



# Good Teacher Area Faith Community

## St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

### Sunday, February 15, 2026 The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Credo videre bona domini in terra viventium”***

*“I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13*

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

##### **Monday, February 16**

7:45 am Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

##### **Tuesday, February 17**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jane Louise)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Jim DeCock Family)

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

7:30 pm Finance Council in Knights' Hall

##### **Wednesday, February 18 ~ Ash Wednesday**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Staff (Jon Guttormsson)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Orville & Marge Hennen)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi

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

##### **Thursday, February 19**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Mary DeSmet)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Carol Vermeersch)

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

##### **Friday, February 20**

6:00 am TMY Knights' Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Jack Hennen)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jim Driemeyer)

##### **Saturday, February 21**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Joe & Betty Claeys)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward

(Harold & Mary Ann Buysse)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

##### **Sunday, February 22**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(Denis, Margaret, & Karen Doom)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Apologetics

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi

(Margaret Roberts & Evelyn Arens)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

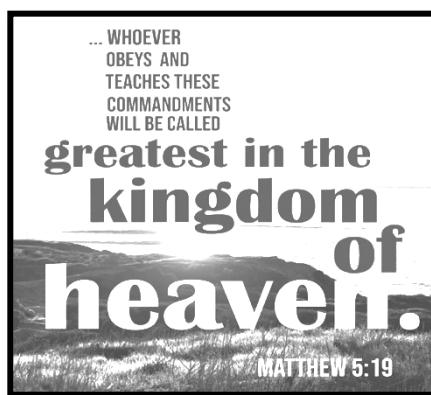
Ash Wednesday is this week, and as we begin the penitential season of Lent, it is helpful to review the rules of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday is required (except for grave health concerns) for those ages 18–59. One normal meal is permitted, along with two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. Coffee without creamer, tea, and other clear beverages do not break the fast, provided they contain minimal caloric value. For those who are able, continuing the fast through Holy Saturday is encouraged as a voluntary practice.

Abstinence from meat is required on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent (and, technically, on all Fridays of the year unless another act of penance is substituted). Abstinence simply means refraining from eating the flesh of mammals or fowl on those days. There are some common allowances: meat-based broths, as well as the use of lard or bacon drippings, are permitted as long as no actual meat is consumed. Historically, meat was considered a luxury food, especially before refrigeration, when large animals had to be eaten quickly or preserved. Some dioceses have granted special dispensations over the years—such as the famous Detroit dispensation allowing muskrat, or dispensations when St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday—but the Diocese of New Ulm has no such dispensations. Fish, eggs, and dairy products are permitted, as are fruits and vegetables.

In the not-so-distant past, the discipline of fasting was far stricter. Eggs and dairy were also excluded, since they are animal products. This practice led to an abundance of stored eggs, which helps explain why eggs became associated with Easter, in addition to their symbolism of new life. Likewise, the fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday was once far more severe—no food at all was permitted on those days. We follow the practices appropriate to our time and place, understanding that these disciplines help prepare us to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection; they are not a means of "earning" salvation.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd



## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey      Secretary: Trudy Banks  
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com      Office: 872.6391  
 St. Edward School: [www.stedscatholicschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com)  
 St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School  
 Friday & Monday, Feb. 13 & 16 – No School  
**Open Gym** Saturday, February 21 9:00 – 11:00 am  
 Children (ages 2 – 8) and their favorite adult

## 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 – Wednesday)  
 6:15 – 8:45 pm (Thursday) 6:15 – 7:30 pm (Friday)  
 5:00 – 6:00 pm (Sunday)  
**Rosary:** 7:15 pm (Friday)



## ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
<b>Adult</b>	\$665	\$1,923	(\$1,258)
<b>Loose plate</b>	\$254	\$192	\$62
<b>Commodity</b>	\$1,000		
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$70,054	\$78,769	(\$8,715)

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, February 18 – 5:30 pm – Ash Wednesday**

**Sacristan:** Darla Timmerman  
**Servers:** Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey  
**Lector:** Steve Hennen  
**Musicians:** John Rabaey  
**Offertory Gifts:** John & Karla Engels  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten  
**Ushers:** Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

