**Good Teacher Area Faith Community**

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

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St. Edward & St. Eloi Mailing Parish Office Address

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***SUNDAY – Feb 9***

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

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

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

10:30 am – Mass at St. Eloi (Conrad Hennen)

***\*\*Ghent Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast after Mass – ALL ARE WELCOME!!!***

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – St Edward Capital Campaign Update at KC Hall

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm – RACE Sunday at Holy Redeemer – MASS, Speaker (Kevin Losleben) & ADORATION

***MONDAY – Feb 10***

Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Presiders Intention) \*for Mass time contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star*

***TUESDAY******– Feb 11***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent*(Orville Hennen)*

***WEDNESDAY – Feb 12***

10:00 am – Confession at St Edward

10:30 am – Mass at St Edward (Gary Timmerman)

12:00 pm – Mass at St Eloi Convent (Vaclav & Marie Sychra)

5:45 pm – 6:25 pm – Religious Ed Family Meal at St Edward Church Basement (***Serving: Chili***)

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 – Feb 13***

7:00 am - Mass at St Edwards (Sophia Lipinski)

*\*Confessions after Mass*

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Alfred & Irene Rabaey & 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 – Feb 14***

5:45 am – TMIY Gathering in KC Hall

7:15 am – Mass at St Edward

7:30 am - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Valcav & Mary Pistulka)

2:30 pm – Mass at Manor (Mary VanHecke)

***SATURDAY –Feb 15***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Donnie Schulke)

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

5:30 pm – Mass at St Edwards (Harold Buysse)

***SUNDAY – Feb 16***

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

8:30 am – Mass at St. Edward (Milo Kern)

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

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

7:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Eloi

**MESSAGE FROM FR CRAIG**

Dear parishioners.

I want to thank everyone so much for all the support, prayer, sympathy and gifts I received at the death of my father, Gary Timmerman. I especially want to thank all those who came to the visitation and vigil service or funeral Mass. My family was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and love. It was such a tribute to my dad, whose 6 year battle with lung cancer ended with a blood clot to the brain, causing a stroke and brain hemorrhaging. I had the blessing of saying Mass every day in his hospital/hospice room. He died at 3:15 on Thursday, so we prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet at his bedside and then said Mass before we departed. It was very hard but very blessed. The Lord is with us, and your care made that abundantly clear. Thank you.

 In Christ, Fr. Craig

Area Faith Weekly Mass Schedule

*These Mass times are Subject to Change*

Mon, Feb 10 9:00 am – Mass at St James (Deacon John Reed)

Tue, Feb 11 6:00 pm – Mass at St Peter (Gary Timmerman)

Wed, Feb 12 9:00 am - Mass at St Peter (Rita Theisen)

Thur, Feb 13 9:00 am – Mass at St Leo (Francis, Dolores, Richard, & Shirley Sussner)

Friday, Feb 14 10:30 am – Mass at Sylvan Court (Loving intention for Lucille Hoffman)

Saturday, Feb 15 5:30 pm – Mass at St. Peter (Larry Goodman)

Sunday, Feb 16 9:30 am - Mass at St Leo (Marian Ertz)

Sunday, Feb 16 8:30 am – Mass at St James in Dawson (For the People of the Parish)

Sunday, Feb 16 10:30 am – Mass at St Peter (Roman Bach)

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Radio Rosary:

Feb 10: In memory of Orville Hennen by Dennis and Evelyn Louwagie

Feb 11: In memory of Lawrence Fox by Regina Fox and Family

Feb 12: In memory of Allan VanKeulen by Rona VanKeulen

Feb 13: In memory of Oscar G Louwagie by his family

Feb 14: In memory of Vincent Bot and Pam Haukom by their family

Feb 15: Sponsored by the St Clotilde CCW Altar and Rosary Society

Feb 16: In memory of Helen C VanAcker 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)**

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 9 5:30-7:00 pm – Spaghetti Supper at Hope Lutheran Church.  *All the spaghetti and breadsticks you can eat, lettuce salad and dessert!  Adults $10 Students $8.\*\* Proceeds go to help the Minneota Mission Trip*

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 Chili and Corn Bread or Muffins.*** 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.

***Prayer for Married Couples***

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.

***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!!***

**MASS READINGS and PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK**

* Sunday, Feb 9: Pray for Fr Robert Goblish, Fr John Goggin, and Nolan Meyer (Sem.); Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112:4-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16
	+ How might I more clearly witness my faith to others today in my words and actions?

