



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

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## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **Monday, November 16**

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's Intention)  
• *for Mass times contact the Sisters in Ghent*

### **Tuesday, November 17**

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Dick Van Keulen)  
6:00 pm St. Ed's Education Meeting  
7:30 pm St. Ed's Finance Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 18**

10:30 am School Mass at St. Edward (Harvey Timm)  
• *10:00 am Confession before Mass*  
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's Intention)  
3:15 – 4:15 pm Rel Ed at St. Ed's for Grades 2 & 5  
6:30 – 7:30 pm Rel Ed for Grades 6-11 at St. Ed's  
6:30 – 7:30 pm Altar Server Training in the church  
(No Adoration)  
8:00 – 9:30 pm Teen Talk in Knights' Hall

### **Thursday, November 19**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Kevin Louwagie)  
• *6:30 am Confession before Mass*  
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's Intention)  
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

### **Friday, November 20**

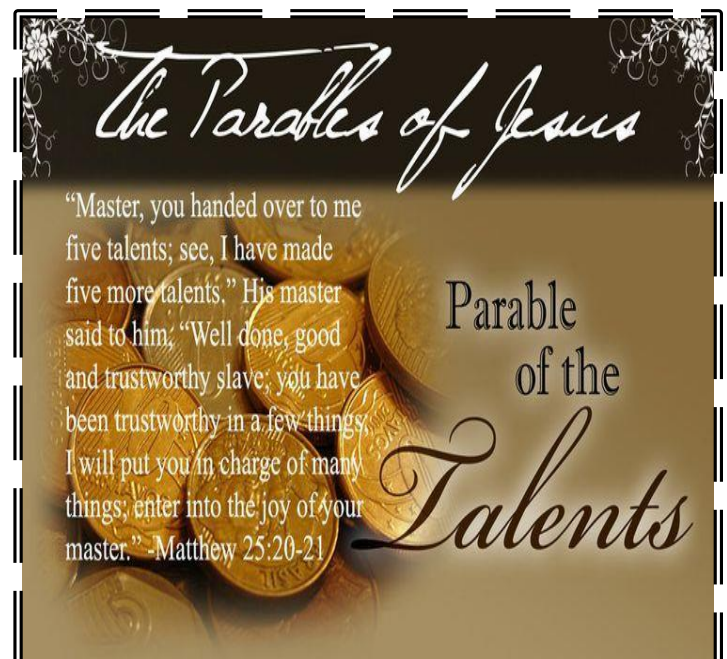
5:45 am That Man Is You – Doors open at Knights' Hall  
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Jane Ceynar)  
• *7:30 am Confession after Mass*  
12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Presider's Intention)  
• *12:30 pm Confession after Mass*

### **Saturday, November 21**

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Vincent Boerboom)  
• *12:30 pm Confession after Mass*  
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward  
(Clarence Stassen & Colleen Lindstrom)  
• *4:45 pm Confession before Mass*

### **Sunday, November 22**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Harry & Mary Buysse)  
• *Confession before Mass*  
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Conrad Hennen)  
• *Confession before Mass*



Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I wrote a little about the importance of the funeral Mass and to having Masses offered for the deceased. This week, I would like to focus on the importance of how we treat the bodies of the deceased. After death, our funeral directors prepare the bodies not only for viewing (we sometimes need to see the deceased to say good bye), but also for burial. Almost every funeral director and their staff I have had the honor of working with see their duties as a sacred ministry that they provide to aid in the grief process. They provide a much-needed service in the time of need and loss. I am thankful to have worked with excellent directors in our area.

Even if the body is to be cremated, the body is treated with profound respect. While the Church allows for cremation, the preferred is that we would have the body for the funeral Mass, and then cremation. The remains of cremation, while not the body, are still to be treated with respect, though not honored with a pall at the funeral Mass as that is reserved for the body.

The Church prefers body burial because this more beautifully displays our hope in the resurrection. In the resurrection, our bodies and souls are reunited and transformed into bodies that are made for eternity. We do not simply bury our departed because we need to do something. We bury the bodies as a sign of hope in the resurrection. In most Catholic cemeteries, we bury the bodies so that when they will 'sit up' in the resurrection, they will be facing the East, the direction of the rising sun, from which we believe Christ will come. Regarding cremations, the Church asks not to have the remains scattered or even divided (where family members take some of the ashes). The remains should be buried or placed in a columbarium (a structure made for the inurnment of the remains).

