

classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Dear Parishioners.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank those who were involved in making the church decorations beautiful for the Christmas season. Some parishioners told me that the decorations this past Christmas were some of the most beautiful they have seen.



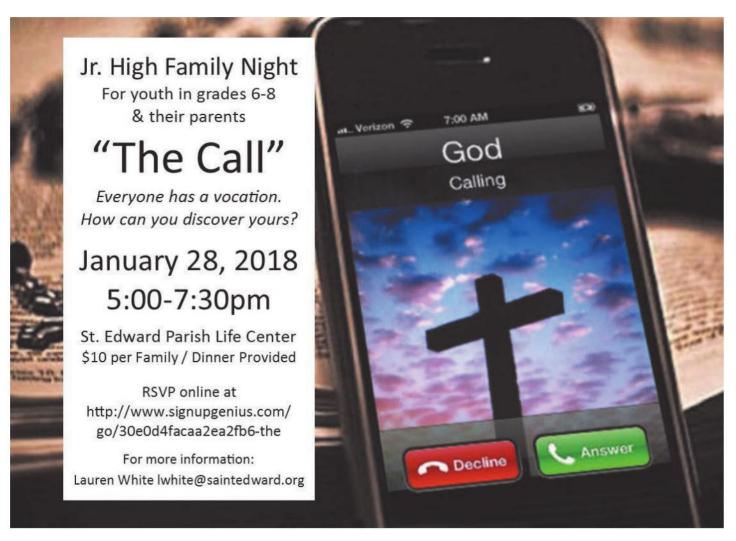
Reflecting about it, I am reminded that our parish community really is beautiful – and it manifests its beauty by the way we decorate our church and by the way we celebrate our liturgies. I hope we all know that the beauty of our parish community is not from its appearance or decorations but rather, its appearance is a fruit of our beauty. In other words, what makes our parish community beautiful is God manifesting His presence in the parishioners – in all of us.

We come from different backgrounds, but we are one parish community – members of the one Body of Christ here on earth. Truly there is beauty in diversity, especially if we have the love of God. One of my prayers for our parish this year is for us to continue to grow together in our faith and in our unity as people of God.

May God continue to bless us all this New Year 2018 and always.

In Christ,

Fr. Christian





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#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of

God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday Saint Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the

Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday Saint André Bessette

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Edward Catholic Community and the Holy Spirit are looking for energetic, organized, and welcoming individuals to join the Pastoral Council. Do you feel called to take an active role in fostering and developing St. Edward in partnership with Father Christian? Do you have talents you can share with your fellow brothers and sisters? Talents that include communication, collaboration, creativity, and caring? Come be a part of the team that welcomes our brothers and sisters in Christ and provides a positive environment for spirituality and fellowship. Our community is growing every day. Help us meet the needs of our ever changing community. Help us achieve our goals on the Pastoral Plan. Help us implement new ideas and improve the old ones.

Pastoral Council members are chosen through a discernment process and the requirements for nomination includes being a registered member of St. Edward Catholic Community and a practicing Catholic 18 years of age or older. Current Pastoral Council members will contact nominees, answer any questions, and invite them to a formal discernment process on January 27, 2018. At that time, through a prayerful process, 3 new pastoral council members will be discerned. These members will serve a 3 year term on the Council.

We will call for nominations during Masses on January 6 and 7.

STEWARDSHIP		
	Dec. 2-3	
	Weekly	Y-T-D
Number of Envelopes 310 Number of Loose Checks 100		
Collection Total	\$ 29,166	639,588
Budget	\$ 30,000	683,266
Over/(Under) Buc	lget (834)	(43,678)

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### MON., JANUARY 1

New Year's Day Parish Office Closed School Christmas Break New Year's Day Mass, Church, 9:30am

TUES ., JANUARY 2

School Christmas Break
CDA Officers Meeting, PLC Meeting Room,
6:30pm

Men's CRHP Team 2, Annex, 7:00pm WED., JANUARY 3

No Adult Bible Study, No Adult Faith Formation, No CCE Class.

