

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve
 7:30 am Weekday Mass
 Deacon Richard Kauth by Frank & Chris Timmermann
 4:30 pm Children's Christmas Mass
 Margaret Stansell by Joe & Lisa Bischler
 8:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
 Bobby Kennedy by Grace Youngman

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day
 10:30 am Christmas Mass
 Marge Rodier by Patricia Tomlin

Wednesday, December 26
 7:30 am **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
Communion Svc. Only

Thursday, December 27
 7:30 am Pauline Guner by Karen Megan

Friday, December 28
 7:30 am Jeannette Shelanskey by St. Edward Prayer Group

Saturday, December 29
 9:00 am Reserved for Msgr. Bliss' Intention
 4:30 pm All Parishioners of St. Edward Parish

Sunday, December 30
 8:00 am Jim Butler by Ann Gauwitz
 10:30 am Eldon Oppe by Walter Oppe & Family

Rosary: Deacon John Merdian

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

Reconciliation

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



From the Pastor's Desk-

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who in any way helped to make our 2018 Christmas Basket give-away a tremendous success. It was wonderful to watch everyone working together last Saturday. It ran like a well-oiled machine! I want to offer a special thanks to Joe Langenstein for his dedicated service over the many years regarding this act of charity. "Well done good and faithful servant." We all made a difference to make Christmas a bit brighter for many this year. I know the Lord is pleased.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to those who helped decorate the Church for our celebration of Christmas. I really appreciate it. The church looks beautiful! Thanks too for the many people who donated poinsettias in memory of their loved ones. They are a beautiful memorial.

Lastly, I want to let you know we are raffling off a car (a 2019 Chevy Trax SUV) for our spring auction. We will be formally announcing it in the days ahead but please know tickets are already available on the parish and school websites. They are \$50.00 each. More to follow soon!

May this Christmas and New Year bring to each of us and our families much joy and blessings in the love of the Lord!

Msgr. Michael Bliss

Congratulations to the December Raffle Club Winners!

- \$200-Steve and Diane Hahn
- \$100-Lori Gaskins
- \$50-Jake and Lisa Roseboom
- \$100 Bonus-Laurie March
- \$100 Bonus-Sandy Pomazal
- \$100 Bonus-Moira Barone

Thank you to all of the 2018 Raffle Club members for their participation and support! Please watch for the 2019 Raffle Club entry forms to be in the bulletins, mail, and school backpacks shortly after January 1, 2019. *Happy Holidays!*

ST. EDWARD PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	Dec. 16	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Collections Received	\$ 4,900	\$ 200,751
Sunday Collections Needed (for period wk. /mo.)	8,517	221,444
Difference	\$ (3,617)	\$ (20,693)
Top Bills Paid -December 9-15	Amount	
Monthly Salaries-School & Parish	\$ 37,218	
Monthly Employee Taxes & Benefits-School & Parish	\$ 9,769	
Gifts of Appreciation-Parish	\$ 1,500	
School Technology-iPads	\$ 1,894	

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Children's Mass

8:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day

10:30 am Christmas Mass

SERVERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES December 24 at 8:30 pm and December 25 at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon John at 309.251.2157 or jmerdian@jtfennell.com.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass: December 31st 6:30 p.m. (Followed by Holy Hour to ring in the New Year!)

Holy Day Mass: January 1st 9:00 a.m.



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) and click on the "GIVE" button at the top of the home page.

THE LEGION OF MARY meeting times have changed to Tuesdays at 1:45 in the Parish Hall. Contact Monsignor Bliss if you'd like more information.

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, or call Lisa at 309-397-3109. Tickets are \$20.

Please contact Lisa Bischler at 309-397-3109 for more information.

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

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.

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED for the Parish offices of Immaculate Conception, Lacon and St John 23rd of Henry located in Lacon. Must be computer literate, have knowledge of bookkeeping, be reliable and able to interact with people. If interested call the Parish Office at 309-246-5145.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

Monday	Christmas Eve 6:30 pm Rosary—Church
Tuesday	Christmas Day No scheduled activities.
Wednesday	6:30 pm Rosary—Church
Thursday	6:30 pm Rosary—Church
Friday	4:00 pm Adoration—Church
Saturday	3-4:00 pm Confessions—Church

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 25—DECEMBER 30

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7:30 AM

MASS SERVERS: Alan Pham/Luke Joyce

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: R/K Wilkins, P. Mohrman, M. Nordstrom

GREETER:

LECTOR: R. Flake

SERVER: Volunteer

SUNDAY 8:00 AM

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: M.

Lauber, H/P Simmons

GREETERS: T/A Emrich

LECTOR: S. Pomazal

SERVERS: A. Haytcher & H. Kear

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: D.

Dietrich, N. Kaelin, M/T Storti, C. Otto

GREETERS: J/G Duvall, D/C Otto

LECTOR: D. Stanek

SERVERS: A. Parks & A. Crank