



Good Teacher Area Faith Community St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday, December 28

11:30 am Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)

Tuesday, December 29

9:30 am Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Church
(Deceased members of Linda Oftedahl's family)
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Wednesday, December 30

10:30 am Mass (Ed Finnegan)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)
8:00 – 9:30 pm Teen Talk

Thursday, December 31

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)
6:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the parish family)
7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, January 1

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For peace & justice for all)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Thanksgiving for our blessings)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
11:30 am Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's intention)

Saturday, January 2

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Emma DeLanghe)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Francis Arends)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 3

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For Vince LeGare)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Florence Determan)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



New Year's Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve

6:00 pm Mass at St. Edward followed by Adoration

Friday, January 1, New Year's Day

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi

January 2 & 3

Regular weekend Mass schedule

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I am so glad that the Church gives us the season of Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Like the Blessed Mother, we are invited to ponder the true meaning of this season. As we gather this weekend, we celebrate the Holy Family which reminds us of the dignity of the human family and its value that God the Father sent His Son to a

family. Although His circumstances and family were unique in almost every way, the Holy Family provides a model and challenge for every Christian family.

Is the family a place of holiness, safety, and guided growth? Are the spouses seeking God's will together, praying together, seeking to raise their children in holiness? Just as Christ was obedient, are the children obedient to parents? The ordinariness of the family is too often neglected and under-appreciated, but the Holy Family reminds us that nothing might be more extraordinary than a family seeking holiness. Christ enters a family, and in doing so, shows His humanity.

In that understanding, the Church gives us another feast on the Eighth Day of Christmas, January 1, the day that Christ would have been officially welcomed into the Jewish faith through His circumcision in which He bled most likely for the first time. This foreshadows His death on the Cross when He bled again, with a final issuance of blood and water from His pierced side.

We celebrate this day as a feast of our Lady under the title Mother of God - fitting as we recall that she bore in her womb the Son of God and through her, gave Him flesh that lives, breathes, and bleeds. While the obligation is lifted, I encourage all to attend Mass on this special feast that honors the Blessed Mother as the Mother of God, and thanks God for her willingness to bear Christ.

With the new website

(<http://www.goodteacherafc.com>),

we are looking for a brief history of St. Edward's Parish. We have excellent history books for both parishes, but I would like a shortened version to post on our history page. If you happen to have a short version or are willing to summarize the history book, let me know.

Last, I want to thank all for your kindness through cards and gifts. They are all appreciated. I hope to get my thank you/Christmas card out this week!

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

MASS READINGS & PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

MONDAY, Dec. 28 – Pray for Fr. Matt Wiering, Fr. Paul Wolf, Sam Rosemeier (Sem.)

I John 1:5-2:2, Matthew 2:13-18

- How can I help suffering children more?

TUESDAY, Dec. 29 – Pray for All Deceased Priests, All Deceased Deacons, Tanner Thooft (Sem.)

I John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35

- How can I commit myself more to prayer to receive the gift of God in Jesus?

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30 – Pray for All Women Religious in the Diocese

I John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40

- Which experiences this past year have helped me become more Christ-like?

THURSDAY, Dec. 31 – Pray for All men & women whom God is calling to the priesthood or religious life

I John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18

- How have I experienced the divine & human in myself this year?

FRIDAY, Jan. 1 – Pray for Pope Francis

Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

- How can I use the gifts I've been given to work for God's kingdom?

SATURDAY, Jan. 2 – Pray for our next Bishop

I John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28

- How have I experienced my guardian angel's protection?

SUNDAY, Jan. 3 – Pray for Fr. Christian Adike, Fr. Garrett Ahlers, Dcn. Arthur Abel, Josh Bot (Sem.)

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-6, Matthew 2:1-12

- To whom might I show understanding & compassion today?

