

The Edwardian

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011

*Rejoice
Always!*



Pray Without Ceasing.

—1 Thessalonians 5:16



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat. December 10—Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:45 p.m.
5:30 †Raymond V. Sipiora req. by family
- Sun. December 11—Third Sunday of Advent**
Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:30, 9:00,
& 10:30 a.m.
8:00 †Shirley Wawrzyniak req. by 1st grade class
†John Wegner req. by Nyberg family
9:30 †John Boyd req. by wife Margaret & family
†Dorothy Keating req. by Mary Ellen Hayes
11:00 †Susan Gallagher req. by Brosnan family
†Inez Klein req. by Gavin & Margie
- Mon. December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**
6:45 St. Edward Parishioners
8:15 St. Edward Parishioners
- Tues. December 13—St. Lucy**
6:45 St. Edward Parishioners
8:15 St. Edward Parishioners
- Wed. December 14—St. John of the Cross**
6:45 St. Edward Parishioners
8:15 †Francis McKniff req. by family
- Thurs. December 15—Advent Weekday**
6:45 †Vernon Hunt req. by Paul Vega
8:15 St. Edward Parishioners
- Fri. December 16—Advent Weekday**
6:45 Thanksgiving for Mangaoang family
8:15 †Ramon Rios 1st anniv. req. by family
- Sat. December 17—Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:45 p.m.
8:15 †Mike Fedoruk req. by wife & family
5:30 Simbang Gabi Mass
†Mamie Calderone req. by Nick & Peg
- Sun. December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:30, 9:00,
& 10:30 a.m.
8:00 †John Wegner req. by Jozwik family
9:30 †Victor & Mary Depa req. by family
†Fr. Didier Bonnetterre req. by Pflanz family
†Margarete Michael & Gretele Peter Rehm
15th anniv. req. by Katarina Tasch
11:00 †Robert Kurtzer req. by Kurtzer family
†Dorothy Keating req. by Mary Ellen Hayes

Our Weekly Offering December 4, 2011

Sunday Collection:	\$ 6,873.25
Children's Envelopes:	48.50
Parish Pay:	\$ 1,520.75
Total Offering:	\$ 8,442.50

God bless you for your generosity.

Stewardship Reflections

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted..." - Isaiah 61:1

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and He has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God's mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?

Church Happenings

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Mass
Cookie Walk & Santa's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
BH

Christmas Gift Sharing for St. Philomena 9:00 a.m.—
1:30 p.m.—RH & Rectory office

Monday, December 12

GS #20716 6:00—8:00 p.m. CH
Focolare—Word of Life 7:30 p.m. CR
RCIA 7:00 p.m. RH

Tuesday, December 13

Religious Education 6:30 p.m. SC
Liturgy Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Little Red Tot Spot 9:30—10:30 a.m. CH
GS #21236 5:00—7:00 p.m. CH
Legion of Mary 7:00—8:30 p.m. CR
School Christmas Show 7:00 p.m. BH
Choir Practice Adults 7:00 p.m. UC

Thursday, December 15

Boy Scout Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CH
Choir Practice Children 3:45 & 4:15 p.m. UC

Friday, December 16

Cub Scout Pack Nite 7:00 p.m. CH

Saturday, December 17

Novena/Rosary after 8:15 a.m. Mass
SPRED 10:00—Noon RH
Simbang Gabi 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30 a.m. Mass
TRIP Sales 10:00—10:45 a.m. CH-L
Compassionate Friends 2:00—4:30 p.m. CH
Baptism 12:30 UC

Notes from the Pastoral Staff...

Dear Parents,

May this season of Advent be a time of grace and blessing for each of you. Please take time to prepare well for the great feast of Christmas.

CONGRATULATIONS! St. Edward School won the Northside Conference Football Championship this year. It was the first time in 30 years. There was a large group of parents, teachers, alumni, and students that came out to cheer on the team. I was at a Principal's Conference in Austin, Texas but thanks to Facebook, I was able to follow the game from afar. Many of the principals were cheering with me as our team racked up the points. Way to go coaches, players, and cheerleaders!

