



# Good Teacher Area Faith Community St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, July 22**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

**Tuesday, July 23**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (John Koch)  
3:00 pm Mass at Madison Ave. (Regina Fox)

**Wednesday, July 24**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Marian Laleman)  
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass  
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Paul Hoberg)

**Thursday, July 25**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Ron Traen)  
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass  
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Louis Downing)  
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

**Friday, July 26**

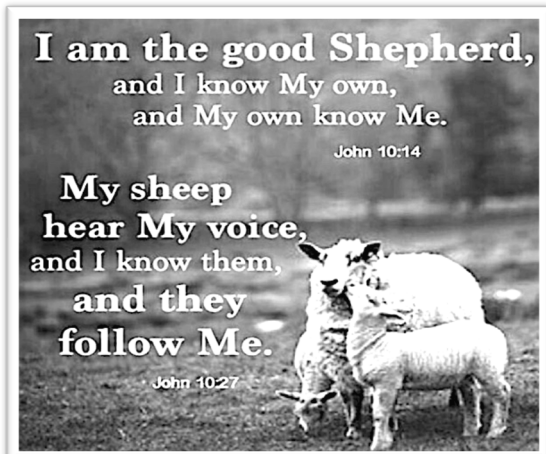
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mike, Bert, & Gary DeCramer)

**Saturday, July 27**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Marjorie Naber)  
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the People)  
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

**Sunday, July 28**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Brandon Eischens)  
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass  
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (George DeSutter)  
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday was a sad day for our nation. While the full truth is yet to be revealed, I hope that no matter what side of the political spectrum we are, we can agree that killing others is always wrong. This is why we need to be more discerning with the news programs we watch. If we are feeding ourselves with a steady diet of conspiracy stories, half-truths, and soundbites taken out of context, we more easily dehumanize others, even to demonizing them. In that context, it becomes easy to justify radical things – we rationalize it away with ‘rational lies.’ This is for all sides of the spectrum.

The Catholic position on politics allows for discussion in a wide range of topics, but there are non-negotiables. Abortion and euthanasia are always wrong, and as Catholics, we cannot outright support these practices or those that would promote them. There is some prudential judgment needed in the best way forward to eliminate the practices.

We can discuss the best ways of welcoming the migrant, but limiting the access points through the erection of walls is a legitimate means of doing so. There are principles of subsidiarity (letting the smallest entity that can deal with the issues) and solidarity (working together toward our common good) that ought to be respected.

Tradition family structures need to be protected and promoted – in fact time and again, we see social science confirming what the Church has long taught about the nuclear family of father, mother, and children.

As a nation, we need to get back to discussion of principles and seeking to fulfill our responsibilities. For too long, we perhaps have focused on rights. We need to remember the value of work and know that that which is strenuously worked for is well earned, and stop entitlement in all its forms. We need to take care of the vulnerable, those who cannot work, but that is different than taking care of those who will not work. In doing so with all of these and so much more, we will stop the attacks on people, and seek the best for our country.

We are asked, even in the Scriptures, to pray for those who lead us. Whether we agree with all the positions our leaders hold or not, we ought to pray for God's will to be done. Praying for the personal failure of our leaders does no good – praying for the failure of bad policies is laudable, and praying for the conversion of all to the Truth of Jesus Christ and all that entails is our duty.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

## ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,235.00	\$2,110.00	\$3,125.00
Loose plate	\$375.00	\$146.00	\$229.00
Project	\$7,000.00		
Year-to-Date	\$12,610.00	\$	\$

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, July 28 – 10:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman  
*Servers:* Evan & Elise Hennen  
*Lector:* Sisters  
*Musicians:* Sisters  
*Offertory Gifts:* Sisters  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Lila Schmidt, Caroline Van Keulen  
*Ushers:* Mike Monnet, Mark Nelson, Daren Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,840.00	\$4,830.00	(\$1,990.00)
Loose plate	\$163.00	\$154.00	\$9.00
Online Giving	\$573.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$3,576.00	\$	\$

