



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



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Sunday, February 5, 2023 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

12:00 pm Mass at Convent
(Remi, Harriet, & Colleen Doom & family)
3:00 pm Mass at Apartments (Emil & Louise Eischens)

Wednesday, February 8

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1 & 2 (Pat Fredlund)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Emil & Louise Goossens)
5:30 pm Religious Ed Grades 1-5
6:30 pm Religious Ed Grades 6-12
6:30 pm Adoration Holy Hour

Thursday, February 9

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Clarence Buysse)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Jeffrey DeSmet)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, February 10

NO Mass or TMIY today
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (John Swedzinski)

Saturday, February 11

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Lumir & Emmaline Zak)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (John Dero)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, February 12

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jim Wambeke)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday Fire *Into His Likeness – Session 5*
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Ray & Jean Thooft)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you again to the faculty and Staff of St. Ed's school that made this Catholic Schools Week so memorable. We have something special here, and everyone has a role in making it special. I hope that the Flurry of Fun/Night of Music event is well attended, everyone has lots of fun, and that the event raises funds and awareness of our school and religious education needs. Thank you to the team, volunteers, and attendees.

This last week, we sent a request for permission (we are obligated to do so for expenses over \$10,000) to replace the storm windows of the stained glass of St. Edward's. We are going to contract with O'Brien's Glass Co. for the work, which is going to run us about \$80,000, a sizable change from the initial estimate. It was found that much of the wood is rotted, and simply painting it would not be sufficient. The plan is to remove the windows, replacing the glass with a non-textured, non-tinted glass (which should increase the light coming a little) with a painted aluminum framing. All the exterior wood would be replaced as needed, and painted.

We believe that this project will ensure the integrity of the windows for a long time – perhaps for the rest of most of our lifetimes. Because this project would involve a sizable lift to install the windows, we are proposing sidewalk repairs especially those on the east side of the church from the rectory to the front of the church after the storm windows are installed.

We are also in preliminary discussion of the painting of the church interior. Because we do not have a plan yet and that plan needs to go through several steps at the diocesan level, we are considering this project for 2024. At the same time, as we will need to remove the pews anyway, we will refurbish the pews and replace the flooring (carpet and tiles). Please keep us in prayer as this will take some coordination.

Shortly, the new cabinet at St. Eloi should be installed. Thanks to those who proposed this project as well as all who made the project possible with your donations.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

**Isaiah 58 - The
Heart of God's
last Message**

**What does the
LORD
require of you?
Isaiah 58**

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,139.20	\$2,110.26	(\$971.06)
Loose	\$70.40	\$146.15	(\$75.75)
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$82,083.44	\$68,444.85	\$13,638.59

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 12

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Evan Hennen, Joseph Ries, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Steve Hennen

Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Don & Monica Senden

Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,245.00	\$4,829.92	(\$2,584.92)
Loose	\$242.00	\$153.85	\$88.15
Commodity	\$5,155.73		
Online Giving	\$4,745.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$168,496.54	\$159,241.92	\$9,254.62

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11

Sacristan: Claren Novotny

Servers: Elana & Sam Myhre

Lector: Fred Rabaey

Eucharistic Minister: Eriann Faris

Ushers: Rod & Ross Abraham, Charlie Callens, Bruce Novotny

Sunday, February 12

Sacristan: Fran Sturm

Servers: Wyatt, Landon, & Addyson Pohlen

Lector: Fran Sturm

Eucharistic Minister: Tina Myhre

Usher: Doug Janiszewski

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

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

Call 428.3919 to double-check Mass time.

Vespers: 6:15 pm Adoration: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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

This weekend is our annual Flurry of Fun. Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about our Annual School Fund in support of St. Edward School. These fundraisers allow us to better assist all students who want to attend our school by keeping tuition costs low. We are asking that all school families participate in supporting Catholic education in our parish.

Only by working together can we ensure that the great gift of education at St. Edward School will be available to all who seek it. A brochure with more information, a commitment card and a return envelope were mailed to your home in November. They are also available in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your

prayerful discernment of how you may be able to help form young leaders and disciples in our community!

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Jim DeCock, who passed away on

Wednesday, February 1. His funeral will be held on

Tuesday, February 7. May God's peace be with you.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelations 21:4

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

✝ For blessings on all marriages

✝ For world peace and justice

✝ For the protection of the unborn

✝ For those who don't have faith or have lost it

COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP – St. Eloi

Our cookie and fellowship tradition continues with your

help. We meet in our gathering place after Sunday

Mass for fellowship and fresh cookies!

Would you be willing to bring 6 dozen cookies for a Sunday

or two? Lyle has asked for some help with this ministry.

Please contact Sandy Nuytten at 829.9690 (or email her

at snuytten@frontiernet.net) if you could bring cookies

some Sunday.