We were all deeply saddened at the death of *Laurie Poepel-Ong*, mother of Nicholas ~ Grade 1, Paige ~ Grade 6, and Kayla class of 2009. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they try to cope with this untimely loss. May God wrap His loving arms around them and shower them with His love and grace. May Laurie rest in peace freed from all pain and suffering.

In order for us to receive E-Rate for our school, we must be in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. We have software in place that protects your child/ren from inappropriate access, safety and security while using any computers in our school labs. All parents in Grades 3 – 8 have signed the Acceptable Use Policy which states that the children are allowed to go on the Internet under supervision. **No child is allowed to go on the Internet and access inappropriate materials. Your child/ren are safe in our Computer Labs.**

Thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners, parents, and students, we collected very close to five hundred pairs of shoes. So we can proudly say, "We put shoes on an entire village in Africa." Muchas gracias!

It has been a tradition for many years to collect toys for the children from our sharing Parish St. Philomena. We will be collecting new toys either for a boy or girl. The wrapped package should be marked for a boy or girl and the age appropriateness of the gift. Please send them to school by the morning of Friday, December 9. Thank you for bringing joy to others this Christmas.

Our Yankee Candle Sale was very successful this year. We are grateful to Cindy Rosasco for her time and effort in putting this fundraiser together. Thank you for your continued support.

Welcome to *Tracy Dougan Leyden* (Class of 1978) who is working as an aide in Mrs. Juran's Preschool Classroom. We are happy to have Tracy on board!

Thank you to our families and students who donated thirty boxes of food to Catholic Charities before Thanksgiving. I know that many people benefited from your generosity. What a generous act of stewardship!

Again, I come pleading with you to help us instruct our students to cross at the corners both before and after school. We have parents and students who cross in the middle of the street or let their children out of the car and then cross in the middle of the street. We are trying to keep our children safe and so are you so **please have them cross at the corners.**

Many of our teachers have used Inquiry Units in their classrooms this fall. The Kindergarten has done a unit on Farms, Grade Two ~ Famous Places and People in the U.S., Grade Three ~ Native Americans, and Grade Eight ~ Medieval Times. All of the classes will be doing an Inquiry Unit during this school year. Our teachers attended workshops before school to learn how to use these units.

Christmas bells will be ringing at our annual Christmas show on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in Buckley Hall. We hope you will come and join in the spirit of the season.

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

December 11 ~ Cookie Walk and Santa's Breakfast
 December 14 ~ Christmas Show ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Buckley
 December 20 ~ Christmas Vacation begins at 2:45 p.m.

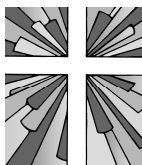
Sincerely,

Sister Marie Michelle, OP.
 Principal



*Today
 Don't miss it.....
 Best Cookies in Town!
 St. Edward Cookie Walk &
 Santa Breakfast
 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 in the Gym*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?

**Second Collection
Retirement Fund for Religious**

Retired religious need your support. By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Oplatki Wafers

The traditional Oplatki Wafer will be available in the Church vestibule starting December 10th and 11th and again on December 17th and 18th.

The suggested donation is \$2.00 per packet. Please give your donation to the priest or drop in the collection basket.



This is the last weekend to return your gift for the children and seniors of St. Philomena, our sharing parish. Please put money envelopes in the collection basket and the clothing gifts can go in the boxes by the Giving Tree. If you forgot your children's clothing gift, please bring to the Rectory by Tuesday. Money gifts received after Sunday will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

—Human Concerns Commission

Holiday Mass Schedule

Dec. 17th Simbang Gabi
5:30 p.m.

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Dec. 25th Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve
5:30 p.m.

Jan. 1st New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

St. Edward 2011 Choir Concerts

You are cordially invited to our Children and Adult Choir Concerts on December 24th.

