



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



**Father Todd Petersen**

507.227.2657      [tpetersen@dnu.org](mailto:tpetersen@dnu.org)

Parish Secretary: Caren Buysse – 872.6346  
Office Hours: 8:00 am – 12:15 pm 1:15 – 4:00 pm (Monday – Friday)  
Mailing Address for St. Edward & St. Eloi:  
408 N. Washington St.  
Minneota, MN 56264  
St. Edward & St. Eloi Email: [cbuyssegoodteacherafc@gmail.com](mailto:cbuyssegoodteacherafc@gmail.com)  
St. Edward & St. Eloi Website: [www.goodteacherafc.com](http://www.goodteacherafc.com)  
Deacons: Bruce Bot – 828.7012  
Jason Myhre – 829.2829  
Travis Welsh – 829.0986

St. Eloi Facebook: St. Eloi Catholic Church  
Thrift Store Facebook: One More Time Thrift Store  
Director of Religious Education: Corissa Van Keulen  
[goodteacherafc@hotmail.com](mailto:goodteacherafc@hotmail.com)  
Bulletin Coordinator: Ruth Bot – [bulletinsteds@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinsteds@gmail.com)  
Bulletin Info due by Wednesday at 4:00 pm  
Hospitality Meals: Marlene Polejewski – 828.5878  
Catholic Charities: 1.866.670.5163  
FORMED: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

## Sunday, March 16, 2025 The Second Sunday of Lent

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, March 17

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)  
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward  
(Deceased members of Deanery 2 CCW)  
5:30 pm CCW Deanery 2 Spring Gathering at St. Edward

#### Tuesday, March 18

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Tracey Otto)  
3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Charlene Callens)  
6:00 pm Education Committee  
7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, March 19

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 3 & 4 (Marilynn Pagel)  
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass  
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Special Intention)  
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 20

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Bernie Moorese)  
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass  
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Parents of Francis & Grace Rabaey)  
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

#### Friday, March 21

5:45 am TMIY  
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward  
(Lowell & Jeanette Nelson Family – living & deceased)  
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Tracey Otto)  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 22

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jackie Dubbledee)  
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Elaine Vlamincik)

#### Sunday, March 23

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Louis & Mary Buysse)  
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass  
9:30 am Sunday FIRE *The Mass: The Road to Emmaus*  
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Ray Bot)  
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather this weekend, we hear of the Transfiguration, as we do every second Sunday of Lent. It is not that the transfiguration occurred around this time (instead, it is celebrated in August, as there is strong indication that it occurred during the Jewish Feast of Booths/Tabernacles.

Why would the Church insist that we hear of the transfiguration during Lent? Because we need the reminder that Jesus Christ really is more than He appears – He is the Son of God made man. His glory is veiled, and in the Transfiguration, He reveals it, even for the briefest of moments. But this vision gave the Apostles Peter, James and John something to meditate on as they entered Good Friday.

I cannot help but think that St. John meditated on the contrast of transfiguration and Christ's glory revealed and the crucifixion and how far Christ descended into the depth of sin and death by dying on the Cross. As we are preparing to stand on Calvary with our Lord, we too need to remember that Christ is the Son of God, and that the Cross is not the final word, even as Christ dies on it, but it is Christ who conquers and puts death to death. With the end in mind, we might be able to enter the conversion process of Lent, know that we will experience glory by entering in the Cross.

Last weekend, I vocally shared (despite a raspy voice) that I under-budgeted a couple of things including health insurance and heating (fuel and electricity) for the Church of St. Edward. Insurance alone was at least 30% higher than budgeted, and part of the issue was the costs went up and we have more people on our insurance than in the past. This is a good thing that we can offer insurance – it is a matter of justice that we do so. But our healthcare system is broken and the costs for insurance take the brunt.

