



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



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Sunday, March 23, 2025 The Third Sunday of Lent

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Tracey Otto)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments

(Living & deceased family of Joe & Lorraine DeJaeghere)

6:00 pm Education Committee

6:30 pm Knight's of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1 & 2 (David Schreiber)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Barb Wenker)

5:30 – 6:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 1 – 5

6:30 – 7:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 6 – 11

7:30 pm Choir in St. Edward Choir Loft

8:00 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Knights' Hall

Thursday, March 27

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Remi & Irma Callens family)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Kate Thooft)

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, March 28

5:45 am TMIY

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Marian Laleman)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Tracey Otto)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jim Driemeyer)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Margaret Doom)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, March 30

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (L. Joe & Betty Claeys)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *The Mass: The Mystery of the Eucharist*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi

(Donata DeBruyckere)

• 10:00 am Confession before

Mass



Dear Parishioners,

I remind you of the great gift of a soul set free from sin. This is the gift that our Lord offers us from the cross, that we may enjoy paradise with Him, just as the repentant thief did. It is for this reason that He came. I know that so many will tell us that is not the core of the Gospel – I hear of preachers and believers who believe that the message of Jesus is to love one another and sometimes reduce this to just be good.

Yes, God loves us. Yes, He desires us to be 'good' people. But I think it is rather shallow to reduce the Gospel to a simple message, as it reduces my savior to nothing more than a teacher, as important as teachers are. He did not come just to tell us, but to show us the love of God as well as the ugliness of our sins.

That He would take our sins upon Himself, die on the cross to redeem us, is more than a message. If He has loved us so, we will then love one another, yes, but also seek a life of repentance. We would see every sin as a failure to live the friendship with God out, seeing ourselves in the light of truth.

Thank God for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which washes us clean. Certainly, it is not an easy sacrament. It is difficult to admit that I have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, that I have allowed temptation and patterns of sin bind me from true freedom in the Lord. But when we state the sins and patterns, we rob the Enemy of his power – he relishes in the silence and the lies. The difference is stark, isn't it? The Lord knows our sins and desires us to state them to find forgiveness; the Evil one wants us trapped in the shame and silence of the sins, shaming us.

This is why the Sacrament is so powerful, and why again I remind you of a few hints to help us go well to the Sacrament.

1. Be prepared: Examine your conscience well before even stepping foot in the Church, asking what sins I have committed, are there patterns there. Don't be embarrassed to have to confess the same sins – be more worried about new sins which might demonstrate a deeper failure.
2. Be prompt: come early and do not wait until the last minute. If you feel you need more than 3 minutes or so, maybe contact the confessor to set up another time.
3. Be precise: don't just confess that you sinned against the commandments, for example. State which commandments and how precisely. For example, sins against the 5th commandment are gossiping about another person all the way up to murder. Remember that for serious sins, at least an approximate number if good – this helps the confessor know is it a habit or a one-off situation.
4. Be personal: Don't tell the confessor the sins of a sibling, spouse, or neighbor, or give excuses (though explanations might be appropriate if they, for example, might show that you had been pushed to your limit before getting angry).

5. Be peaceful: Receive the grace offered, say your penance, and avoid sin.

I hope that we all would take part in the great sacrament of reconciliation at least once a year, and preferably in this season of Lent. To that, I have added an hour of confessions on the next two Thursdays (March 27 and April 3) at St. Edward, as well as extending the Saturday evening confessions from 4:30 – 5:20.

Note that due to the schedule of the Triduum, I will not be able to offer confessions at a scheduled time.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 29 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Audyn & Brisbyn Traen, Violet Vlaminc

Lector: Eriann Faris

Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Rabaey

Ushers: Mike Longtin, Tom & Paula Sterzinger, Chuck Vlaminc

Sunday, March 30 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Jacob & Mariah Loyson

Lector: Tina Myhre

Eucharistic Ministers: Fran Sturm

Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

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Saturday, March 22, 8:00 – 10:00 am Open gym for kids ages 2-8 with an adult

Tuesday, March 25, 10:15 – 11:45 am Science Fair open to public

6:00 pm – Education Committee Mtg.