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, July 27 – 5:30 pm**

*Sacristan:* Mary Ann Christensen  
*Servers:* Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki  
*Lector:* Fred Rabaey  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Nate Welsh  
*Ushers:* Rod & Ross Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki

**Sunday, July 28 – 8:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Joe Callens  
*Servers:* RJ & Reed Sorensen  
*Lector:* Joe Callens  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Becky Engels  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391

### Sponsorship of St. Edward School

July 18 – In memory of Jane Afdem  
 July 19 – In honor of Fran Sturm  
 July 20 – In memory of Mary Buysse

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – St. Edward School

For the 2024-25 school year, we are looking for a Montessori guide and a part-time music teacher.

#### Montessori Guide, PreK-K, Full time

Qualifications: Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education and Six months related experience or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent or Montessori Certification

Applicants must be willing to be educated in the Montessori philosophy and methodology and have the ability and dedication to put the key concepts into practice.

#### Music Teacher, PreK-8, Part-time

The holder of this position is responsible for our annual Christmas Pageant/Concert and a Spring Concert and weekly liturgical music planning.

Qualifications: Minimum: Bachelor's Degree

Preferred: Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with Minnesota Licensure.

*Interested candidates should include letter of interest, resume, and two references by mail or email to Jaci Garvey, Principal; St. Edward School, 210 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.; Minneota, MN 56264 or [jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com).*

## SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon)

Call 428.3919 to double-check Mass time.

*Vespers:* 5:45 pm (Monday – Friday) 6:00 pm (Sunday)

*Adoration:* 6:15 – 8:15 pm (Monday – Thursday)

6:15 – 7:30 pm (Friday) *Rosary:* 7:15 pm (Friday)

*Eucharistic Adoration:* 5:00 – 8:15 pm (Sunday)

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In July we will be celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the establishment of the Sisters of Mary Morning Star. We would like to use this occasion to thank you for all you have done to welcome and help us since our arrival in Ghent. The trust and friendship you have shown us, even during our time of transition when we first arrived, has been an incredible encouragement and support!

We would like to invite each one of you to celebrate with us on Sunday, July 28. Bishop Zielinski and Bishop LeVoir will celebrate the 10:30 Mass at St. Eloi, which will be followed by a lunch from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. There will be the possibility of having a tour of the convent after lunch, to show you the fruits of all you have helped us with (financially, and through your labor: taking down walls, windows, painting, building, etc...).

It will also be the occasion to welcome Sister Teresa Marie who is coming as the new superior, and to say goodbye to Sister Aude who is leaving on July 31, after 10 wonderful years in Ghent.

I would like to thank each of you for your friendship and for all the work we have accomplished together. Words cannot express my gratitude and my love. I feel that you have become family to me, and it will be impossible to forget you. I will keep you in my prayers!

Sister Aude

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

### SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Tom Swedzinski who passed away on Friday, July 12. His funeral was held on Tuesday, July 16, at St. Edward.

*Jesus said ... "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

John 11:25, 26

### PRAYER REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Please pray that God will restore the health and spirits of the following people. Ask God to draw near to them and let them feel His gracious presence.

- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Bernie Moorse
- ★ Marilynn Pagel
- ★ Francis Rabaey
- ★ Anyone with a cancer diagnosis

**ALWAYS**  
*Pray*

## **REFLECTION ~ Think about this ...**

The Lord works slowly in us. But at times, it seems that nothing changes, even when we receive the Eucharist. That is because the sacraments are not magic. We have free will, which means we must respond to God's grace. The grace is there, but too often we put up obstacles to it. Our bodies, hearts, and minds are often not prepared to receive him worthily. We cooperate by preparing ourselves for Holy Communion.

Preparation for the Mass can be proximate and remote (immediate and in advance). Proximate preparation is done on Sunday and during the Mass, leading up to Holy Communion. Remote preparation is done days before Sunday. We will touch on the importance of both, but we can begin to see that it entails living differently, and not just saying some prayers on Sunday.

For now, let us reflect on what obstacles may be preventing us from receiving the grace of Holy Communion. Is it laxity, daydreaming, attachments, or other problems? What can you do to keep these things from robbing you of this grace? Learn to see the Lamb who dwells in your midst.