Monday, Feb 10: Pray Msgr Douglas Gram, Fr Richard Gross, Fr Eugene Hackert, Dcn Shawn Polman (Sem.); 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132:6-10; Mark 6:53-56

* + How might I “be” with or “do” something today for someone in need?
* Tuesday, Feb 11: Pray for Fr Lawrence Hansen, Fr Anthony Hess, Samuel Rosemeier (Sem); 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3-5, 10-11; Mark 7:1-13
	+ What are the holy places of my life where God touches and commissions me?
* Wednesday, Feb 12: Pray Fr Jeffrey Horesis, Fr Ronald Huberty, Tanner Thooft (Sem.); 1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mark 7:14-23
	+ How have I most grown in clarity through my daily meditation this year?
* Thursday, Feb 12: Pray for Fr Aaron Johanneck, Fr Jeremy Kucera, Dcn Anthony Grack; 1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mark 7:24-30
	+ What do I most want God to help me with in my life now?
* Friday, Feb 14: Fr Dennis Labat, Msgr Eugene Lozinski, Dcn John Hansen; 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Psalm 81:10-15; Mark 7:31-37
	+ Who in my community is in need of my healing touch?
* Saturday, Feb 15: Pray for Fr Mark Mallak, Fr Brian Mandel, Dcn Mark Kober; 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Psalm 106:6-7, 19-22, Mark 8:1-10
	+ To whom am I now being called to be or to give bread?

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

Feb 1: Sponsorship in honor of Louis Chelbeck on her 96th Birthday

Feb 2: Open

Feb 3: Open

Feb 4: Open

Feb 5: Open

Feb 6: Open

Feb 7: Sponsorship in honor of Jan Bot on her birthday

Feb 8: Open

Feb 9: Open

Feb 10: Open

Feb 11: Sponsorship in memory of Jenny Pohlen

Feb 12: Open

Feb 13: Open

Feb 14: Open

Feb 15: 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***

**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))”

***ST ELOI -*** *Contact: Sandy Nuytten 829-9690.*

***ST EDWARD -*** During the week of Feb 8 – Feb 15 – Contact: Margrit Rabaey 872-6937

**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 | $790.00 | $ 2,294.90 |  - $1,504.90 |
| Loose |  $ 200.00 | $ 146.15 |  $53.85 |
| Commodity |   |  |  |
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| Year to date |  $68,955.89 | $84,794.87 |  - $16,838.98 |

**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 16th*, 10:30 AM***

*Sacristan:* Lila Schmidt

Servers: Brett VanKeulen, Toby Wambeke and Levi VanKeulen

Lector: Karla Engels

Eucharistic Minister: **B:** Dan Sik, Deb Sik **C:** Corissa VK, M.Senden, D.Senden and J.Kesteloot

Musicians: John Rabaey and Family

Gifts: Don and Julie Schulke 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 – 2019

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* 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 memory of Scott Kesteloot and Kathy Reinhart
* In memory of Paul DeCock, Walter & Delores DeCock, Frank & Emma DeCock by Lyle & Lola DeCock

**Prayer Shawls** - We are looking for some more women to knit or crochet prayer shawls.  It is a nice ,warm way to spend the winter months knitting and crocheting.  If you are interested please contact Judy Traen or Charlene Tillemans   or Jo Coover and they would happy to explain it all to you.  We would very much appreciate your help !

**BAPTISM**

Congratulations on the baptisms that were held in

November and December for:

*Hattie Marie Hammer,* daughter of Michael & Samantha Hammer;

*Vivian Jane Hennen,* daughter of Robert & Caroline Hennen;

*Henry Michael Engels,* son of Kevin & Brittney Engels;

*Otto Raymond Rupp,* son of Travis & Amanda Rupp.

We welcome these children into our St Eloi Faith Community

and congratulate their families.

***Sympathy-*** *Our* sympathy to the family and friends of Ed Buysse and Lois Chlebecek. Whose Christian Burials were held at St Eloi. May they rest in Peace and may their family be comforted by their faith and the promise of eternal life.

**THANK YOU** - THANK YOU – Thank you funeral committee members who provided food and service for the funeral dinners for Ed Buysse and Lois Chlebecek. This extra help was very much appreciated by the family.

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!

**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 |  $2,760.70 | $ 4,826.92 |  -$1,641.22 |
| Youth |  $4.00 | $5.69 |  - $1.69 |
| Loose |  $252.00 | $ 153.85 |  $98.15 |
| On Line Giving |  $425.00 | ***\*Added to the Adult envelope total*** |
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| Year to date | $166,327.26 | $155,802.30 |  $10,524.96 |
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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:**

* The church basement has many bowls, cake pans, and platters from various church functions.  Please take the time to look and see if you have one or more down there.  Many have no names on them.  Those not collected may be donated in the near future.  Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**St. Edward Liturgy Schedule**

*Saturday, Feb 15th, 2020- Mass 5:30 pm*

*Sacristan:* Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Lydia Coequyt, Jaelin Anderson, Elivia Faris

Lector: Fred Rabaey

Eucharistic Minister: Juanita Bot, Pauline Wambeke, Fred Rabaey, Margrit Rabaey, Jeff Buysse

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

* 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.