Friday, March 28 – Dismiss at noon

April 25-27 and May 2-4 – Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd Training Level 1B – Contact Mrs. Garvey or Trudy if interested in attending

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)

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$850.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,260.00)
Loose plate	\$275.00	\$146.00	\$129.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$78,198.00	\$88,001.00	(\$9,803.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 30 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Mike Van Keulen

Musicians: Schola Cantorum (Area Parishes Choir)

Offertory Gifts: Elaine Brewers

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,228.00	\$4,830.00	\$398.00
Loose plate	\$270.00	\$154.00	\$116.00
Online Giving	\$1,306.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$2,266.00		
Year-to-Date	\$206,285.00	\$211,987.00	(\$5,702.00)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

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.

If you know anyone who should be added to this list, contact Caren at the office.

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| ★ Brent Buysse | ★ Nicole Marschall |
| ★ Mary DeSmet | (Stiklestad) |
| ★ Kay Drown | ★ Joanne Sturm |
| ★ Scott Josephson | ★ Gene Thooft |
| ★ Jeremy Koelar | ★ Bob Tillemans |

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

We will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive from March 9 – April 6. The Greater Minnesota Council will be holding a matching funds drive through the end of March.

There is a need for canned goods – soups, fruits, vegetables, & spaghetti sauce – as well as taco items, mac & cheese, & packaged items. Baking supplies are also needed. Cash is always welcome.

Boxes will be in the back of church so please bring your donations in anytime during the week or at the weekend Masses.

The food shelf also has a year-round coat drive and are always looking for coats, hats, & mittens in all sizes – youth through adult. Drop them off at the food shelf anytime.

SAN LUCAS TOLIMAN MISSION

There will be a second collection this weekend (March 22-23) for San Lucas Toliman. The money will be used to help build a home at the mission. Please be generous to those who have so little.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the ladies who helped make our Deanery 2 Gathering this last Monday such a success! It went off without a hitch. The church and basement were beautifully decorated, we had a lot of compliments on the food, and we had a lot of ladies helping with the mass. It was truly a group effort from the very beginning as we had a handful of ladies that helped plan it, along with a lot of ladies that helped the day of with setting up the church and basement, helped at mass, donating bars, helped serving the food and helped clean up.

Thank you all again for donating your talents and/or time to help make the evening a success. It was greatly appreciated!! God bless. Mary Myhre, CCW President.

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD – Send a note during Lent

Fr. Andy Michels is our Shepherd of the Field. It would be appropriate to send him a note during Lent. His address is: 249 6th St., Tracy, MN 56175

CCW OPPORTUNITIES

The local CCW has some openings for officers. God equips those who are called, you may think you are an unlikely person to fill these roles but trust God: You are perfect for it! God will equip you for it! Just as fishermen had no training to be prophets, however, they became equipped with the words of God to spread the good news. You are being called to help spread the good news through the CCW and its works. Join us as we learn that "God equips the called."

Any adult woman who is a member of St. Edward Church is welcome. Contact Mary Myhre (507.828.2521) for more info.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 18 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Justin Differding



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH

For families in crisis ~

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

In his message, the pontiff wrote that this Lent is an opportunity to consider three areas where one may be in greater need of conversion: journeying with others, being synodal, and having hope.

"A first call to conversion," he said, "comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity?"

FORGIVEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Join the Universal Church in the Jubilee Year of Hope in which reconciliation and healing are key aspects.

Sunday, March 30, 2025 – St. Pius X, Glencoe
2:00 – 8:00 pm

Register at www.dnu.org.

JACKPOT BINGO – ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, April 6, 2025 St. Leo Church Basement
Warm-up games at 12:30 pm – Jackpot games at 1:30 pm
Lunch starts at noon. Donation: \$15
18 - \$50 games with \$200 and \$300 jackpots
Proceeds will support Catholic education.
Matching grant from Catholic United Financial.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

The "Jimmy's J Crew/Kack Attack on Cancer" Relay for Life team is hosting their "Wing & Pizza Night" and bake sale fundraiser at KB's Ballroom on Monday, April 7, from 5:30-8:30 pm.

Team members will again be selling luminaries & goodies and waiting & busing tables with all donations, tips & wages going to the 2024 American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Lyon County being held on Thursday, August 24, 2025.

Please join us for food, fun & fundraising! PS - Our Relay team also has the Marshall "Shop Local" coupon books with \$5 from each book we sell going to ACS.

TOTUS TUUS – SUMMER 2025



Summer Fun
is coming to our parish
for grades 1-6 & grades 7-12!

Games!
Skits!
Sacraments!