This week, I would like to publicly thank through these notes all who have a part in the upkeep of our cemeteries. Their upkeep is one way of honoring our dearly departed, and the hard work of maintaining the grass, monuments, and other things is often neglected until those that do the work 'neglect' to do it. Thank you to all. Also, I want to thank the record keepers, especially Caren and Dan, for their work in selling and marking graves.

Both have recently requested to resign from this, and I have failed to fill the position. If you are good at keeping records, reading maps, and feel that you could give some time to helping those either preparing for their burial or the burial of a loved one, let me know. It would involve going to the cemetery to locate the grave for sale, marking it for 'opening' for burial, assisting in marking the locations of new monuments, and keeping accurate record of sales and burial.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

### **MASS READINGS & PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

**MONDAY, Nov. 16 – Pray for Fr. Aaron Nett, Fr. John Nordick, Dcn Michael McKeown, Luke Miller (Sem)**

Revelations 1:1-4, 2:1-5, Luke 18:35-43

• *How have I experienced Christ revealing Himself to me?*

**TUESDAY, Nov. 17 – Pray for Fr. Brian Oestreich, Fr.**

**Jerome Paulson, Dcn Jason Myhre, Nolan Meyer (Sem)**

Revelations 3:1-22, Luke 19:1-10

• *How can I try to be smaller and open my heart wider to discover Jesus?*

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18 – Pray for Fr. John Pearson, Fr.**

**Samuel Perez, Dcn Ken Noyes, David Rabaey (Sem)**

Revelations 4:1-11, Luke 19:11-28

• *Which of my gifts do I keep to myself rather than sharing with others?*

**THURSDAY, Nov. 19 – Pray for Fr. Todd Petersen, Fr.**

**Zach Peterson, Dcn Roger Osborne, Sam Rosenmeier (Sem)**

Revelations 5:1-10, Luke 19:41-44

• *How can I spend more time daily praying and reading scripture?*

**FRIDAY, Nov. 20 – Pray for Fr. Shawn Polman, Fr.**

**Germain Rademacher, Dcn Ryan Pope, Tanner Thooft (Sem)**

Revelations 10:8-11, Luke 19:45-48

• *What can I do to make my household and parish reflect the ways of Jesus?*

**SATURDAY, Nov. 21 – Pray for Msgr. John Richter, Fr.**

**Keith Salisbury, Dcn Barry Reindl, Josh Bot (Sem)**

Revelations 11:4-12, Luke 20:27-40

• *What courageous things might I be called on to do to stand up for what is right?*

**SUNDAY, Nov. 22 – Pray for Fr. Bruno Santiago, Fr.**

**George Schmit, Dcn Steve Spilman, Adam Eberhard (Sem)**

Ezekiel 34:11-17, I Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 25:31-46

• *What prejudice and insecurity do I need to face and change in myself and my life?*



## ST. ELOI NEWS

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,155	\$2,294.90	(\$1,139.90)
Loose	\$74.00	\$146.15	(\$72.15)
Commodity			
Year-to-date	\$47,022.70		

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 22, 10:30 AM**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman

*Altar Servers:*

*Lector:* Steve Hennen

*Musicians:* Sisters

*Eucharistic Minister:* Don Senden

*Ushers:* Mike DeSutter, Brian Timmerman, Mike Monnet

- **Notice the announcement regarding liturgical scheduling for St. Eloi on the next page.**

## ST. EDWARD NEWS

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,870.00	\$4,829.92	(\$2,959.92)
Youth	\$0.00	\$5.69	(\$5.69)
Loose	\$55.00	\$153.85	(\$98.85)
Online Giving	\$500.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$88,615.64	\$95,775.51	(\$7,159.87)

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 21, 2020**

*Sacristan:* Margret Rabaey

*Servers:* Tucker Thooft

*Lector:* Mary Kampa

*Eucharistic Minister:* Claren Novotny

*Usher:* Scott Thooft

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

*Sacristan:* Joe Callens

*Servers:* Laney, Faith, & Ian Myhre

*Lector:* Teresa Myhre

*Eucharistic Minister:* Tina Myhre

*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

Last year the State Fire Marshal visited and that led to updating the building to increase safety for our students. The fire alarm was completely replaced last spring and later this month two fire doors will be installed in the main hallway.

A play set suitable for our pre-school and kindergarten age students has been designed and will be arriving the week of November 16. The plan is to install it November 21 (weather permitting). Help is needed to get this done. Contact Mrs. Garvey if you can help.

A third project is the building of a gaga pit. This will be used to play gaga ball which is similar to dodge ball, but it is a bit more "contained." This was funded by a SHIP grant and other donations. It is being built by the high school building/trades class under the guidance of Mr. Matt Buysse.