**Sunday, February 22 – 10:30 am**

**Sacristan:** Darla Timmerman  
**Servers:** Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke  
**Lector:** Monica Senden  
**Musicians:** Sisters  
**Offertory Gifts:** Corey & Betsy Jo Kack  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Don Senden, Caroline Van Keulen  
**Ushers:** Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
<b>Adult</b>	\$2,340	\$6,654	(\$4,314)
<b>Loose plate</b>	\$189	\$192	(\$3)
<b>Online Giving</b>	\$785	*Added to the adult envelope total	
<b>Commodity</b>	\$		
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$211,665	\$219,077	(\$7,412)

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, February 21 – 5:30 pm**

**Sacristan:** Cindy Novotny  
**Servers:** Audyn & Brisbyn Traen  
**Lector:** Eriann Faris  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Ann Christensen  
**Ushers:** Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

**Sunday, February 22 – 8:30 am**

**Sacristan:** Joe Callens  
**Servers:** Mariah & Jacob Loyson  
**Lector:** Cynthia Moose  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kevin Swedzinski  
**Ushers:** Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt

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

### SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Claire Hoffmann who passed away on Tuesday, February 10. Her funeral was held on Saturday, February 14, at St. Edward.

*"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.

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

- ★ Marissa Bauer  
 Sister-in-law of Charles Bot
- ★ Mary Coquyt
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Eileen Differding
- ★ Basil Englert  
 Lisa Hennen's uncle
- ★ David Fier
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Jamie Jelen
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Madeline Swedzinski
- ★ Tony Traen
- ★ Brenda Verschelde

### SUNDAY F.I.R.E. (Families Involved in Religious Education – Adult & Older Teen Faith Formation)

Starting February 1, there will be teaching a 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics, which is how to explain and defend the Catholic faith.

We meet Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

We will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive from February 21 – April 1. Boxes will be in the back of church for your donations.

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.

Besides food cleaning supplies, toilet paper and other paper products along with hygiene products – male & female – are needed.

Items need to be in original packaging and unopened.

Cash is always welcome (checks made out to Marshall Table Food Shelf).

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

Any questions can be directed to Bonnie Laleman – 507.828.5703.

## ARE YOUR CUPBOARDS LOOKING BARE?

There are a multitude of containers down in the basement that need to be picked up by their owners. That might be you!

Please check the basement to see if any of those containers belong to you. At the end of February, anything that is left will be donated to the Thrift Store.

## THANK YOU – Christmas Flower Donations

Thanks to prayers to St. Anthony the missing list of flower donations has been found! Thanks to the following for donating to the flower fund for Christmas decorating.

St. Edward	
<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>By:</i>
Michael Anderson	Jill & Keith Anderson
Richard Buysse	
Harry & Mary Buysse	
Arnold & Vin Sanders	Donna Buysse
John Dero	Lois Dero
Pat & Jerry Stoneberg	
Helen & Robert Boulton	
Arlene & Henry Jerzak	Deb & Mark Boulton
Jim DeCock	
Riley Sorensen	
Steve Przymus	The DeCock Family
Lincoln Lessman	
Johnny, Dorothy, & Joe Tillemans	
Harold & Marie Tillemans	
Jim & Audrey Friedrichs	
Joyce Kopet	
William Doyscher	Carey Doyscher
Paul Fonteyn	Sis Fonteyn & families
Jules & Bets Gossen	
Mark & MaryAnn Full	Tim & Betty Gossen
Mike & Ken Laleman	Dave & Janell Laleman
Ben & Lorene Pohlen	
& Deceased Family Members	Margene & Bernie Claeys
Ed Polejewski	Marlene Polejewski
David Schreiber	
George, Bertha, Louis Veit	
Joe, Helene, & Allan Schreiber	
Kevin Guttormsson	Mary Schreiber
Mary Lou Powell	
Larry Sharp	Jeanette Sharp
Bob Tillemans	
Al & Frances Tillemans	
Lula & Maynard Hodges	Charlene Tillemans
<i>In Honor of David &amp; Diane Hennen</i>	Anonymous
St. Eloi	
Deceased Family & Friends	Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt
Walt & Delores DeCock	
Frank & Emma DeCock	Lyle DeCock
Paul DeCock	
Dennis Engels & Deceased Family & Friends	Rita Engels
Rustin Gorecki	
Gorecki & Richards Families	Robert & Kathy Gorecki
Conrad & Elaine Hennen	Martin & Laura Hennen
Kesteloot & Manderscheid Families	Judy Kesteloot
Doom & Senden Families	Don & Monica Senden
Brian, Archie & Madeline, & Denise Timmerman	Darla Timmerman
Mary DeSmet & Joe Van Keulen	Toursque, LLC
George DeSutter	
Jim & Adeline Welsh	
Jamie Welsh	Cindy & Tom Welsh
Helen Wambeke	Dan Wambeke & Family