ST. ELOI NEWS

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,410.00	\$2,110.26	\$2,299.74
Loose	\$179.28	\$146.15	\$33.13
Commodity			
Christmas	\$1,200.00		
Year-to-date	\$60,115.23	\$55,828.30	\$4,286.93

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day, 10:30 am

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt

Altar Servers: Mark & Xavier Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Steve Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: Don Senden

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Ushers: Tim Van Keulen, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

Sunday, January 3

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Altar Servers:

Lector: Monica Senden

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Brewers

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Ushers: Tim Van Keulen, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

ST. EDWARD NEWS

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$6,490.00	\$4,829.92	\$1,660.08
Youth	\$2.00	\$5.69	(\$3.69)
Loose	\$347.00	\$153.85	\$193.15
Online Giving	\$470.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Christmas			
Year-to Date	\$118,256.67	\$125,232.21	(\$6,975.54)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve, 6:00 pm

Sacristan: Volunteers needed; contact Caren if you

Servers: would be willing to help out.

Lector:

Eucharistic Minister:

Usher:

Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day, 8:30 am

Sacristan: Volunteers needed; contact Caren if you

Servers: would be willing to help out.

Lector:

Eucharistic Minister:

Usher: Rick Bot

Saturday, January 2, 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Tina Myhre

Servers: Faith & Ian Myhre

Lector: Nate Welsh

Eucharistic Minister: Tina Myhre

Usher: Jackie Laleman

Sunday, January 3, 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Hope & Robert Beisler

Lector: Lisa Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Hennen

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 5, 2021 – School will resume. Report cards will be sent home.

January 6, 2021 – School Mass led by the 3rd & 4th grades.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to New Year's falling on Friday, information for the bulletin needs to be turned in on Tuesday, December 29, by 4:00 pm.

2021 ENVELOPES

St. Edward donation envelopes are in the basement ready to be picked up. St. Eloi donation envelopes are in the back of church ready to be picked up. If you can deliver any envelopes to friends and family, that would be great.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please help decorate the parish of St. Edward for the Christmas season by donating towards poinsettias as a remembrance of a loved one. Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked *Christmas Flowers* on the envelope and place in the Sunday collection basket.

Thank You!

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. If you look you will see corroding rebar and concrete and the steps are hollow. With widening cracks, 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. Please consider an end-of-year special gift, perhaps of grain, stocks or bonds, or cash contributions.

Please do so by contacting the parish office or sending your donation designated for the steps to the office or in the collection basket. Especially those that did not contribute to the St. Eloi Capital Campaign, here's your chance to step up. All donations are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you would like to contribute to our snack program, there are about 13 kids each week starting on January 6, 2021. Donations can be left in the parish office, church basement, or cry room or contact Tina. December 30 will be the Christmas break with no class for our religious ed students. Classes will resume on January 6, 2021.

Rosary Rally

Thank you to all those who participated in the Fatima Rosary Rally in Memorial Park on December 5. It was a beautiful day as we prayed for our country in reparation of our sins, an end to abortion, and protection of traditional marriages.

Thank you to Deacon Bruce for leading us.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Please continue financially supporting both St. Edward and St. Eloi. Drop off donations in the mail slot on the west side of Knights' Hall.

St. Edward parishioners, to donate online, use this link:

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4628>

If you have questions, contact Caren at the church office.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH AT LARGE

Radio Rosary – Week of Dec. 28 - Jan. 3, 2020

- Dec. 28: In memory of Alma Schalek
by Mike & Lorraine Weverka
Dec. 29: In memory of Jim Wambeke
by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners
Dec. 30: In memory of Dave & Jasper Van deLanotte
by Marvin & Jeanne Louwagie
Dec. 31: In memory of Dave Fiegen
by family & friends
Jan. 1: In memory of Irene Maertens
by Rick & Deb Deutz
Jan. 2: In memory of Marshal Miller
by Ardyce Louwagie
Jan. 3: In memory of Gerard & Mary Louwagie
by their family

To schedule a Radio Rosary –
Call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

The New Ulm Diocese has asked that the following prayer be said while preparing for our next 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.

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



When you look at a snowman
It's three snowballs round
He is reminding you
That in God, Three in One is found
The bottom reminds us of
God the Father
He's our strong rock and foundation
Creator of all living things
People, tribes and nations
The middle shows us God the Son
With His arms spread open wide
Who died on the cross for each of us
Our sins Jesus' blood did hide
The head reminds of
God the Holy Spirit
Who is our counselor and friend
He speaks to our hearts and minds
Transforming us into the
likeness of Him
So in the mist of wintertime fun a
snowman you do see
It a loving reminder
of the Blessed Trinity