

THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Buon Natale! Feliz Navidad! Maligayang Pasko! Wesolych Swiat! Frohe Weihnachten!

Those four weeks of Advent fly by every year, and this year we had four full weeks! Either way, I hope your Advent was one of joyful anticipation and I pray that now we've begun the Christmas season you and your family will celebrate the next few weeks with the same joy felt by the Angels, Shepherds, and Wise Men who visited the Christ child. Now that the shopping is finished, gifts are opened, cookies are baked, and houses are more-or -less clean, use this Christmas season as a time to slow down and be with your family.

Today, December 26, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and we're called to look at and mediate on Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Sure, we know that Jesus is God, Mary is Immaculately Conceived, and Joseph is a just man; but from an outsider looking in, they could also be described as a couple you would find on the Maury Show. Mary got "knocked up" while cheating on Joseph, and they were so poor they could only sleep in a barn with animals while on vacation. If anything, this is a reminder that not all families are as "perfect" nor as "dysfunctional" as they may seem. But let's not remain in ignorance, let's together look at the truth of the Holy Family.

Joseph, while the foster father of Jesus, is still the protector of the family and the shadow of God the Father. St. Joseph makes sure that while there is no room at the inn, he doesn't leave his wife and child out in the elements. St. Joseph finds a place for the Christ child to lay His head and for our Blessed Mother to rest after giving birth, even if it is a humble stable. St. Joseph also protects Jesus when King Herod attempts to kill all baby boys after hearing the King of the Jews had been born. It is through Josephs dream that he's told by God to take the Blessed Mother and Jesus to Egypt for safety. Joseph continues to protect the family by bringing them into his home at Nazareth and raising Jesus with Mary. It is in the raising of Christ and forming Him to be a good and faithful Jew that St. Joseph is the shadow of God the Father.

Mary, our Queen and Mother, obviously is special since she is the Immaculate Conception and Mother of God (which we will celebrate January 1st as a Holy Day of Obligation). It is through Mary's faithfulness and special grace given to her by God that allows her to not only raise a good son, but also to meditate and discern with God the Father on how to form Him for His coming mission and ministry, especially the Cross.

Remember, while the Holy Family is holy and full of grace, they are still a normal family. Mary and Joseph lost Jesus at least once when visiting the city of Jerusalem. It is believed that Joseph died when Jesus was young since we don't hear of Joseph in the Scriptures once Jesus begins His public ministry. If the death of Lazarus was hard on Jesus (John 11:35), we can only imagine how hard it was for Jesus to lose His earthly father. Yes, Jesus and Mary are perfect, but Joseph wasn't, and he is still a member of the Holy Family.

We too can make our homes and our family holy by keeping to the basics, which is what the Holy Family did. They kept almighty God at the center of their life through daily prayer and attending synagogue and visiting the Temple. We must pray as a family EVERY DAY and come to the altar of God at Holy Mass at the minimum every Sunday. We must also remain humble, like the Holy Family, and nothing teaches humility better than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Get to confession NOW, especially if you haven't been in the sin bin for over a year (we're asked to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a minimum of once a year).

To anyone visiting St. Edward for the first time, welcome! Check out our parish website for Mass times, reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and our many other events and social groups. All are welcome to join our parish family where we inspire Saints who inspire Saints to build the Kingdom of God. We want all our families to be holy, focused on God, humble, and ready to share God's love with everyone!

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Dom



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021-2022

NEW YEAR, NEW ME CONFESSIONS Friday, December 31, 12:00-4:00pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass December 31 @ 4:30pm January 1st Mass Times: 9:30 and 11:00am

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 Mass Times: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am *There will be NO vigil Mass for this Solemnity*

> FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 9 Baptism within Mass & Special Blessing for all recently Baptized @ 11:00am with a social after



Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

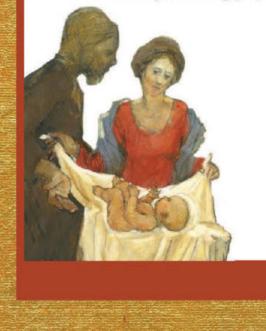
We joyfully celebrate the birth of the Lord. As we do so, we are also very much aware the challenges that we face—moving beyond the pandemic, building social peace in our society, and finding economic stability in uncertain times. In all of this, we reaffirm our faith that Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God-with-us. He accompanies us and walks with us. And that gives us great confidence and sure hope.