We are covered until February 19, but need volunteers after that date.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The catechists of St. Edward's School and Church will be

hosting materials-making mornings on the following

days from 9-noon: February 25 and March 25.

Join us in the atria on the 2nd floor of St. Ed's School as we

work together to create new materials for the children

to work with.

If you have any questions, please call Joy Wambeke at

651.324.5996. We hope to see you there!

CCW

The NUDCCW is offering a

Women's Day of

Reflection for all the

women in our

Diocese! It will take

place on Saturday,

February 18, from 8 am

to 3 pm at the

Cathedral of the Holy

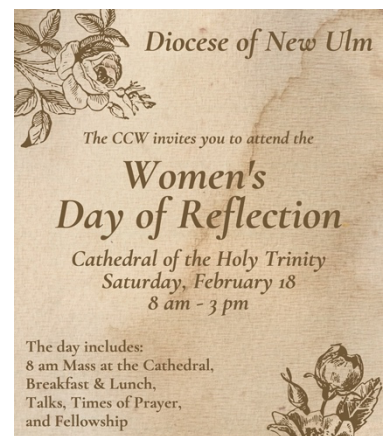
Trinity in New Ulm.

If you interested in

attending, please

contact Bonnie Laleman

to set up a carpool.



CRUSTY PIE LADIES

The Crusty Pie Ladies want to thank all who have supported our pie making effort. We appreciate your donations of ingredients and your purchasing of the pies.

We had a great year in 2022 as we rolled out, filled, froze and sold approximately 800 pies. All proceeds from our pie sales are given directly to our School of St. Edward!

MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP

We are planning to host our annual Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, February 19, 2023 from 5-7 pm. It will be held at Hope Lutheran Church. Take-out options will be available and proceeds will go to the Mission Trip kids.

LITURGY MATTERS #14

Much of what has been said about the reading of the Word of God from the Old Testament can be applied to the second reading, always taken from one of the letters of the apostles. The direction of movement shifts again. God speaks again to His Church, and the Church listens. But now God' language is no longer the creation and the history of Israel. He speaks to us through the reflective writings of the Lord's chosen apostles. The way in which the writers provide us with these reflections demonstrate the center of our theology; the reflective effort of the first believers to absorb all that had been experienced in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The writers unfold the consequences, showing us in various ways that the believer is summoned to an unimaginably profound sharing in the Lord's Passion and so in his victory. The texts, as we know, are inspired; that is, through them the Holy Spirit leads us to the understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection that God intends. So, at mass when the writings of the apostles are proclaimed the assembly is led in that moment to a grasping of the mystery. The understanding of the writings in the context of the mass is what God is now saying to His people, so naturally the reader concludes with "The Word of the Lord." In our gratitude we respond, "Thanks be to God." As was the case after the first reading, our most basic response is one of silence that expresses our reverence for the fact that God has spoken. In this silence Jesus Christ himself is opening the minds and hearts of His people to a better understanding of the mysteries.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 11 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Lola DeCock



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/2022/02/14/pope-francis-reveals-2023-prayer-intentions/>

MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

Our 2023 Men's Emmaus weekend is set for February 10-12 at Lake Shetek. Men from any parish are invited.

Go ahead – take a brief step away from your busy schedule. Spend some quality time listening, reflecting, and strengthening your faith. Please join us.

Call Gerry Toland (828.7378), Roger Schroeder (828.1455), Tom Meyer (530.2472), or Brian Timmerman (428.3519)

GHENT LEGION

Ghent Legion Post 564 has a meeting on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 pm.

*February is the month of purification.
It is time to purge, purify, and cleanse.*

GRIEFSHARE – LOSS OF A SPOUSE

This is a 1 1/2-hour seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held Monday, February 20, 6:30 pm, at Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Space in Marshall.

The seminar features a video with practical advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small group sharing time. You'll learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle the loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and how to find the strength to go on.

For more information, call Dorothy at 507.401.0601 or Holy Redeemer Parish at 532.5711.

GRIEFSHARE – LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

A new GriefShare session will begin 6:30 pm, Monday, February 27, at Holy Redeemer Church in Marshall.

If you have experienced the death of a loved one (spouse, child, friend, family), you are invited to GriefShare. Participants will find encouragement, comfort, and valuable information about facing a new normal in life and renewing hope for the future. The program is designed so anyone experiencing grief can join at any time.

Please register (but not required) online at griefshare.org. For more information, call Dorothy at 507.401.0601 or the church office at 532.5711.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT – March 3-5

Join us at the Abbey of the Hills for a Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat. The weekend will have a special focus on encountering Jesus in the Eucharist and will include small group experiences, Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for healing prayer as we grow in the realization that Christ thirsts for us!

