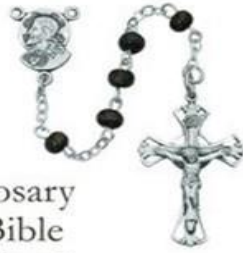


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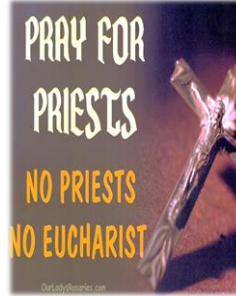
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Virtue for December -Union with God

There are many who say to the Lord, "I give myself wholly to Thee, without any reserve," but there are few who embrace the practice of this abandonment, which consists in receiving with a certain indifference every sort of event, as it happens in conformity with Divine Providence, as well afflictions as consolations, contempt and reproaches as honor and glory. ~St. Francis de Sales

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018

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Preschool: Fredia Prysock 616.374.7253 x 206

Please call during office hours to request information, or leave a message after hours.

MASS SCHEDULE: ST EDWARD CHURCH

Saturday Vigil: **6:00 PM**

Sunday **9:45 AM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: **Thursday**

6:30PM-7:30PM and by appointment

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tues., Wed., &-Fri. 9:00AM

Thurs. 12:10PM

SS Peter and Paul, Ionia
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Sunday Mass Schedule: Ss Peter & Paul, Ionia

Saturday Vigil: **4:00PM**

Sunday: **8:00AM, 11:30AM & 1:00PM** (en español)

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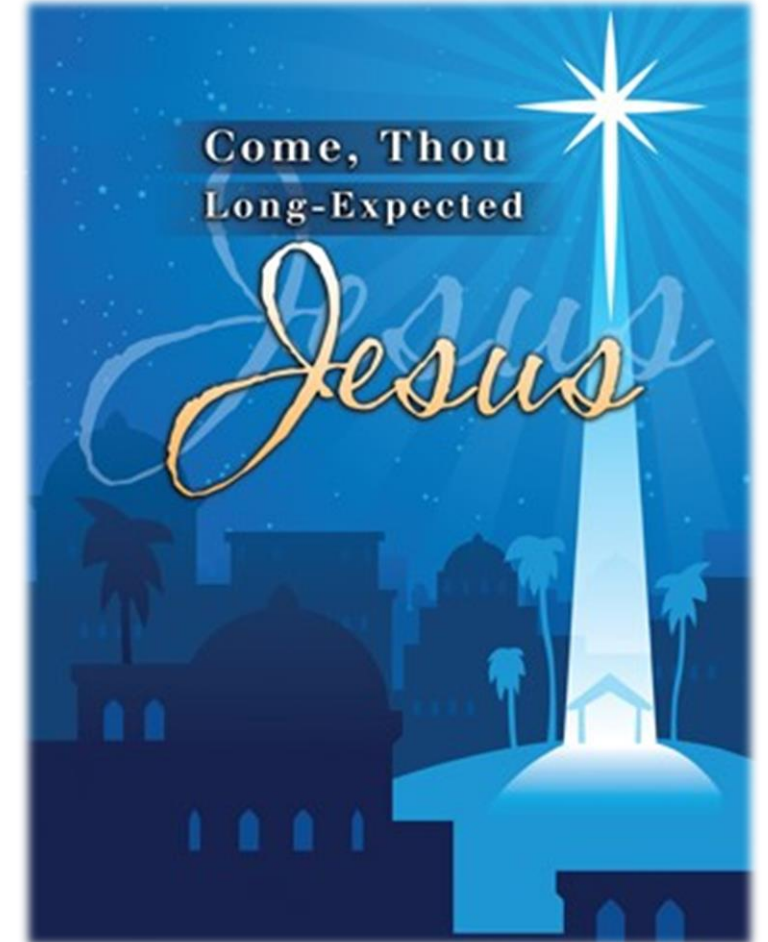
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, St. Edward's parish, joyfully experience life in Christ through the celebration of the sacraments and dedicate ourselves to faith formation. Our parish is devoted to inspiring youth to become active followers of Christ. We live to promote love within the church and community according to the Gospel.