Children's Choirs
3:50 p.m. before the Vigil Mass

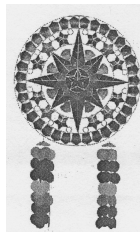
Traditional Adult Choir
10 p.m. before the Midnight Mass.



SIMBANG GABI

A Traditional Filipino Celebration

Saturday—December 17, 2011
Mass at 5:30 P.M.



ALL are welcome to share in this rich tradition.

Refreshments after Mass
in the Church Hall

St. Edward School Presents

The World Celebrates Christmas

Wednesday, December 14, 2011
Curtain 7:00 P.M. in Buckley Hall



Voluntary donations will be accepted at the door.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKDAYS
Mon., Tues. & Wed., December 12 & 13 & 14: J. McDermott & J. Whiting
Thurs., Fri. & Sat., & December 15, 16 & 17: R. O'Donnell & E. Lynch

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCH.MINISTERS		SERVERS
Dec. 17 Saturday 5:30 pm	Fr. Mike Cronin	Eileen McNulty	Paten: 1 Patty Villaverde 4 Tom Anderson 5 Kim Nielsen	Cup: 2 Jerry Neja 3 Carol Farrell	J. Hierl N. Gonzalez J. O'Callaghan
Dec. 18 Sunday 8:00 am	Fr. Jim McIlhone	Don Manchester	Paten: 1 Kris Jozwik 4 Kathleen Kriston 5 Bella Maningat	Cup: 2 Paul Kriston 3 Fran Leonard	L. Lorenzo L. Lorenzo J. White
9:30 am	Fr. Mike Cronin	Jerome Lasky	Paten: 1 Tom Anderson 4 Don Chun 5 Jim Cicero	Cup: 2 Judy cicero 3 Joan Wirkus	B. Erickson L. Erickson H. Quigley
11:00 am	Fr. Jim Beath	Alfonso Aguirre	Paten: 1 Carmencita Lanuza 4 John Elakkatt 5 Vanessa Jaszczor	Cup: 2 Archie Africa 3 Tom Clune	J. Aniciete M. Dunne E. Andersen



CHRISTMAS PARISH CHOIR

Please join members of the contemporary and traditional choirs as they sing carols and Christmas music at the 11 a.m. mass on Christmas Day! This is a great way to be part of choir if you love Christmas music but have a limited time commitment. Rehearsals are Dec. 15 and 22 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Church.

Please talk to Kristen Lynch and Henrietta Atkin for more details. Instrumentalists and returning college students especially encouraged!

YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT!

Online Survey for Proposed Catholic Education Campaign

The Department of Stewardship and Development of the Archdiocese is considering a campaign to address specific education priorities of our Catholic Schools, Religious Education Programs and Mundelein Seminary. We need your input and opinion.

Please read the Proposed Case Statement before taking the brief, anonymous survey. A direct link to the survey can be found on the front page of the Archdiocese's website, www.archchicago.org, or go directly to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HSP8GN7>.

The survey will be available until December 18.

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE



The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world.

According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

YarnWorks Ministry

YarnWorks will meet this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Any questions, please contact Beverly at:

Whitney31@ameritech.net or 312-315-4258.



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The Advent Challenge: Five Minutes A Day to Spiritual Renewal

Sometimes, old sayings get it really wrong. For example, "Idleness is the devil's workshop." In fact, the devil likes us to be busy and distracted. When we are busy with work and responsibilities and when we are distracted by problems and enjoyments, we never stop to take a deeper look at our lives. Busy and distracted people hurry from one thing to the next. They cannot hear the voice of God calling them in their lives. They just can't seem to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes in his Word and Sacraments and in the circumstances of ordinary life.

When we hear the Advent call "to be awake, to watch, to be ready," it is not a threat or a dire message. It is an urgent appeal to put aside the things—whatever they are—that impede us from receiving Christ with joy. The Advent call is really a summons to break through the distracted and fragmented lives that we so often live. "Go deeper," the prophets tell us, "and clear the clutter of your lives to make a way for the Lord. Learn to focus on what really matters—the coming of the Lord."