Registration will be at 7 pm on Friday, March 3, with a light soup supper provided. Closing will be on Sunday, March 5, after lunch.

Freewill offering retreat with non-refundable \$25 deposit to reserve your place. For those who can give, a suggested donation of \$200 will help "pay the gift of peace" forward to help those with limited means.

For more information contact Renee Marzahn at events@abbeyofthehills.com or call 605.398.9200.

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, February 6

Fr. Pat Casey
Fr. James Devorak
Dcn. Rick Christiansen
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Wednesday, February 8

Fr. Fred Fink
Msgr. Doug Grams
Fr. John Goggin
Lucas Baker (Sem.)

Friday, February 10

Fr. Jeff Horejsi
Fr. Ron Huberty
David Rabaey (Sem.)

Sunday, February 12

Msgr. Lozinski
Fr. Mark Mallak
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Tuesday, February 7

Fr. Mike Doyle
Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku
Dcn. Tim Dolan
Matthew Wood (Sem.)

Thursday, February 9

Fr. Nathan Hansen
Fr. Tony Hesse
Fr. John Hayes
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Saturday, February 11

Fr. Jeremy Kucera
Fr. Denny Labat
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

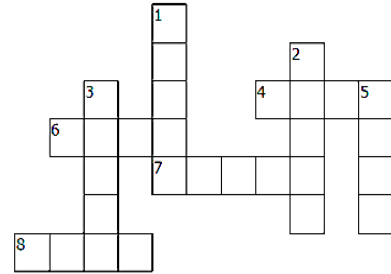
*"Whatever you do, work heartily,
as for the Lord and not for men."
Colossians 3:23*

Radio Rosary

Feb. 6: In memory of Gene Jelen by Ardyce Louwagie
 Feb. 7: In memory of Madeline Timmerman
 by Michael & Lorraine Weverka
 Feb. 8: Sponsored by the Ivanhoe Knights of Columbus
 Feb. 9: Sponsored by the Marshall Catholic Daughters
 Feb. 10: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom
 by their family
 Feb. 11: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom
 by Diane & Greg Louwagie & Francis Matthys
 Feb. 12: In memory of Sandy Alcorn by Mary Ann & family
 To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)
 Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



ACROSS

- A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
- An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
- The performance of good acts
- A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

- All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
- A place where families live
- Any device serving as a source of illumination
- A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

DEEDS	HILL	LIGHT	WORLD
BOWL	CITY	LAMP	HOUSE

HISTORY OF CANDLEMAS DAY

Among the many holy feasts in the Christian calendar, the Feast of the Presentation, or the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary, on Candlemas Day is one of the oldest, celebrated since the 4th century A.D. in Jerusalem. A woman of that time, Egeria, who's credited with writing a detailed account of an extended pilgrimage to the Holy Land, described the Candlemas celebrations there:

"...all things are done in order with great joy, just as at Easter. All the priests preach always referring to that passage of the Gospel where, on the fortieth day, Joseph and Mary brought the Lord into the Temple, and Simeon and Anna the prophetess, saw Him, and of the words which they said when they saw the Lord, and of the offerings His parents presented."

In the 6th century, around 541 A.D., responding to a horrible plague that had struck Constantinople, Emperor Justinian I ordered huge prayer processions throughout the city during the Feast of the Presentation to ask God for deliverance from the evil of the disease. At this time, the tradition of holding blessed candles in reverence had long been in place, and after the plague passed, the regular celebration of Candlemas spread throughout the Roman Empire.

There are many additional traditions for the observance of Candlemas. At the base of it, a person of faith can turn to the relevant Bible verse, Luke 2:22-24. That passage describes how Mary and Jesus follow the rule in Leviticus that says an infant boy should be circumcised on the eighth day after birth, and that, thirty-three days later, the mother is considered "clean" and should burn an offering at the boy's presentation at the temple on that 40th day.

Today, you might think the word "Candlemas" sounds antiquated, a reference to something from an old black-and-white movie. But to faithful Christians even now, Candlemas is a solemn and worshipful time, a time to try to be "a light in the world."

Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/candlemas-day/>

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

- Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming Catholic** – Call the church office: 872.6346
- Eucharist to Shut-ins:**
 St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 829.9690
 St. Edward – February 11 Bruce Bot 828.7012
- 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

Be A Shining Star Matthew 5:3-16

K T Q N Z W I A T D L V R Z O E P
 B C Y H S X U F D A H I O M R T B
 L G O J N O K F C P V E G U S F K
 N R N U F E H G L Z M P P H P N G
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father	glorify	shine	lamp
salt	heaven	reward	rejoice
peacemakers	pure	merciful	meek
spirit	kingdom	blessed	light