Because of this, I really encourage us to examine our current level of giving. Some are perhaps giving at the same level they did 10 years ago, while others might be in a better position today due to having no children at home or pay raises, for example. I am aware that our economy is not good. Again, prayerfully consider what is an appropriate amount to contribute to the parish – does it speak of your trust that the Lord will provide or demonstrate your thanksgiving for what the Lord has provided? When the Lord calls us before Him, will it show that He and His Church were more important than our bank accounts?

Thank you for all who contribute so much and know that we being as frugal with your contributions as we can.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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

Thursday, March 20 – Dismiss at 1:00 pm  
 Friday, March 21 – No School at St. Edward  
 Saturday, March 22, 8:00 – 10:00 am Open gym for kids  
 ages 2-8 with an adult  
 April 25-27 and May 2-4 – Catechesis of the Good  
 Shepherd Traing 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	\$705.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,405.00)
Loose plate	\$1,386.00	\$146.00	\$1,240.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$74,284.00	\$79,484.00	(\$5,200.00)

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 23 – 10:30 am**  
 Sacristan: Darla Timmerman  
 Servers: Xavier & Mark Rabaey  
 Lector: Brad Hennen  
 Musicians: Sisters  
 Offertory Gifts: Beth Brewers  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Ron Sussner  
 Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,565.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,265.00)
Loose plate	\$235.00	\$154.00	\$81.00
Online Giving	\$1,050.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$192,731.00	\$199,331.00	(\$6,601.00)

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, March 22 – 5:30 pm**  
 Sacristan: Claren Novotny  
 Servers: Eli Faris, Sam & Charlie Myhre  
 Lector: Nate Welsh  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris  
 Ushers: Mike Longtin, Tom & Paula Sterzinger, Chuck Vlamincik

**Sunday, March 23 – 8:30 am**  
 Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen  
 Servers: Wyatt Guza, RJ & Reed Sorensen  
 Lector: Shannon Evjen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Shannon Evjen  
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt

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

### SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Patrick (Pat) Byrne who passed away on Saturday, March 8. His funeral will be held on Saturday, May 10, at St. Eloi.

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness..."* 2 Timothy 4:7

Prayers to the family of Joseph (Joe) Van Keulen who passed away on Monday, March 10. His funeral will be held on Monday, March 24, at St. Eloi.

*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."* Revelations 21:4

### 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.

- ★ Brent Buysse
- ★ Mary DeSmet
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Scott Josephson
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Nicole Marschall (Stiklestad)
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Anyone with a cancer diagnosis

### CCW SPRING GATHERING

All women are invited to attend the Deanery 2 Spring Gathering which will be hosted here at St. Ed's. If you need a ride to the Gathering, contact Becky Engels. Her number is 507.530.5073.

### 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 on the weekend of 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.

### 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 – they were not well equipped, they didn't even have traveling bags – 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" not "the equipped are the ones who are called."

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

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, March 18**

Are you wondering what's going on in our parish? Would you like to know more about the renovation and painting project scheduled for this summer?

Attend the parish council meeting this Tuesday, March 18, in the Knights' Hall.

The rendering for the painting project is in the back of church – take a look at it and see what you think.

### **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 17 – Congratulations! The winner is ... David DeSmet



### **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**

Drawing a parallel between the Hebrew people's "arduous path from slavery to freedom" and the plight of modern migrants and refugees, the Pope invites us to use this period as an opportunity to consider how we relate our own lives with the struggles of those who are forced to flee "situations of misery and violence in search of a better life" and "in this way discover what God is asking of us." This, he writes, "would be a good 'examination of conscience' for all of us wayfarers."

"It is hard to think of the Biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life."

#### **HOLY YEAR – DAY OF REFLECTION**

Tuesday, March 25 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Annunciation: Mary's Yes to Hope

This will be held at the Schoenstatt on the Lake campus which is a 2025 Holy Year Pilgrimage Site.

For more information, call 507.794.7727

#### **REAL PRESENCE RADIO NETWORK**

The Real Presence Radio's mission is to assist the Roman Catholic Church in drawing all people to the knowledge and love of Jesus and His Church in full accord with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

The programming is distinctly Catholic by providing a mix of devotionals, prayers, call in programs, the daily Mass, and both local and national programs concerning the Catholic Faith.