This year, Pope Francis has called the entire Church to reflect on synodality, a word that means "being on the road together," as we make our life journey. We believe that Jesus is on the road with us. And our faith also leads us to commit ourselves to be on the road with each other. In this season, we take inspiration from the Christmas gospel stories of Mary and Joseph journeying on the road together to Bethlehem and the Magi on the road together to find Jesus.

I pray that, accompanied by the Lord, we may learn to be sources of encouragement for each other on the journey.

During this holy season, I will bring you, your loved ones, and your special intentions to the altar. As I pray for you, I also ask you to pray for me, so that together all of us may find renewal in the Lord.

God bless you and keep you,



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alax Card. Carguil Archbishop of Chicago

December 26, 2021 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

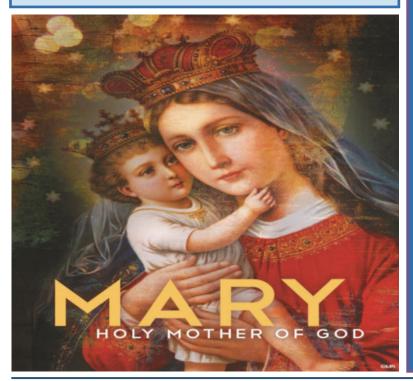
MASS		PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	SERVERS
Friday December 31	4:30 PM	Fr. Clemente	Maureen Newman Mary Ann Dardugno	Linda M. Paras	TBD
Saturday January 1	9:00 AM	Fr. McIlhone & Deacon Mike	Jerome Lasky	Bob Schmalz	TBD
Saturday January 1	11:00 AM	Fr. Clemente	TBD	Julian Zea	TBD
Sunday January 2	8:00 AM	Fr. Clemente	Vince Meno	TBD	None
Sunday January 2	9:30 AM	Fr. McIlhone	Alfonso Aguirre	Elsa Aguirre	P. Hehir H. Morgan
Sunday January 2	11:00 AM	Fr. Kalas	TBD	Tracy Kennedy	G. Velgara C. Zimo

PRO-LIFE FOOD DRIVE



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Participate in a corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry. Start the year with a good deed.



Youth Ministry Schedule



December 26 & January 2 No Youth Group

> January 9 Mass & Discussion

> January 16 Mass & Discussion

January 23 NET mini-Retreat, 6:00-9:00pm

January 30 Prayer & Discussion (No Mass)

Youth Group meets in the Oratory of the Blessed Trinity and Unity Hall. Any teen in 8th through 12th grade are welcome. Masks are to be worn inside at all gatherings.



St. Edward Transportation Ministry Bus Service begins the weekend of May 1st-2nd

BUS SERVICE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING: 4:30 PM VIGIL MASS Pick-up: 3:10-4:10 pm Drop-off at 5:30-6:45 pm (depending on the length of Mass)

SUNDAY MORNING: 9:30 AM MASS Pick-up: 8:10-9:10am

Drop-off at 10:30-11:45 am (depending on the length of Mass)

FEAST DAYS: Bus service will also be available for certain feast days and holy days of obligation. Call the rectory office at 773-545-6496 for times and information.

FEES: There is no cost to ride. Donations are always welcome to pay for gas.

