

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 10**  
7:30 A.M. Communion Service

**Tuesday, December 11**  
7:30 A.M. Ruth McLaughlin by Mark & Marcy Eli

**Wednesday, December 12**  
**Feast Day-Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
7:30 A.M. Paul Rushin by Tim & Mary Lou Jones  
8:45 A.M. **School Mass**  
Tom Gilles by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Rodier

**Thursday, December 13**  
7:30 A.M. Dianne Rossi by Norma Mefford

**Friday, December 14**  
7:30 A.M. Dorothy Taylor by Vicki VanDeveer

**Saturday, December 15**  
9:00 A.M. Dick Taylor by Tom Simmons  
4:30 P.M. Genevieve Scherer by Elmer Scherer

**Sunday, December 16**  
8:00 A.M. Marlene Hammer by Molly Cranford  
10:30 A.M. All Parishioners of St. Edward

**Rosary:** Maureen Lawrence

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays from 3:00—4:00  
Or by appointment

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All bulletin announcements should be sent to: [stedbuletin@gmail.com](mailto:stedbuletin@gmail.com). **Deadline for submissions is noon on Monday prior to the publish date (Sunday).**

Our Parish Calendar lists Holiday Activities & Mass times: [www.sainted.org](http://www.sainted.org)

**THE ADVENT JESSE TREE**

During Advent, we will use the Jesse Tree to remember the Old Testament promises reminding the people someone would come to rule the earth as the "Son of David". Each day we add one ornament representing a promise from the Bible. Bible verse references for each promise are found at the Jesse Tree.

**MADE FOR MORE**


Tickets on Sale Now!  
with **CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE**  
February 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. This event is appropriate for ages 15 and up.

This event will sell out, so grab your tickets NOW in the parish office, online at [www.corproject.com/peoria](http://www.corproject.com/peoria), or call Lisa at 309-397-3109. Tickets are \$20.

Please contact Lisa Bischler at 309-397-3109 if you would like more information.

Brought to you by St. Edward, St. Jude and St. Vincent Parishes & The Cor Project.



St. Edward will be offering a *Blue Christmas Memorial Mass* on Friday, December 21st at 6:30 pm. For those experiencing grief, loss or hardship, the Christmas season is far from the most wonderful time of the year. Typical holiday festivities—merry carol singing, decorating, gathering with family and purchasing gifts—emphasize joy and cheer, leaving little room for pain... This Mass is offered especially for anyone who is dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, dealing with addiction, cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and any other human situation that makes parties and joviality painful for many people. On the longest night of the year, this will be a candle-light service of *hope* and *healing* for all who are burdened with the pains of loss and uncertainty -especially during the Christmas season. *You are not alone.*



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** Anyone wishing to purchase a Christmas flower in memory of a loved one to help decorate the altar for Christmas should have them brought/delivered to the church on **Saturday, Dec. 15**. We will post the names of tagged flowers in a subsequent bulletin. Please place flowers in the chapel or behind the altar.



**ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL** Would you like to contribute to the church or school online? Do you know someone from out of town who would like to make a donation? Visit your parish website ([sainted.org](http://sainted.org)) and click on the "GIVE" button at the top of the home page.

**ST. EDWARD PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

	Fiscal Year	
	Dec. 2	to Date
Sunday Collections Received	\$ 13,872	\$ 184,116
Sunday Collections Needed (for period wk./mo.)	8,517	221,444
Difference	\$ 5,355	\$ (37,328)

Top Expenses November 25-December 1	Amount
Church Repairs/Maintenance--Sound System	\$ 1,146
School Equipment Monthly Rent--copier/printers	\$ 792
School Caterer-Hot Lunch	\$ 746
Church Sunday Missals	\$ 214