*Sunday, Feb 16th, 2020 -Mass 8:30 am*

*Sacristan:* Terry VanKeulen

Servers: Grace Hennen, Mariah Hennen, Ella Bot

Lector: Joe Callens

Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Swedzinski, Terry VanKeulen, David Vlaminck, Julie Bottelberghe, Deb Boulton

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

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* 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

**BAPTISM**

Congratulations on the baptisms that were held in

November and December for:

*Adeline Ray Slatko,* daughter of Dean & Angela Slatko;

*Wyatt Chet Alan Green,* son of Charles & Heather Green;

*Harlow Jean Parsons and Desmond Eric Parsons,* sons of Scott & Debra Parsons;

*Zachary Michael Downing,* son of Keith & Kristi Downing

*Creed Xander Schreiber*, son of Christopher & Shayna Schreiber.

We welcome these children into our St Edward Faith Community

and congratulate their families.

* 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

**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.

***Sympathy-*** *Our* sympathy to the family and friends of LaVern Evers and Mary Van Hecke. Whose Christian Burials were held at St Edward these past months. May they rest in Peace and may their family be comforted by their faith and the promise of eternal life.

**THANK YOU** - THANK YOU – Thank you funeral committee and guilds 1, 2, & 11 who provided food and service for the funeral dinners for LaVern Evers and Mary VanHecke. This extra help was very much appreciated by the family.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – Jaci Garvey

SCHOOL OFFICE – 872-6391

SCHOOL SECRETARY – Trudy Banks

***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.

**SCHOOL MASS**

Our next **school mass**is Wednesday, February 12 at 10:30am.

***All are welcome to join us!!***

**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***

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 Circles of Support • Sunday and Thursday**

Please join us this in the Knights Hall for one of three identical 60-minute gatherings with other parishioners.

**• Sunday afternoon February 9 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Knights Hall**

**• Thursday afternoon February 13 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Knights Hall**

**• Thursday evening February 13 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Knights Hall**

We will update you on the progress of the campaign, briefly review a folder that has been prepared for your household, invite you to take the information home to reflect on your blessings, and then 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. Thank you!

**Capital Campaign Cabinet**

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We started the month of February off with the celebration of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.  The gospel shares the delight of Simeon and Anna, who have been waiting for the arrival of the Savior. What’s even more interesting is how much Simeon, a supposedly 270 year-old blind man, sees when Mary and Joseph arrive with Jesus.  Filled with the Holy Spirit, he proclaims that “...my eyes have seen your salvation…”

Simeon was a devout follower of God and is identified as one of the 70 Hebrew scholars that translated the Old Testament from Hebrew to Greek, so he knew the scriptural prophecy of the Messiah.  He was promised by God that he would live to see the Savior, so imagine his excitement when Jesus was revealed to him!

Sometimes, we rely on our senses for signs of God’s love for us, or for some, that He even exists.  This gospel reminds us that sometimes the Holy Spirit works in us in more ways than we can imagine. This is why the Sacrament of Confirmation is so important...it’s the Sacrament of Initiation that fully incorporates us into the Body of Christ, along with Baptism and the Eucharist.  This is why the Church stresses the importance of formation for these sacraments and for the continued education for us as children of God, so that we don’t forget the beauty of the gifts that grace that Christ has given to us. When we educate our hearts and minds of God’s love for us, we are able to “see” His presence in our lives and everything we do.  Even though Simeon was blind physically, his heart and mind were fully open to God’s will, and He allowed him to experience the fulfillment of his life’s work by revealing the Light of the World to him in his old age.

Sometimes we find ourselves blind and starving for happiness, love and fulfillment in our lives.  God never leaves us, but sometimes we have a hard time feeling His presence. The Church offers all that we need to feed us spiritually, but it’s understandable when we sometimes don’t experience all we desire from our short times each week at Mass.  Anna spent her days and nights fasting and praying at the Temple. The Gospel tells that she was an 84 year-old widow whose husband died 7 years prior. It can only be imagined the loneliness she felt at times, but her dedication to God rewarded her with the presence of her Savior.  It might feel that our time given to God is wasted, but we need to be reminded that God sees us and will reward us in ways we can’t imagine; we just need to be patient & dedicated.

**“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!” ~ St. Catherine of Siena**