GENERAL PROCEDURES:

- Our bus is equipped with an elevator lift and two wheelchair spaces. Please note our church building will not be accessible by wheelchair until the Fall of 2021.
- Anyone who would like a ride to Mass must call the rectory office at 773-545-6496 by 5:00 pm Thursday to reserve their seat for that weekend.
- Because of COVID restrictions, passengers are limited to a max of seven (7) and everyone must wear a mask on the bus at all times. When restrictions are lifted, the passenger capacity is fourteen (14). Spots will be assigned on a first-call, first-served basis each week.

TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS: All our bus drivers have valid and up-to-date driver's licenses and are insured by the Archdiocese of Chicago. All our drivers are volunteers who are sacrificing personal and family time to participate in this ministry, please be understanding and patient with them. If there are any issues, please contact the rectory office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 26 -Feast of the Holy Family

Monday, December 27 Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

Wednesday, December 29 Legion of Mary Meeting, 9:00am *Rectory Hall*

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31

Rectory Office Closed New Year, New Me Confessions, 12:00-4:00pm *Church* Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, 4:30pm *Church*

Saturday, January 1 -

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Mass Times: 9:30am & 11:00am *Church*

Sunday, January 2 – Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Regular Mass Schedule: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am Church

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

During the Christmas season, we hear these words from one of our favorite hymns, " O Come All Ye Faithful". When we sing these words, we should remember the angels, shepherds and wise men who were the first to come to adore Our Lord. We are being called to follow their lead and we can respond by coming to Eucharist Adoration.

We wish to thank all the faithful adorers who came during this past year. We are sure that you have been blessed. Those who have not committed to a Holy Hour previously, please consider doing so. It is only one hour every First Friday for twelve months. You will be spending time with the One who loves you the most. He waits for you.

The sign up chart will be in the vestibule next weekend. When you sign up you will receive the dates for 2022 and calendar reminders stickers. There are many open time slots that need to be filled. Please prayerfully consider taking one of them. We also need people to sign up to be substitutes, to fill in when someone can't make it.

The first day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 2022 is Friday, January 7th, starting right after the 8:30A.M Mass and ending with Benediction at 6:45 P.M. Please note time change for Benediction.

Please make this one of your New Year's resolutions. What a great way to start the new year!

Join us for the Octave of Christmas!

The eight days following Christmas is known as the Octave of Christmas! Make a point to join us each day for Holy Mass! We celebrate Holy Mass at 8:30am Monday through Saturday. Come and join us!

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God January 1 - A Holy Day of Obligation

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. We will offer Holy Mass on New Year's Eve, December 31, at 4:30pm and the morning of New Years Day, January 1st at 9:30 and 11am.

There's no better way to kick off the New Year than by celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, receiving the Eucharist, and seeking the intercession of our Blessed Mother!

> New Year, New Me Confessions! December 31, 12:00-4:00pm

We will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on New Years Eve, December 31, from 12:00-4:00pm. Get your soul wiped clean as we enter a new year!

HELP NEEDED IN LIVE-STREAM MINISTRY

The pandemic, for all its terribleness, brought about a new ministry at St. Ed's where we live-stream all our liturgies on YouTube and Facebook. We have a small, but very dedicated, team of parishioners who run our system daily so people at home can pray and worship God with our community of faith. It is not difficult to learn the system and you will receive plenty of training and shadowing, but we need help! If you have any knowledge of working with a desktop, you are perfect! Please contact Fr. Dom via e-mail at frclemente@stedparish.org to get more information or to sign up and join this important ministry.

Please consider joining this ministry and helping our parishioners at home worship God with our community of faith!

St. Isidor, patron saint of technology, pray for us!



FR. DOM DRINK KOOZIES



SUPPORT THE PARISH AND GET SOME FUN STOCKING STUFFERS (PACKAGE OF 2) FR. DOM KOOZIES \$5.00

AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OR PURCHASE ONLINE AT stedparish.org/fr-dom-koozies

ST. EDWARD IN PERSON



Saturday, January 15th, 2022

6:30pm - 11pm ish First round begins promptly at 7pm

IN PERSON EVENT

Trivia Night is back, LIVE & IN PERSON! Join us for a night to remember while supporting the St. Edward Class of 2022.