SACRED SCRIPTURE

9 SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

10 MONDAY: Advent Weekday

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

11 TUESDAY: Advent Weekday; St Damasus I, Pope

Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10a-c, 11-13 Mt 18:12-14

12 WEDNESDAY: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-189 Lk 1:26-38

13 THURSDAY: St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13ab Mt 11:11-15

14 FRIDAY: St. John the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19

15 SATURDAY: Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

16 SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Saturday was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Although we celebrate this feast every year and have for many decades, I still come across people who insist it cannot be true. Mary, human like us needed a savior. They see the dogma of the Immaculate Conception as, at best, meaning Mary had no need of Jesus, and, at worst, as raising Mary to the level of a goddess.

First, Mary most emphatically is NOT a goddess. She was, is and will always be human. She needed Jesus as her savior. Indeed, he IS her savior. At the same time is an absolute truth of our faith, a dogma, that she was immaculately conceived and free from all sin.

How can this be? There are two ways of saving a person. For example, if I can't swim and fall into a deep pool, I need someone to rescue me or I am doomed. Likewise, if I were standing by the edge of the pool, lost my balance and was about to fall in and I also would need a savior. If someone were to grab me before I fall in, he or she would be my savior even though I never ended up in the pool, never even got wet. Our Savior is Jesus Christ who pulls us out of the pool of sin and death. Mary is the one Jesus rescued before she ever fell into the pool of sin.

Some object this is impossible because Mary the Mother of Jesus was obviously born before he was. However, Jesus is not just fully man but also fully God. Time is not an issue for God. The following is from some notes on the subject back in my seminary days. I do not know the author:

I am the true Mother of a God who is Son, and I am his daughter, although his Mother; He was born from eternity, and is my Son. I was born within time, and yet I am his Mother. He is my creator, and is my Son, I am his creation, and his mother; It was a divine marvel that my Son was an eternal God, who had me as his Mother. Our being is almost shared between Mother and Son because the Mother received her existence from her Son, and the Son also received his existence from his Mother. If, then, the Son received his human existence from his Mother, we either must say that the Son was stained by the Mother, or we must say that the Mother is Immaculate.

Makes perfect sense to me. How about you?

This day is also our patronal feast day. This means the Church has chosen Mary as a role model, mentor and helper for us. She, who was declared by the angel to be "full of grace", is our mentor. She who responded with faith "May it be done unto me according to your word" in submission to God's plan is our role model. She, who went to Jesus to ask his help for the bride and groom at the wedding feast of Cana is our helper as she prays for us.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Fr. Tom

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, December 9: 9:45 AM MASS

Father Thomas Hack by Mic & Jill Van DeVelde

Monday, December 10: 9:00AM MASS

+Richard Kimble by Grief Group

Tuesday, December 11: 9:00 AM MASS

Members of the Walliczek Family

Wednesday, December 12: 9:00AM MASS

Parish Family

Thursday, December 13: 12:10 PM MASS

+Billy Melliush by Bob and Marsha Stadel

Friday, December 14: 9:00 AM MASS

Homebound of the Parish

Bulletin Folders: Bev Thelen & Volunteer

Saturday, December 15: 6:00 PM Vigil MASS

Parish Family

Greeter: A. Haskin Family

Lectors: A. Haskin

Extr. Ministers: M. Denda, P. Sinke, R. Sinke

Servers: N. Halinski, L. Halinski

Sunday, December 16: 9:45 AM MASS

+Peggy Peacock by Bob and Marsha Stadel

Greeter: Manshum Family

Lectors: A. Adams, D. Manshum

Extr. Ministers: D. Manshum, C. Vinton, J. Fyan

Servers: D. Snider, H. Fyan

CLOW: Lori Snider & Kristi



ADVENT SCHEDULE 2018

December 8 & 9- Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 9- Confessions 2-4 PM

