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The mission of St. Edward Parish is to be
an evangelizing community *by faith, with love, in hope.*



Octave of Christmas

December 25—The Nativity
of the Lord

December 27—The Holy
Family of Jesus, Mary, and
Joseph

January 1—The Solemnity of Mary,
the Mother of God

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Mass Schedule (pandemic)

Saturday 5:15pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am
Weekdays See Inside

Sacrament of Baptism

Register online at <https://waterloocatholics.org/baptism-registration>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements should ideally be made six months in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Individual celebration upon request.

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December 25—January 1

THE MISSION OF ST. EDWARD PARISH

Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 29—St. Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

NO MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 30—Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

NO MASS

Thursday, Dec. 31—St. Sylvester I

1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

NO MASS

Friday, Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

9:00am Stan Duffy[†]

Saturday, Jan. 2—Ss. Basil and Gregory of Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

5:15pm Jeanne Harper[†]

Sunday, Jan. 3—Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

8:00am Wes Schons[†]

10:30 am Dr. Bernard Sand[†] and Family

From the pastor

- Heard enough about the Pandemic yet? I think that it is safe to say that we're mostly all well past "pandemic fatigue," though the precautions necessarily go on, for the sake of the common good. As you might imagine, folks from many perspectives have been anxious to discuss with me how they feel about the pandemic of this last year, including your parish's response to it. Needless to say, not everyone is of one mind! It is my hope that we can continue, in our different perspectives, to assume and presume the goodwill of others. One encounter I had with a parishioner in the last month raised, for me, what our faith has to say about where we have been, how we respond, and where we go from here. In the context of various precautions that we have been taking (masks, social distancing, limited gatherings), the parishioner stated, "We don't believe in any of these—it's an issue of faith." Rather than dismiss such a sentiment as scientifically naïve, it has been for me the occasion to reflect on what we mean by "faith" and to consider how faith and reason work together, or perhaps where faith (reliance on God) ends and reason (human effort) takes over. Our Catholic tradition would speak about the interpenetration of faith and reason: Faith has a consistency that is internally and externally reasonable (it "fits" together without internal inconsistencies and is reflected in the rational structure of creation). Reason reflects the Creator's plan which, with God's gift of wisdom, we can "unlock" for the good of humanity. So, we do not react to the world either as a place where human effort is not required, nor a place where all depends upon God to "intervene."

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In fact, we believe God intervenes both in surprising ways and through His wisdom given to humans to enhance life through the sciences and human endeavors. So... we continue to act with faith that God will care for us, even as we consider the fruits of human sciences and reason to prudently act to protect one another in a time of illness.

- The latest stage of our human response to the pandemic is the wider availability of vaccines, where human research works to unleash the miracle of the human immune system to protect a person. Some have had legitimate questions about the morality of choosing vaccination. Again concerned with the fine balance between human reason and what our faith demands, we must acknowledge that it is possible to use science for immoral ends or through immoral means. For example, testing a drug on persons without their permission or knowledge would be an immoral means, despite whatever good might come from it (to be clear, there is no evidence that this has happened in the case of the COVID-19 vaccine!). I direct you to the statement of our Catholic Bishops in Iowa on the use of the COVID-19 vaccines and the morality of the use of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, from December 3, 2020, reprinted in this bulletin. Their summary counsel is that Catholics can receive these vaccines as developed in a manner ethically consistent with our faith and moral tradition.
- I have mentioned in previous bulletin messages the urgent need for support of our Student Tuition Organization, that provides support of our truly needy Catholic school students and, at the same time, offers substantial tax incentives. While these incentives are attractive, more important to us is providing for the human development and spiritual formation in our schools that would not be affordable without this support. The best place to find more information, updates, and to donate is: ourfaithsto.org/helptoday. Questions about donations should go to Jeff Schneider, Director of STO, at jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org or (563) 556-2580 ext. 219. I have made my donation and I ask you to do the same. Thank you for this Christmas gift for some very needy students!
- Despite all that 2020 "brought," Merry Christmas to you and your families! While we have, during the season of Advent, been considering what we are to do in response to God's goodness (we are to "choose hope," to make the choice to trust in the promises of God, even though things can seem hopeless), Christmas is that event when we remember that Hope has chosen us, that God sent His Son to bring Hope to an often hopeless world. Now that we remember that Love and Hope has come, let us share Hope and proclaim Hope.

Fr. Bullock



Choose Hope in the Newborn Messiah

"I proclaim to you good news of great joy...a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

- How have you experienced Jesus as "Emmanuel," God-with-us, this past year?
- How does the life of the Holy Family demonstrate hope in the midst of uncertainty?
- What aspect of faith has you excited, curious, and hope-filled at this moment?
- As we look toward a new calendar year, what might you do to continue to "choose hope" and make space for God?

Our Advent preparations at home and in our hearts lead us to the rejoicing that comes with celebrating Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and in our souls. While in the secular world, many think Christmas ENDS on Dec. 25, our Catholic faith teaches us that it's only the beginning of a whole season! This year's Christmas season doesn't end until after the Masses celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Jan. 10.

To start off the celebration, we have the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, 8 days of celebrating the glorious news that Hope is born in our newborn messiah, Jesus. Every one of these days is another Christmas morning, when we marvel that God chose to save his people by becoming human. The baby born in a manger is the messiah, our savior and deliverer. God CHOSE to be a vulnerable baby! And we can continue to "choose hope" in him.

The octave starts with the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), includes the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and then concludes with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. As we celebrate each of these days, consider how each one strengthens us and calls us to hope.

RESQUIANT IN PACEM

May light perpetual shine on them.

- All victims of COVID-19 in our community
- Eileen McKenna, sister of Kathy Yuska
- Helen Miller

UPDATED CHURCH HOURS DEC. 28-JAN. 1

December 28, 29, 30:
Church open 7am—7pm

December 31:
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January 1:
Church open for 9am Mass of
the Solemnity of Mary; locked
after Mass.



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December 3, 2020 Statement of the Iowa bishops on the COVID vaccines

There is encouraging news about the development and distribution of vaccines against the coronavirus. Thanks be to God. Some people have concerns about the safety of the vaccine on account of the speed of its development and of FDA approval. In this regard, experts explain that the speed is a testimony to scientific advances that turned years into months without compromising safety and scientific integrity. Some people are concerned, too, about the risk of side effects. There is no scientifically proven link between vaccines and other conditions, such as autism. It is not uncommon to experience minor side effects from being vaccinated. People may feel temporarily uncomfortable, but the benefit from the vaccine exceeds any burden. Finally, there is troubling news that some drug companies used cell lines from the fetal tissue of an aborted baby in the design, development and production of their vaccines.

In response, the USCCB Committees on Pro-life and Doctrine had this to say:

People may in good conscience use the vaccines produced by Pfizer and Moderna, which made only limited use of those unethical cell lines (for lab testing of the vaccine). Morally speaking, the vaccine offered by these two companies is relatively remote from the evil of abortion, and so need not trouble anyone's conscience to use either one. In contrast, some other companies use a cell line from the fetal tissue of an aborted baby in the design, development, production, and lab testing of their COVID vaccines. If possible, those vaccines should not be used. If there is no alternative available, however, people may in good faith use them against the serious health risk of COVID. The common good of public health takes precedence over any reservation about being treated with vaccines; they will not be effective if people do not use them.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Cub Scouts will be collecting cans and bottles on Saturday, January 2 from 9-11am in the St. Edward church parking lot. If you have cans or bottles to drop off, please drop them off only during these designated hours. Thank you!

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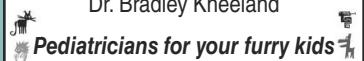


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