Bottles of wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be sold.

No outside beverages permitted!

A prize worth \$300 goes to the winning team!

50/50 RAFFLE \$25/1 TICKET OR 3/\$50

\$150 BEVERAGE VOUCHER PROVIDED NIGHT OF TRIVIA NIGHT FOR ONE TEAM

> DRINK RAFFLE \$10/1 TICKET OR 3/\$20

Raffle tix can be purchased by sending in this form.

Sat, January 15th, 2022 TEAM SIGN UP

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY JANUARY 7th

Teams that sign up by January 9™ will get ONE ENTRY TICKET

that can be used to enter the Beverage Raffle.

HOST	NAME:	
11031	IN/APILA	

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL: ____

WOULD LIKE:

\$175 PER TEAM (Max of 8 on a team) Teams fewer than 8 are allowed/encouraged.

TEAM NAME:

TEAMMATES UP TO 8 (LIST NAMES)

_____ \$25 FOR A SINGLE TICKET (You will be paired with a team)

___\$50 FOR A COUPLE (You will be paired with a team)

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. EDWARD FUNDRAISING. YOU MAY PURCHASE TICKETS BY:

Mailing to Jenn Hegener at 5727 W. Wilson Chicago, IL 60630 OR sending through the school backpack mail/office ATTENTION: Trivia Night, Jenn Hegener/Matthew Hegener's attention (room 305) Payment must be received in order to reserve your spot.

Proceeds benefit the St. Edward Graduating Class of 2022. Funds raised in excess of 8th grade graduating class expenses will be donated to St. Edward Church and School in the form of a class gift.

50/50 RAFFLE	TOTAL: \$
\$150 BEVERAGE VOUCHER PROVIDED NIGHT OF TRIVIA NIGHT FOR ONE TEAM	TOTAL: \$
NAME:	

QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFO? thehegeners@yahoo.com or 773.991.6787

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We know many are new to St. Ed's and we're happy to have you join our parish family! You can register as a parishioner online at www.stedparish.org if you haven't already done that. Here are some ways you can get involved at our parish.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES TO MEET NEW PEOPLE

MEN'S GROUP

Our men's group meets once a month with the goal of building fraternity, being of service, and growing our prayer lives. Each month is something different from a holy hour with beer after, to a service project, to watching a Bears game. All men of the parish are welcome to join us each month. Sign up to receive e-mails from Fr. Dom by e-mailing him: frclemente@stedparish.org

WOMEN'S GROUP

The women's group meets once a month on the second Monday to build community, pray together, and support one another. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. For more information and to be put on the e-mail list, contact Mary Ann Dardugno at <u>ma4842@yahoo.com</u> or Marianne Ryczek at <u>marianne.ryczek@gmail.com</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternity of men who serve the Church. Tonti Council meets here at St. Edward and is made up of men from St. Ed's, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Robert Bellarmine, and St. Constance Parishes. The Knights are men of service to the various parishes, fundraise for many organizations, and support vocations. If you are interested in joining Tonti Council, please contact Grand Knight Kurt Sedlacek at <u>kurt_sedlacek@sbcglobal.net</u>

THEOLOGY & CIGARS

This group of men have been meeting for over 30 years on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss various topics on the Church. Men take turn presenting articles and topics for discussion. "No experience necessary." Contact Kevin White to be put on the e-mail list: <u>kwhite@kevinedwardwhi</u> <u>teassociates.com</u>

LEGION OF MARY

Our Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday morning in the rectory from 9:00-10:00 am. They pray together, do works of charity each month, and socialize. If you would like to join the Legion of Mary, please contact Carroll Bourillion at <u>aunt carey@yahoo.com</u>

SCOUTING KIDS - TEENS

CUB SCOUTS meet in their ranks and at Pack Nights. Contact Tom Bender at <u>chi tom@yahoo.com</u>