But how do we do it? Here's a thought and an Advent challenge. Take five minutes—not an hour and not even a half hour—and clear a space. No TV, no cell phone, no reading, no conversation, no shopping list, no rehearsing the things to be done. Sit. Wait. Be alert. In that short time of stillness, turn your attention to him whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Only five minutes but every day. Something will happen across this holy season. You will be amazed.

—Fr. Lou Camelli



"Murder in the Rectory"

Still looking for that special gift?
What could beat dinner out and a play?
(and everyone can help solve the mystery)

Where? St. Edward Church Hall

When? Sat., Feb. 11, 2012

Doors open -6:30 pm

Ticket price: \$30.00 - Early sales
(\$35.00 - after Jan. 29)

Tickets available in the vestibule after all weekend
Masses through Dec. 18, or by contacting Barbara at
sappster@ameritech.net



Notices for the
December 18th Bulletin
are due in the Rectory office
by 3:00 p.m. on **December 12th**

Notices for the
December 25th Bulletin
are due in the Rectory office
by 3:00 p.m. on **December 12th**

Join us for Trivia Night! Saturday, January 7, 2012 7 p.m. to Midnight

*Test your vast treasure trove of useless knowledge....
challenge your family and friends...and enjoy a fun filled
evening at the same time!*

St. Edward's Annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 7 p.m. to midnight in Buckley Hall. The winning team will receive a cash prize of \$300 and the event will include a cash bar (beer and wine), and other raffles and prizes.

A limited number of tables are available, and the event fills up fast (last year was sold out early). So, make your reservations right away to reserve your spot. Tables are \$120 (max of 8 people per table), and individual tickets are available for \$20 each. Please make checks payable to *St. Edward School Fundraising* and drop off at the school office by December 15, 2011.

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM — 7:45 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM — 5:30 PM

Sundays: 9:00 AM — 12:30 PM

Priests

Rev. Michael J. Cronin, Pastor

Rev. James D. Beath, Associate Pastor

Rev. James P. McIlhorne, resident

Retired Priests

Rev. John J. Donohue, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph C. Taylor (In Residence)

Masses

Sunday: 5:30 pm (Sat.); 8:00, 9:30 &
11:00 am

Weekdays 6:45 and 8:15 am

Saturday: 8:15 am

Holy Days: 6:45 am; 8:15 AM and 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent Schedule: 4:45 p.m. Saturdays and one
half hour before each mass on Sundays.

St. Edward School

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**“TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND
A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.”**

“A Time to Baptize”—

Kayla Marie and Alysanna Dorantes children of Bolivar and Carmen (Diaz) Dorantes

“A Time to Heal”—

Ronel Acar, Cecile Bechtold, Mary Ann Breidenbach, Noelani Faith Brighton, Brian Burgeson, Purification Ciruelas, Arturo Del Rosario, Joan Henry, Matthew Jensen, Ronald Klish, Andoy Laqui, Will Lill, Loring Malibiran, Virgilio Mangubat, Begelita Marquez, Pat McNulty, Catherine McGill O’Connor, Tim Mrozenski, Chris Nikolich, Dorothy Osbourne, William Reidy, Bruno Rosellini, Suzan Shepherd, Noella and Herman Schutt, Kilian Bede White, Sherry Wooden

“A Time of War”—

Raul Donald Aguilar, Lou M. Arceo, Michael Camp, L.Cpl. Tim Ferretti, Sergeant Clifford Gara, Rory Hehir, Juan Hernandez, Collin John Jones, 1st Lt. Randall Kester, Craig Lensegrav, Joselito R. Mercado, Sean O’Connor, Gretel Ypil Odon, Spc. Nicholas Saladino, Robert Stillwell, SSG. Edward Swartz, Brian West

“A Time to Die”—

All the Military and Innocent Civilians who have died in the War.

Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.