*Thank you for supporting the good work of St. Edward Parish!*



**LOOKING AHEAD:**

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| School Christmas Program                   | December 12 |
| Children's Gifts for Christmas Baskets Due | December 14 |
| Christmas Baskets Distribution             | December 15 |
| Christmas Flowers due at Church            | December 15 |
| Christmas Decorating at Church             | December 16 |
| Knights of Columbus Meeting                | December 17 |

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve

- 4:30 pm Children's Mass
- 8:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day

- 10:30 am Christmas Mass

**Advent Confession Schedule**

Confessions at St. Edward Church after all Sunday Masses during Advent, in addition to Saturdays from 3pm-4:15m



**CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will be after 10:30 Mass on December 16th. Monsignor Bliss will provide food and drinks and our A&E Committee will provide sweets for the decorating group. Please join in this festive activity!

**~SCHOOL SNIPPETS~**

- ◆ St. Edward School Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm in the gym. All members of our parish are invited.
- ◆ The Parents Club is raffling over \$350 in gift cards and prizes! Tickets are \$2 ea. or 3/\$5 and available at the church and school offices. Drawing is December 20.

**COMMUNAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Sunday, December 16th at 3 pm. —St. Jude Church  
 Wednesday, December 19th at 6 pm.—St. Vincent DePaul Church

**IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS-DONATION OPPORTUNITY** There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help your parish, school or ministry. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to your parish, school or ministry during 2018 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 1/2 to help. Please contact the person that handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor if you are interested in this possibility.

**EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF PEORIA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** Tuesday, December 11 at St. Thomas Parish, Peoria beginning with Rosary at 10:00 am. Brunch served by the CWL Board will follow. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to share in the Christmas Brunch. There will be a \$5.00 donation at the door. Please RSVP to Beth Bussan at [cwl.peoria@gmail.com](mailto:cwl.peoria@gmail.com).

**ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION AT ST. MARK'S** Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning with Holy Mass at 8:00AM. **Retreat Leader/Speaker: Rev. Tim Hepner**, Diocesan Vocation Director of Recruitment. How do we let the Advent reality penetrate our daily lives? How do we let God's plan for the season take over? How do we find peace, silence, and the deep longing that only the coming of the Incarnate Word can fulfill? Please call the Rectory (309-673-1263) for reservations. Light breakfast will be served.

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 10**

- Monday**  
6:30 P.M. Rosary—Church
- Tuesday**  
6:30 P.M. Rosary—Church  
7:00 P.M. Prayer Group—Church
- Wednesday** ***Feast-Our Lady of Guadalupe***  
8:45 A.M. School Mass  
6:30 P.M. Rosary—Church  
6:30 P.M. Scripture Study—Hall  
6:30 P.M. School Christmas Program—School Gym
- Thursday**  
9:00 A.M. Scripture Study—Hall  
6:30 P.M. Rosary—Church  
7:00 P.M. Legion of Mary—Hall
- Friday**  
4:00 P.M. Adoration—Church
- Saturday**  
9:00 A.M. Christmas Baskets Filling & Distributing & Cleanup—School Gym  
9:00 A.M. Padre Pio Prayer Group—**Cancelled**  
3-4:00 P.M. Confessions—Church

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 10—DECEMBER 16

**TUESDAY-FRIDAY MORNINGS**

**MASS SERVERS:** Philip Rupiper & Sammy Dennis

**SATURDAY 4:30 PM**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** S. Bogner, J. Olson, R/K Wilkins, A. Gusman, M. Nordstrom

**GREETER:** Gina White

**LECTOR:** H. Rodier

**SERVER:** Volunteer

**SUNDAY 8:00 AM**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** J. Skalet, M. Lauber

**GREETERS:** S. Hollandsworth, J. Joyce

**LECTOR:** K. Baxter

**SERVERS:** M. Grant & E. Stanley

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** G.

Bogner, A. Gauwitz, A. Jones, D. Dietrich, F. Gerke, N. Kaelin

**GREETERS:** G/A Jones, V. Joyce Family

**LECTOR:** M. Stanek

**SERVERS:** Jacob & Philip Rupiper