Check out 89.5 FM from Montevideo.

### **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](http://www.dnu.org).



### **LENTEN TRADITIONS FOR FAMILIES (and all of us)**

- ✧ Make homemade pretzels, a traditional Lenten food.
- ✧ Visit an elderly friend or neighbor who doesn't get a lot of visitors.
- ✧ Plan a simple meal and talk as a family about how to help the hungry.
- ✧ Do a craft, piece of art, or creative project that glorifies the Lord.
- ✧ Send a card or note of encouragement to a priest or a member of a religious

#### **Radio Rosary**

Mar. 17: In memory of Mary VanHecke by her family.

Mar. 18: In memory of Dorothy & Bill Stake by Madeline Swedzinski

Mar. 19: In memory of Gary & Jason Timmerman by Pat

Mar. 20: For the deceased family members of Clem & Alice Anton

Mar. 21: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Leonard & Marian Louwagie

Mar. 22: In memory of Clarence Lipinski by his family

Mar. 23: In memory of Patricia St. Aubin by her family

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

He took him outside and said:  
"Look up at the sky and count  
the stars, if you can.  
Just so," he added, "shall your  
descendants be."  
Abram put his faith in the LORD,  
who credited it to him as an act  
of righteousness.  
Genesis 15:5-6



# LENT WORD SEARCH



N P N P B S E L F D E N I A L C J U Z  
 Z P X P O B D Q F Y T I V S O R F W G  
 W G L R F F I F A A F I Y L R B P H N  
 R E R A L M S G I V I N G D C V I K H  
 E I N Y M E C T N E M T I M M O C N H  
 S N O E L R I Y K V I O H A Q K R V O  
 U W O R R T P B D G Y G N I T S A F L  
 R D B I Z R L A S H W E D N E S D A Y  
 R T W T T B I B O F G V R M X J B V T  
 E T S K E C N C Y R Z G I V S U I A H  
 C C A S S C E O O S U F F E R I N G U  
 T L N E A H I L I N Y K T E D H X M R  
 I K E A M P B F F T V A P U E V I G S  
 O O E S T F D Z I E A E D B V K Q C D  
 N T M O N N Q M S R R R R Y O K F R A  
 C Y X N O B E D I G C D E S T E P R Y  
 L A U T I R I P S S F A J D I R S N G  
 G Q L V R M F Q E H V E S C O O O G O  
 Q T W M P R E P A R A T I O N M N F R

ASH WEDNESDAY  
 MODERATION  
 DISCIPLINE  
 SACRIFICE  
 SEASON  
 DEVOTION

ABSTAIN  
 FASTING  
 SELF DENIAL  
 RESURRECTION  
 COMMITMENT  
 FAITH

ALMSGIVING  
 CONVERSION  
 REPENTENCE  
 SPIRITUAL  
 SUFFERING  
 FORTY DAYS

GIVE UP  
 PREPARATION  
 HOLY THURSDAY  
 RENEW

## A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God and Father,  
 During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
 Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and Solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
 Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
 Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
 May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
 Amen



## UNSCRAMBLE LENT

- PaSnd mylau \_\_\_\_\_
- dMahyuTad nrysu \_\_\_\_\_
- vPossrea \_\_\_\_\_
- entL \_\_\_\_\_
- yHkeelo W \_\_\_\_\_
- IdaSt uoHyar \_\_\_\_\_
- ruTmidu \_\_\_\_\_
- F oroidGady \_\_\_\_\_
- W yydnepdeaSs \_\_\_\_\_
- osf ydtayr \_\_\_\_\_
- yWssAdene hda \_\_\_\_\_
- daytSrans Eue \_\_\_\_\_
- scrso \_\_\_\_\_
- xicriCnufoi \_\_\_\_\_
- etsL aprSpu \_\_\_\_\_

"This is my  
 chosen Son;  
 listen to him."

Luke 9:35

#ExcelLENT

mbeddedfaith.org

**LENT**  
 PRAY + FAST + GIVE