Thank you to all Veterans for their service! Due to COVID restrictions, **Veterans Day** here at St. Edward School looked a bit different. Chassidy DeRoode, Dean Slatko, Ed Lozinski, Tony Buysse, Joe Garvey, and Mark Gruenes visited individual classrooms to share with our students. It was an honor to have these service members in our building!

While they were here, members of the local VFW were able to congratulate the following students for placing in the **Patriots Pen Contest**: Madison Hennen-1<sup>st</sup>, Sarah Gruenes-2<sup>nd</sup>, Kate Badgett-3<sup>rd</sup>.

Spirit Wear – the PEACE Committee has put together a large selection of St. Edward spirit wear for sale through Borch's in Marshall. Just click on this link to see the options and to place your order.  
<https://stedwardapparel20.itemorder.com/> Orders placed by Nov. 22 will be ready by Christmas.

**The Education Committee** will be meet Tuesday, Nov.

17. We still need one new member for a three-year term. Members are not required to have a child at St. Edward School.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BOOK OF THE DEAD

This is a custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which members of the parish, community members, and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. This book will be placed in the front of church during November.

It is left open for people to read the names of the deceased loved ones, remember them, and pray for the repose of their souls.

## **DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the 2020

Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Watching the video today, we are reminded of the good work the DMA is doing in ministries too big for parishes to do alone, ministries that are important to us. Remember, in supporting the DMA, we contribute to those important ministries in the diocese, but we also support the project we have identified for our parish.

As you reflect on what your pledge should be, prayerfully keep in mind God's generosity to you. The DMA offers a great opportunity to make a return to God of the blessings we have received. This year with the theme "Sharing the Light of Hope," we are invited to recognize the ways that God continues working in our midst and to be a sign of hope for others by our stewardship. The contributions to the DMA will only be used for the benefit of the ministries designated in the brochure and no other purpose.

## **FOOD DRIVE**

St. Edward's CCW is sponsoring the annual fall food drive for the Marshall Area Food Shelf. Please only bring the following requested items.

- Cash is always welcome!
- Nothing outdated
- Paper products (plates, napkins paper towels)
- Salad dressings (Western, Thousand Island, etc.)
- Seasonings (salt—regular & seasoned, pepper, rubs for meats)
- Meals in a can
- Boxes of cold cereal
- Crackers (Ritz, saltines, club, etc.)

Boxes at church entrances. Collecting in November through Thanksgiving! Questions: Call Jan Bot 401.1167

## **GRIEF SHARE SEMINAR**

Surviving the Holidays Grief Share, a non-denominational seminar, is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death.

Sunday, November 15, 2:00 – 3:00 pm in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Area, Marshall. All are welcome! For more info, call 532.5711

## **HONORARY GUILD – CCW**

St. Edward Council of Catholic Women voted to no longer ask the Honorary Guild members for annual dues. You are more than welcome to submit the \$10 dues if you would like, but it is no longer necessary. Thank you for all the years you served as a CCW member of our parish.

## **KC PORK CHOP SUPPER**

**Saturday, November 21 4:30 – 7:30 pm**

The Knights of Columbus will be having a pork chop supper with the proceeds replenishing the seminarian fund. Curbside pick-up will be on the street side of the Knights' Hall. If you contact Fred Rabaey (828.1420), home delivery may be arranged.

Boneless Pork Chop, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cookie Free Will Offering

## **LIGHT UP THE NIGHT**

November 27 – December 27, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Every Friday, Saturday, & Sunday.

Check us out on Facebook! Contacts:

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[morgan.mahoney@prairiehomehospice.org](mailto:morgan.mahoney@prairiehomehospice.org)

## **MINNEOTA MISSION TRIP**

A planning meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 22, at 5 pm at Hope Lutheran Church** if you are interested in going on the next community mission trip. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Terri Myhre.

The 2021 trip will include more hands-on service projects and less relational activities and the experience will still be amazing! Any Minneota High School student currently in grade 9 – college freshmen is invited to join this group.

## **PRAYER WARRIORS**

If you know of anyone who is sick, has had surgery, or is simply in need of prayers, have them contact the church office. Their name will be added to the weekend Mass petitions.