SCOUTS BSA meet every Monday night in Unity Hall. Contact Jerome Lasky at scoutmaster.troop115@gmail

.com

GIRL SCOUTS meet in their ranked groups. Contact Julie Andersen at <u>ander9696@aol.com</u> or Whitney Minarik at <u>whitneyminarik@gmail.com</u>

These are just some ways to get involved and meet new people. You can always find more info on our website: www.stedparish.org. Did you run or were part of a ministry at your former parish that we don't have here? If you want to start something new at St. Edward, we'd love to help you start! Contact Fr. Dom at **frclemente@stedparish.org**



	December 25			
The Nativity of the Lord				
12AM	†Stanley Ficnerski			
	†Shirley Gaukler			
9:30AM	†Seaborn Davis			
	†Victor & Mary Depa			
	†Patrick McLoughlin Family			
11AM	†Fr. Bill Dolan			
	†Cheryl Clemente			
	†Michael & Birdie Kilcourse			
Sunday, De				
The Holy Fa	amily of Jesus, Mary and			
Joseph				
8:00AM	†Al Veras			
	†Robert Kurtzer			
	†Ella French			
	†Pat Rodino			
9:30AM	†Fr. Larry Maddock			
11:00AM	†James Weging			
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	†Danny Quigley			
	ecember 27			
	postle and Evangelist			
8:30AM	Robert Rivera			
Tuesday, D	ecember 28			
	nocents, Martyrs			
8:30AM	†Gloria Hasier			
	†Carmelita & Eugenio Licardo			
	Hugo Lee-Birthday			
Wednesday	y, December 29			
Fifth Day within the Octave of the				
Nativity of	the Lord			
8:30AM	†Jessica Vega			
	Andrew William and Carol			
	Eve Finkenstadt			
	Rev. John M. Murphy			
Thursday, December 30				
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Navity				
of the Lord				

8:30AM †Brian Mitchell Rose Meyerbock

Friday, December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8:30AM †Emilita B. Gelisan 4:30PM †Dolly Delaney All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 1 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:30AM †Wally Koegler 11AM †Francis & Jule Marie Dolan Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM †Fr. Bill Dolan 11:00AM †Francis Cardinal George †Bobby Coughlin



Pray for the sick of our parish family:

Roger Africa Mary Lou Agronomoff Nathan Devan Arceo Mary Anne Asakura William Finkenstadt Fr. Erwin Friedl Henry Hammersten Maureen Hughes Agnes Keresztes Marianne Kramer Elizabeth Rose Lyuksemburg Gloria Mercado **Richard Pasierbowicz Margaret Pitts** Kathy Schreiber **Kathy Sugars** Lourdes Vidal

And those serving our country:

Juan Hernandez **Collin John Jones** 1st Lt. Randall Kester Craig Lensegrav, Ryan C. Loy Daniel McCright Joselito R. Mercado Shane Murrav Sean Mayerbock Sean O'Connor Gretel Ypil, Odon Matthew Olker Danny Oresky, **Gavin Sustek SFC** Edward Swartz Danielle Ulrich **Rachel Vega** Brian West

Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm (Church open at 4:00 pm)

Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11 am (Church open at 7:30 am)

Monday-Saturday: Mass at 8:30 am (Church open at 8:00 am)

> Confessions Saturday: 12:00-1:00 pm



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MAKING ST. EDWARD Church Accessible To All

WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS!

After months of waiting for permits and zoning approval, we are excited that in a few months our church will be accessible to all. Like most construction projects there will be additional costs. Landscaping and parking lot issues, that were not included in the initial estimate, have to be addressed.

If you have not donated to the Elevator Fund and are able to, now would be a good time to do so. Any amount that you can give will help us to reach our goal. You can donate by check or online by visiting the parish website at <u>www.stedparish.org.</u> As the work progresses, we will get you updated.

THANK YOU to all who have already contributed to the Elevator Campaign to date! For more information, contact Fr. Dominic at 773-545-6496 or frclemente@stedparish.org.

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