### **Let us pray.**

*Lord, you are the Lamb who takes away our sins and makes us whole. Grant us humility and reverence to recognize you hidden under the appearance of bread and wine and receive you as you deserve, as our true Physician and Lord.*

*We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.*

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT ST. ELOI**

St. Eloi would like a couple new sacristans – men or women. Duties consist of arriving approximately 1/2 hour before Mass to set things up and make sure all the assigned people are in attendance or find someone to fill in. After mass you clean the vessels and put things away. This usually takes about 15 minutes.

Currently we each take care of one Sunday per month. It would be nice to have at least one extra sacristan to help fill in if someone has a conflict with their assigned Sunday.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY consider offering a little of your time to serve God and our Parish. If you are interested or want more information, please contact one of our current sacristans: Cindy Nelson, Don & Monica Senden, Darla Timmerman, or Corissa Van Keulen.

## **COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP – St. Eloi**

Our cookie and fellowship tradition in our gathering space continues with your help. Would you be willing to bring 6 dozen cookies for a Sunday or two?

If you could bring cookies, please contact Sandy Nuytten at 829.9690 (or email her at [snytten@frontiernet.net](mailto:snytten@frontiernet.net)).

## **OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR PARISH**

Are you being called to **serve your parish**??? If so, we need you. Our next RE year starts September 2024. We need catechists for grades 3, 5, and 10.

You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained.

To answer this call to serve, contact Corissa Van Keulen, RE Director at [goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com](mailto:goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com).

## **REPAIRS NEEDED FOR ST. ELOI**

The Church of St. Eloi needs repairs. We need to remove and replace the storm windows with some minor repairs to the stained glass (slated for next summer),

and we need to tuck point the chimney (slated for this spring). We are hoping that we can raise the money without having it come out of our operating budget or savings accounts.

The amounts of these projects are:

Tuck pointing –	\$11,640	
Windows –	\$66,750	Total expense – \$78,390

Contributions to date:

Windows –	\$72,812	
Tuck pointing –	200	
Unspecified –	5,000	Total raised – \$78,012

Amount still needed: **\$378** *Let's get 'er done!*

You may specify which project you want to contribute towards. Please mail of drop it off at the parish offices (408 N. Washington, Minneota) or drop in the collection basket in a separate envelope marked St. Eloi Repairs.

**Thank you for your recent contributions!**

## **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 35 – Congratulations! The winner is ... David Hennen



**We need to include  
the excluded and  
preach peace.**

Pope Francis

## **HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...**

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – JULY**

For the pastoral care of the sick ~

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

<https://www.daily-prayers.org/popes-monthly-intentions/pope-francis-2024-monthly-intentions/>

### **SUMMER DANCE & POTLUCK SUPPER ~ St. Leo**

Friday, July 26, beginning at 6:00 pm in the St. Leo church basement.

Live music by Mario Callens and the Midwest Cowboys.  
Freewill donation. Sponsored by St. Leo Men's Club.

### **BLOOD DRIVE ~ KB's Ballroom**

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at KB's Ballroom on Monday, July 29, from 2:30 – 7:00 pm.

Blood is in very short supply; be a hero and donate. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

### **REVIVAL EVENT IN NEW ULM**

#### **Awake My Soul Revival Event**

Come for a night of praise & inspiration, hope & healing!  
Saturday, August 3, 2024, 6:00 – 10:00 pm

This will be held at the New Ulm Civic Center and EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Jeff Cavins (a Catholic evangelist, author, and Biblical scholar) will be the main speaker.

Matt Maher (a Catholic musician who has been performing at major Catholic and Evangelical events since 2004) will also be performing.

**STUFF THE BUS FOR OUR AREA ...**



Once again, the United Way of Southwest MN is sponsoring Stuff the Bus with supplies for kids heading to school this fall. New supplies are needed – especially backpacks, black & blue pens, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, **dry erase markers**, folders, **glue** – bottles & sticks, **pencil boxes**, hand sanitizer, highlighters, index cards, **Kleenex**, markers, **notebooks**, pencils, rulers, & scissors. The bold items have been most often specifically requested by the schools.