## **SCHOENSTATT GIRLS GROUP**

The Schoenstatt Girls Group will meet in person on Monday, January 25, 2021, until the end of April. As always, this is subject to change. There have been many discussions between Sr. M. Josephine and myself with much prayer and this seems to be our best option. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Jean Callens – 507.828.3472 – [jcallens91@aol.com](mailto:jcallens91@aol.com)

## **ST. ELOI LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

The liturgical schedule is being prepared for December and January. Please let Mary Jo know when you would be unavailable to be in church. Contact Mary Jo at: [emjbossuyt@gmail.com](mailto:emjbossuyt@gmail.com) or 507.532.3003



### ST. ELOI "TAKE & BAKE" MEALS

Chicken Alfredo Penne and Meat Penne Pasta Meals, each with a side of 6 garlic breadsticks! Place your order NOW! Meals (4-6 servings) will be **ready for pickup on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10:00 - 12:00 (noon)** at St. Eloi Church's new gathering space. **Orders need to be placed by Sunday, Nov. 29**, with Missy Hennen (507.828.1592) or mshennen@frontiernet.net.

Each meal is \$20 or 3 meals for \$50. This is a Catholic Order of Forester Matching Funds Event and all proceeds go to support our students attending Rel Ed and Catholic schools.

Samantha Hammer (507-828-0088) may also be contacted with any questions.

### SILENT AUCTION

Another successful silent auction was held last Saturday, November 7.

Thank you to all who donated to the auction, offered help, and all who supported the auction through bidding.

All proceeds will be given to St. Edward School to aid in their effort of maintaining of the school.

### SUNDAY OFFERING

Please continue your financial support of your parish.

Parishioners of St. Ed's can give on-line here:

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

**St. Edward & St. Eloi** parishioners may drop your donation off in the old mail slot on the west side of the Knights' Hall by the side door facing Washington Street. You may also mail your donation to the parish office.

### TEEN TALK

The Teen Talk group would like to invite any 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in our parish to join us on Wednesdays from 8:00 – 9:30 pm in the Knights' Hall loft. We welcome YOU!

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCH AT LARGE

#### Radio Rosary – Week of November 2-8, 2020

Nov. 16: In memory of Mary Timmerman  
by Tom & Madeline Swedzinski

Nov. 17: In memory of Jane Louwagie  
by Dan & Arlene Markell

Nov. 18: In memory of Irene Maertens  
by Rick & Deb Deutz

Nov. 19: In memory of Allan Van Keulen  
by Rona Van Keulen & family

Nov. 20: In memory of Dave Fiegen  
by Pat Timmerman

Nov. 22: In memory of Jane Louwagie  
by Dean & Linda Louwagie

Nov 23: In memory of Ernie & Jane Louwagie  
by their friends

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

### JESUS' TEACHING ON PRAYER

Jesus taught, "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men ... but when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your father who is unseen."

Matthew 6:5-8

Jesus began his teaching on prayer here by saying how not to pray:

1. Don't show off. Synagogues were places of worship where many people gathered to pray. Jesus spoke against those who prayed loudly just so they could be seen and praised by others. He called such people hypocrites.
2. Don't use a lot of meaningless words. The Gentiles' prayers were long because they thought this would impress their many gods. Often, they repeated a phrase or a god's name many times, hoping to attract attention.

Jesus said that prayer should be a private time between God and the worshipper. Jesus does not mean that it is wrong to pray with others, but the prayers should be sincere and for the right motives.



# Ignite the F.I.R.E.

## Families Involved in Religious Education



*November 2020*

This past week the church celebrated All Saints Day and All Souls Day. It is a reminder that the promise of eternal life exists and that our death only separates us physically. God continues to reveal Himself to us in extraordinary and miraculous ways, and even better – He shows us how to participate in it when we live our lives in faith, hope, love, joy, and utilize the power of prayer. What we need to remember, though, is that prayer does not change God – *it changes US.*

In a few weeks (November 29) we will begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the arrival of Jesus. How does Advent look in the midst of a pandemic? For the church there will still be time for prayer, there will still be time for reconciliation, there will still be those in need that we can help, so in the midst of a pandemic, not much has changed. How we gather together may look different but everything that the church has to offer has not changed.

Many families might be struggling financially, physically, emotionally, and spiritually this year. We, as a church of believers in the power of the love of God, need only to look to our local parishes to see a need and fill that need. Our bulletin is a great resource to find a way to help or to find a way to get help. If you are not yet comfortable coming to Mass, the church is open during the day throughout the week to pick up a bulletin and/or they are emailed each week. If you are not getting a bulletin, contact the parish office.

Each of you is a part of the Body of Christ, you matter to the church, and your prayers are heard by God, no matter where you are in your faith journey. Have a blessed November and know that we are thankful for each and every one of you.

**“Be who God meant you to be  
and you will set the world on fire!”**

**~ St. Catherine of Siena**