Totus Tuus is a summer youth program which features 4 missionaries who host a fun daytime program for grades 1-6 and a youth group for grades 7-12 in the evening

Totus Tuus

Details

- July 5 Team Arrives
- July 6 Team Available for Mass
- July 7 Evening Program at 7:30 pm
- July 8-10 Daytime Program 9 am - 2 pm
- Evening Program 7:30 - 9:00 pm
- July 9 Parish Potluck 6:00 pm
- July 11 Team Departs

Diocese of New Ulm



LENTEN TRADITIONS FOR FAMILIES (and all of us)

- ✧ Pray for an increase in religious vocations.
- ✧ Ask for forgiveness from someone you have wronged.
- ✧ Have an additional meatless day one week during Lent (not just Friday).
- ✧ Pray for the kids preparing for First Communion.
- ✧ Light a candle at church & pray for someone in your life.

I trust in the Lord with all my heart:
and lean not unto my own understanding.
In all my ways I acknowledge Him, and
He shall direct my paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Radio Rosary

- Mar. 24: In memory of George, Rita, & Debra Laleman by their family.
 Mar. 25: In memory of Vincent & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family.
 Mar. 26: In memory of Brian Timmerman by St. Eloi Catholic Order of Foresters Court #1081
 Mar. 27: In memory of Carol Louwagie by David & Diane Hennen
 Mar. 28: For an end of abortion by Marj Anderson
 Mar. 29: In memory of Tom Swedzinski by Ardyce Louwagie
 Mar. 30: In memory of Addy VanMoer by Marion & Leonard Louwagie

To schedule a radio rosary, send intentions to Radio Rosary, 2787 Cty Rd 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229 OR call Karla at 507.828.0397 or Coreen at 507.531.7348.

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 – **March 29** Margrit Rabaey 507.828.1756
 (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

Lenten Word Search

G	Y	P	R	E	P	A	R	E	F	E	S	V	E
R	K	S	F	E	C	I	F	I	R	C	A	S	F
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C	Y	N	N	E	P	U	R	P	L	E	S	T	O
C	P	P	S	I	N	T	E	S	N	S	N	O	
P	E	N	A	N	C	E	E	O	O	F	F	R	D
N	R	L	P	O	I	H	V	I	N	I	E	R	F
O	F	L	G	R	S	I	T	I	I	S	G	I	R
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C	R	O	S	S	D	S	G	R	I	A	I	F	Y
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| Ashes | Cross | Forgiveness | Sacrifice |
| Penance | Forty | Fish | Season |
| Good Friday | Prepare | Prayer | Fasting |
| Giving | Holy Week | Purple | Stations |

Week 3 of Lent: Surrender

In the third week of Lent, take every opportunity to say "Surrender," submitting to God in humility, obedience, and worship. Let it remind you of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but yours be done."

Lent Word Scramble

- ROYTF ASDY _____
- PTENAECENR _____
- SIGTNAF _____
- MURALEJSE _____
- TEBYARLA _____
- NIRES _____
- SEDTRE _____
- ODGO DIFYRA _____
- HSA NDYASEDWE _____
- CILSIPEDS _____
- OSRCS _____
- GRISFOVNESE _____
- HSASE _____
- EAPNECN _____
- YOHL USDYRTAH _____
- REYARP _____
- XCIRONUIFCI _____
- ATRESE _____
- MPAL ASYDUN _____
- SUJSE _____
- FICSRECIA _____
- NORSURITECRE _____
- LOYH EKEW _____
- LSBES _____

Word Bank:

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| ASHES | DESERT | GOOD FRIDAY | PENANCE |
| ASH WEDNESDAY | DISCIPLES | HOLY THURSDAY | PRAYER |
| BETRAYAL | EASTER | HOLY WEEK | REPENTANCE |
| BLESS | FASTING | JERUSALEM | RESURRECTION |
| CROSS | FORGIVENESS | JESUS | RISEN |
| CRUCIFIXION | FORTY DAYS | PALM SUNDAY | SACRIFICE |

*Last week's answers: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Passover, Lent, Holy Week, Holy Saturday, Triduum, Good Friday, Spy Wednesday, Forty days, Ash Wednesday, Easter Sunday, Cross, Crucifixion, Last Supper

*Spy Wednesday is a reference to Judas Iscariot's intent to betray Jesus, formed on Holy Wednesday so the day is sometimes called "Spy Wednesday".

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.