Thursday, Dec. 13- Confession 6:30PM

December 15 & 16- Third Sunday in Advent

Thursday, Dec. 20- Confession 6:30PM

December 22 & 23- Fourth Sunday in Advent

Dec. 23- Confessions 2-4 PM

Christmas Eve 6:00PM VIGIL MASS

Christmas Day 9:00AM MASS



HOLY HOUR

Saturday 9:00AM

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

— St. Augustine of Hippo

Faith Formation Religious Education

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Calendar Highlights

Dec 9 & 16 Faith Formation Classes begin 11:00am – 12:00pm

Dec 23 & 30 No Faith Formation Class

Jan 06 – FOOD FAITH FUN – VBS Theme

Jan 12 – Faith Formation Class

Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Meeting 11A-12P

Jan 20 & 27 Faith Formation Class

Confirmation

A meeting for all Confirmation students and their sponsor will be held in the classroom on January 12 starting at 11a. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact the Faith Formation office.

CLOW - All children between the ages of 4-10 are invited to join us during the Sunday morning Masses for Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is a wonderful outreach ministry that allows children to have a worship experience geared especially for them. It mirrors the worship experience of the larger community, with a style that is engaging and interactive. Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word in this way is an empowering experience, giving children a foundation for understanding and appreciating Scripture. **There will be no CLOW on Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER: If you have not already done so, PLEASE sign up to receive text notifications for class cancelations and other important notifications on the REMIND APP. The code for St Edwards Faith Formation is @ae6ch9

Saint Edwards Faith Formation

You are invited to attend our third annual...Food, Faith & Fun! "Children, Parents, Grandparent, and friends are invited...Parishioners young and old."

In January, during our FOOD FAITH AND FUN class on January 5th from 11-noon our students will meet in the gym for the WINTER OLYMIC GAMES. These games are an extension of the VBS "Game On" theme many of our students experienced in June. All are welcome to come and help us with this fun project, bring your parents, and grandparents! We are asking each family to please bring a dish to pass for our kids to snack on prior to enjoying the WINTER OLYMIC Games.

Our goal is to prevent any winter blues for our kids and add some fun to our winter classes. We ask that you please contact Fredia Prysock or Vanessa Booth if you have any questions. Your presence will help us to make this a successful gathering of FOOD, FAITH and FUN. Peace, Fredia & Vanessa

RCIA - An Invitation to Come and See!

For information contact Anne @374-8340

RCIA Schedule-Wed. night at 7:00 at 753 5th Ave. L.O.

12-12 Mary & the Communion of Saints Anne

12-19 Second Coming Gary



PLEASE PRAY for the Celia Gomez, Marian Gillette, Randy Armstrong, Dee Kinney, Genevieve Dobija and Betty Hines, and Carole Heinze.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Dec 1/2, 2018

Adults	\$	3871.00
Loose:	\$	113.00
Total receipts:	\$	3984.00
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3500.00
Overage	\$	484.00

July 1, 2018 – Dec 2, 2018 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date	\$82547.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$80500.00
Overage Year-to-Date:	\$ 2047.00

Please note that "Our Parish offering" reflects the income from Sunday and Holy day offertory only.

Money Counters for weekend of December 16, 2018:

Kathy Sipperly & Mike Hickey

Please **only** find a sub from **the list of counters** if you are unable to count on your scheduled day.



Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, **December 11** at 7 PM in the Family Center.

Grief Support Group will meet the first Thursday of the month at 12:45 in the Family Center. If you would like more information call Marsha Stadel at 269-367-4403



Advent Wreaths

In an effort to encourage the wonderful Advent Wreath tradition the Faith Formation Office is selling Advent Wreaths and candles. The Brass wreath with 10" candles are \$10 each; 10" Taper Candles are \$5 for the set of 4. We hope that you

and your family will enjoy sharing this wonderful tradition of preparation of the birth our Lord. Please contact Fredia or Vanessa if you would like to order. Thank you!

Loving God,

Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We especially pray for:

Nick Baker

St. John Vianney College Seminary
2115 Summit Ave. Mail #3906
St. Paul, MN 55105



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

A SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to Cindy Gillette and all the Eucharistic Ministers that delivered the Thanksgiving Baskets to the parish homebound members. The Faith Formation service project would not have been completed without your help! GOD IS GREAT!!!