan 7: Open

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

**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 who have lost a loved one: As we prepare for the coming of Christ, may they find peace in the hope of eternal life; *we pray to the Lord:*

**BULLETIN BRIEFS** – Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

**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

ST. ELOI NEWS

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED  | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $1,230.00 | $ 2,294.90 |  - $1,064.90 |
| Loose |  $ 39.00 | $ 146.15 |  - $107.15 |
| Christmas | $14,532.60  |  |  |
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| Year to date |  $44,056.49 | $72,467.54 |  - $28,411.05 |

**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.

***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!

**Sunday, January 5th, *10:30 AM***

*Sacristan:* Corissa VanKeulen

Servers: Brett VanKeulen, Toby Wambeke and Levi VanKeulen

Lector: Betsy Jo Kack

Eucharistic Minister: **B:** D.Timmerman, D.Senden **C:** R.Sussner, Dan Sik, Deb Sik and M.Senden

Musicians: Barb Hennen, Shirley Maeyaert and Youth Choir

Gifts: Mark and Cindy Nelson Family

Ushers: Tim VanKeulen, Corey Kack and Mark Nelson

**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! You are welcome to pray in our chapel whenever you'd like.

**CHILDRENS HOLY HOUR WITH THE SISTERS**

Our next Children’s Adoration hours will be held Thursday, January 9th from 4:45-5:30 pm; children womb-12 are invited!!

**Sr. Maria Johanna**

**ST EDWARD WEEKLY REPORT**:

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

St. Edward News

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED  | DIFFERENCE |
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| Adult |  $3,337.00 | $ 4,826.92 |  - $1,144.92 |
| Youth |  $3.00 | $5.69 |  -$2.69 |
| Loose |  $184.00 | $ 153.85 |  $31.85 |
| On Line Giving |  $345.00 | ***\*Added to the Adult envelope total*** |
| Christmas | $11,612.80 |  |  |
| Year to date | $125,844.57 | $131,195.70 |  - $5,351.13 |
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**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS –** Our general intention throughout the year is for world peace and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life (Dec. – for the devotion to the Christ Child; Jan 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 11th 2020

*Sacristan*: Marlene Polejewski

Servers: Elivia Faris, Jaelin Anderson, Lydia Coequyt

Lector: Eriann Faris

Eucharistic Minister: Claren Novotny, Eriann Faris, Julie Mead, Deb Thooft, Charlene Tillemans

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 12th, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Terry VanKeulen

Servers: Wyatt Pohlen, Alex Josephson, Troy Wambeke

Lector: Ruth Bot

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Hennen, Wayne Hennen, Lisa Hennen, Mary Myhre, Seth Myhre

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!!

**Capital Campaign Update**

I want to offer an update on our capital campaign to complete the proposed facility upgrades and improvements to our church and school. We are making steady progress as we visit an initial group of parishioners to help jump start our campaign. The response from these visits has been positive and we thank those who have already offered their financial support.

From the very beginning of our planning efforts, we knew this would be one of the most ambitious projects in our 114-year history. That’s the beauty of God’s challenge to us individually and collectively. How we respond to this challenge is up to each of us.

We have promised a well-organized, dignified, respectful and confidential process to invite all St. Edward parishioners to offer their financial support. Our next step in late January/early February will be to invite all households to offer their financial support.

It is important to remember that we are inviting all parishioners to consider a serious and prayerful financial commitment, not a casual donation. As a result, we ask for your patience and understanding as we take each phase of our invitation in a deliberate and thoughtful manner. One decision, one financial commitment at a time, we will be able to raise the funds to upgrade and improve our church and school facilities. Thank you.

**Fr. Craig**

***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.

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our ***Quilting Ladies*** for donating 4 beautiful quilts last winter. These gifts of your time and talent were donated to HEART TO HEART to bless someone in need. GOD BLESS YOU! THANK YOU!!!

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 8 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.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to Mrs. Rybinski and the students of our school for presenting outstanding performances during our Christmas Concerts! Thank you to you, the parents and families of St. Edward students; your support in everything we do is the core of who we are.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

 Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will need to be taken down soon.  You may still contribute to the school by using the following link:  <https://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/parent-store-2.html?fairId=3926415> Feel free to share this link with friends and family.

 If we reach $700 in sales, we receive 50% of the amount taken in in book vouchers.

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***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.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed new year!

Mrs. Garvey

Mrs. Garvey

 **Please join us…**

*The Flurry Presents:*

**A Musical Night Out**

Entertainment by: Rock it Man Dueling Pianos

Saturday February 1st 2020 – American Legion in Minneota

**Schedule of Events**

5:30 Doors Open/Silent Auction Begins

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Live Auction

8:30 Rocket It Man Entertainment

**Sponsorships**

Gold Sponsor

$200- Includes dinner tickets for two people

Silver Sponsor

Less than $200

**Reserved Table**

$400-Includes dinner tickets for eight people at a reserved table

**Ticket can be purchased at:**

St Edward’s School Office

St Edward’s Church Rectory

After masses in Minneota

**Dinner Tickets**

$40.00 per person

**Meal by:** Robert Deslauriers Catering

**For Questions or to make donations contact:**

Julie at 507-828-7392

Colleen 507-401-0044

Nikki 507-828-2912

Chassidy 507-530-1835