No H.S. Bible Study,

Catechist Module, PLC, 6:00pm

THUR., JANUARY 4

7:00pm

Boy's Basketball Practice, Gym, 3:20pm CRHP Team 7, PLC Meeting Room, 6:30pm Confessions, Church, 6:30pm Eucharistic Holy Hour, Chapel, 7:00pm SPARC Core Team Meeting, Youth Room,

No RCIA Pre-Catechumenate, FRI., JANUARY 5

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel, 9:00am

Brownie Troop Meeting, Room 2, 2:30pm SAT., JANUARY 6

That Man is You, PLC, 6:30am SPARC Retreat. Youth Room, 7:00am

Altar Society, PLC Meeting Room, 9:00am

Anointing of the Sick, Church, 9:30am

Confessions, Church, 4:00pm

Pastoral Council Nominations—Church, 5:30pm Sun., January 7

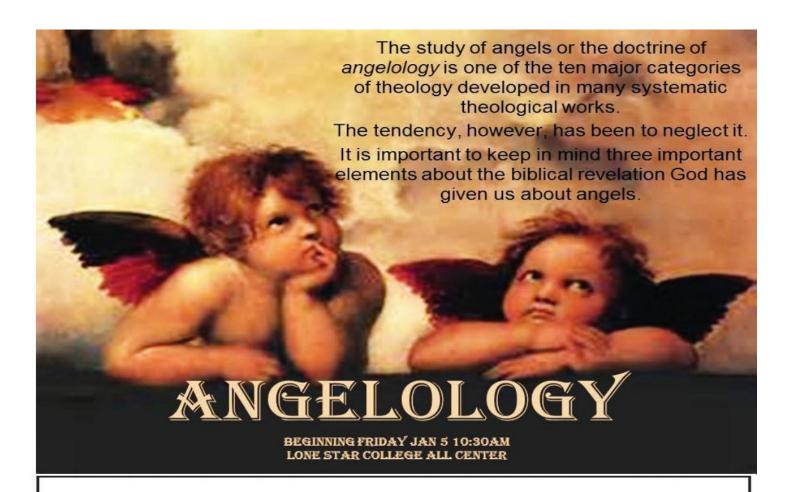
Pastoral Council Nominations— All Masses, Church, 7:30am