## KC LENTEN FISH FRY



## WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT – Feb. 27 - Mar. 1

"Lent – Finding Hope in Suffering"

Though we cannot avoid suffering, we are called to live with hope. When we take up our cross and follow Jesus, God can bring good from it. I Peter 5:10 promises God will restore, strengthen, and establish us after we have suffered for a little while.

Join us this Lenten season so discover a deeper understanding of suffering—and to be transformed by God's grace. Fr. Joe Vogel will be the spiritual director. Dcn. Mike McKeown and Sr. Maria Johanna are presenters.

Begins Friday, February 27, with supper at 6:00 pm and concludes Sunday, March 1 at noon.

Mark your calendars with the date of the Lenten Retreat. Register [HERE](#) or call 605.398.9200 or email: [events@abbeyofthehills.org](mailto:events@abbeyofthehills.org)

For more information contact Lisa Hennen (605) 391-2748 or Dawn Vlaminck (507) 530.4287.

## BUS DRIVERS WANTED!

The school is looking for a few part-time bus drivers to take students to Dawson & Clarkfield each day and to drive for occasional field trips.

If you are interested in helping out or know someone who would, please contact Jaci Garvey.

## YEAR OF WINNING

Week 13 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Ryan Vlaminck



## HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

### POPE LEO'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026>

### MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The Area Mission Trip group is sponsoring their annual spaghetti supper fundraiser. It will be held at Hope Lutheran Church tonight – Sunday, February 15, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Included will be spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, beverage, & dessert. Takeout is available.

There will also be a Tastefully Simple display and a bake sale by the Mission Trip participants.

### FFA WAFFLE FEED – FEBRUARY 22

The Minneota High School FFA will be hosting their annual waffle feed on Sunday, February 22, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm in the high school cafeteria

There will be waffles with eggs & sausage along with made-to-order omelettes.

Come out and support your local FFA!

### CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will a meeting in the St. John Cantius Church Basement on Friday, March 6, following the 9:00 am Mass.

All are welcome to attend.



<b>SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH</b>	
<b>Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming</b>	
Catholic Call the church office: 507.872.6346	
<b>Eucharist to Shut-ins:</b>	
St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 507.829.9690	
St. Edward – <b>February 21</b> Andrea Opdahl 507.829.8040	
(Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)	
<b>Baptism Prep:</b> To set up a baptism date, call Caren at the office. Godparent requirements are on the church website.	
<b>RCIA:</b> If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 507.828.7012	

### Radio Rosary

**Feb. 16:** In memory of Helen Wambeke by Helen's friends at Birthright

**Feb. 17:** In memory of Don Maeyaert by Dan & Shari Maeyaert

**Feb. 18:** In memory of Kenny & Helen Marotzke by their family

**Feb. 19:** In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Jeanne & Bruce Rubbelke

**Feb. 20:** In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie, Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard by Allen Battle III

**Feb. 21:** In memory of Jason Timmerman by Pat

**Feb. 22:** In memory of Robert Gawarecki by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

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.

## Love Your Enemies



Father  
Love  
Rise

Neighbor  
Reward  
Sun

Pray  
Evil  
Good

Pagans  
Hate  
Brothers

Perfect  
Greet  
Enemy

## Love Your Enemies

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:43-44

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
O	Q	W	H	A	U	D	K	F	Z	J	P	S	Y	I	V	R	B	E	M	N	L	C	X	T	

1. 12-17-5-14 \_\_\_\_\_

2. 22-1-16-19 \_\_\_\_\_

3. 19-16-15-22 \_\_\_\_\_

4. 9-17-15-19-21-7-13 \_\_\_\_\_

5. 17-19-3-5-17-7 \_\_\_\_\_

6. 26-1-1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

7. 4-5-25-19 \_\_\_\_\_

8. 19-21-19-20-14 \_\_\_\_\_

ENEMY	GOOD	EVIL	LOVE
REWARD	FRIENDS	PRAY	HATE