Collection containers will be available from June 24 – July 26. Supplies can also be dropped off at our office located at 800 East Main Street, Marshall, MN. You may also make a monetary donation at [UnitedWaySWMN.org/STB](http://UnitedWaySWMN.org/STB).

**Radio Rosary**

- July 22: In memory of Karen Antony by David & Diane Hennen
- July 23: In memory of Gary Nuytten by Jerry & Caroline Van Keulen
- July 24: In memory of Addy VanMoer by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie
- July 25: For living & deceased members of the John Clark & Emil Louwagie families
- July 26: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- July 27: In memory of Jean Neisius by Clem & Alice Anton
- July 28: In memory of Cathy Verly by family & friends

To schedule a radio rosary, call Ruth Louwagie at 507.337.3040 or send it to Ruth at 2894 310<sup>th</sup> St. Marshall, MN 56258

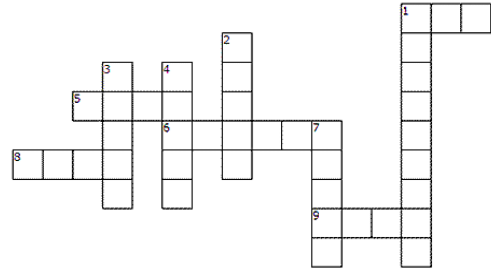
**Peace Day**

Y N J V M A Y E M Q T J E H U T P  
 A R B P T T S E R P U A R V N Z X  
 Q H A K O P I Y X U O E Z E I U J  
 F D C P U D I J P A T B V Q T V L  
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Friendship Diversity Community Happiness  
 Kindness Freedom Harmony Culture  
 Nations Unity Peace World  
 Hope Dove Love

**Peace! Be Still!**

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:39 (NLT)  
 Based on Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

1. A period of twenty-four hours
5. A body of water that is surrounded by land
6. To have a feeling of fear
8. A relatively small craft which travels on water
9. A raised movement of water rolling across the surface of the sea

**DOWN**

1. The original followers of Jesus
2. A violent weather condition with strong winds and heavy rain
3. A high degree of trust or confidence in someone
4. To be calm, without much activity
7. To die by being under water and unable to breathe

PEACE	STORM	DAY	DROWN	AFRAID
DISCIPLES	LAKE	BOAT	WAVE	FAITH

**SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

**Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming Catholic** Call the church office: 507.872.6346

**Eucharist to Shut-ins:**

St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 507.829.9690  
 St. Edward – **July 27** Andrea Opdahl 507.829.8040  
 (Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)

**Baptism Prep:** To set up a baptism date, call Caren at the office. Check the church website for Godparent requirements.

**RCIA:** If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 507.828.7012

**PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS**

**Monday, July 22**

Fr. Mark Steffl  
 Fr. Joe Steinbeisser  
 Dcn. Roger Osborne  
 Matt Wood (Sem.)

**Tuesday, July 23**

Fr. Bernie Steiner  
 Dcn. Ryan Pope  
 David Rabaey (Sem.)

**Wednesday, July 24**

Fr. Tanner Thooft  
 Fr. Craig Timmerman  
 Dcn. Barry Reindl  
 Brent Sundve (Sem.)

**Thursday, July 25**

Fr. Paul Timmerman  
 Fr. Paul vandeCrommert  
 Dcn. Steve Spilman  
 Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

**Friday, July 26**

Fr. Steve Verhelst  
 Fr. Matt Wiering  
 Dcn. Mike Thoennes  
 Matt Wood (Sem.)

**Saturday, July 27**

Fr. Paul Wolf  
 Dcn. Paul Treinen  
 David Rabaey (Sem.)  
 Brent Sundve (Sem.)

**Sunday, July 28**

Fr. Christian Adike  
 Dcn. Travis Welsh  
 Noah U'Ren (Sem.)  
 Matt Wood (Sem.)

*"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15*