RCIA Catechumenate, Room 22,10:00am

RCIC, Room 21,10:30am

**Adult Faith Formation**, PLC, 5:30pm **CCE Classes**, Parish Grounds, 5:30pm

Youth Group, Youth Room, 7:00pm





Scripture \* Theology \* Eucharist \* Discipleship

Missionary Discipleship: Start Where You Are Saturday, January 13

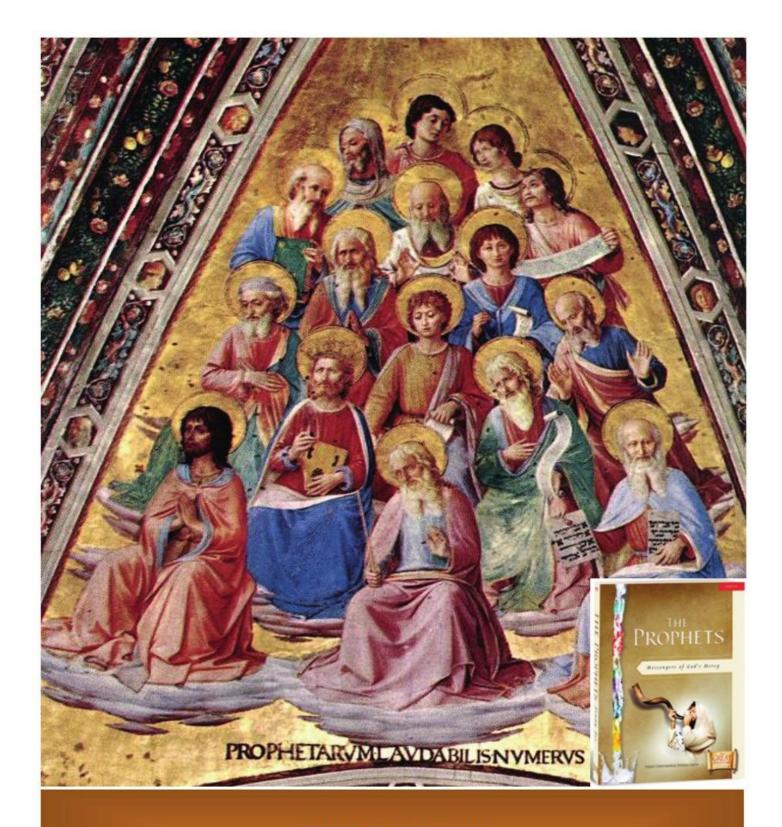
5:30 Mass • 6:30 Meal • 7:00 Message

Come and hear how two parishioners at St. Edward who were inspired by small acts of love to commit massive works of mercy.

**Matthew Reel** started his ministry, "Matthew's Birthday Wish" after he was invited to prepare a "hope bag" for the homeless as part of his preparation for his First Holy Communion. Matthew is now working with area businesses and schools to coordinate food donations to hundreds of families each year. (Did we mention he's in the fifth grade?)

**Darlean Newman** wanted to learn more about St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. What she learned eventually moved her to contact a local children's home and ask if they needed any help. Four years and countless birthday parties, Christmas presents, and back-to-school picnics later, Darlean's understanding of God's love and mercy has been forever changed.

Register online at <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4facaa2ea2fb6-missionary">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4facaa2ea2fb6-missionary</a> or contact Amy at aauzenne@saintedward.org



# BIBLE STUDY THE PROPHETS Offered Sunday and Wednesday

Sundays January 7— April 22 5:30-7:00PM in Parish Life Center Wednesdays January 17 — April 11 6:00-7:30PM in SEEC 22 PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers this week as we wish them a return to good health:

Week 2 Karen Hutchens Deanne Nevman Joseph Stachulak

Mary Coffey Cynthia Fall Pam Keeling Vincent Lucido Oberdick Family

Parsons Family Rocco Family Traewick Family Roy Cason

Bobbye & James Jenkins

Betty Lowe Frank Carrabine Yogi Ybarra Carolyn Wawrykow George Wawrykow Tania Wawrykow

Wayne Wohlfred Thomas Michael Cooney Madilyn Witsberger

Week 3 Gene Hyman Robert Cieslak Mary Ann & Joe Harper Anthony Hemandez Robert Anderson

Week4 Beverly Canales Ms. Nitty Ben Stidd Mary Mobley William Byers Jose Rebolledo Shannon Buzek Jay Espinosa

George & Martha Ortiz Ava Stone Leigh Rigby

Week 5

Stephanie Espinosa Lilia Rivera Molly Ramirez Matt Herbison Sandra & Richard Nowak Anthony Choo Choo Villarreal

Paul Duprey

Week 6

Gilbert Koteras Rodney Stead Jean Bivins Christopher Bussa Janet Blake Kolbie Guyton Steve Hutchens Mel Pollock Ann Doepke Marvelia Novakoski Norma Portier **Our Troops** 

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, January 1

8:30am † Terry Blakely † Catalino Cahutay

Tuesday, January 2 8:30am LV Terry Nelson

Wednesday, January 3

6:30am † L.J. Pinder 8:30am † Mary Jennings

Thursday, January 4

6:30am † Cecilia Syptak 8:30am LV Rodney Stead

Friday, January 5

8:30am LV Fr. Thomas Joseph 12:10pm † Andrew Duprey

Saturday, January 6

8:30am LV Fr. Thomas Joseph 5:30pm LV Lucienne Afoutou

Thanksgiving of Birthday

Sunday, January 7

7:30am People of St.Edward 9:30am † Armando De La Cruz

11:30am † Gerald Kroon

To make a request for someone to be on our prayer list, please call the parish office at 281-353-9774. Your loved one's name will appear on our prayer list for six consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please call to renew your request.



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