



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



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Sunday, June 21, 2026

The Twelfth 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, June 22

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

Tuesday, June 23

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2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Albert & Margaret Callens)

Wednesday, June 24

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Alice Bot)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Bill Drown)

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

Thursday, June 25

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Paul & Karen Anderson)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Jack Hennen)

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

Friday, June 26

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Edward & Catherine Paradis)

Saturday, June 27

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Parents of Jan & Ben Bot)

1:30 pm Faith Myhre/Joseph Voit Wedding St. Edward

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Floribert & Claire Hoffmann)

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, June 28

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Terry Schreiber)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Donnie Schuelke)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Everyone who acknowledges me
before others I will acknowledge
before my heavenly Father.
But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

Dear Parishioners,

Next week, we will be hosting the Totus Tuus mission for our elementary, junior high, and high school students. These programs provide a wonderful mid-summer retreat experience for our youth and include catechetical instruction, prayer, crafts, games, and plenty of fun. If you have not yet registered your child, please do so soon or contact Corissa through the Faith Formation office for assistance.

In this weekend's Gospel, our Lord teaches about Gehenna, His term for Hell. Gehenna was originally a real place—the Valley of Hinnom, located southwest of Jerusalem. Throughout its history, it served several purposes. In the Old Testament period, it was associated with the worship of pagan gods, including Baal and Molech, where horrific human sacrifices, even of children, were offered. Later, by the time of Jesus, it had become a refuse dump where fires continually burned to consume waste.

Imagine the horror associated with such a place—the memory of its history, the sight of decay, and the stench of burning garbage. This is the image our Lord invokes when He speaks of Hell.

While Jesus speaks clearly about the reality of Hell, many today reject the possibility of its existence. Such a view is both shortsighted and difficult to reconcile with the Gospel, because Jesus speaks about Hell more frequently than anyone else in Sacred Scripture. If Jesus is truly God, then He knows the reality of Hell and warns us of it out of love.

Ultimately, Hell is the state of eternal separation from God. It is the consequence of rejecting God's love, mercy, and friendship. Those who are in Hell are not there because God hates them; rather, they are there because they have freely and persistently rejected Him. Hell is without mercy because God's mercy was refused.

Paradoxically, Hell reveals something profound about God's love. God loves us so deeply that He allows us the freedom to reject Him. He does not force anyone to love Him; He invites us. If Heaven is eternal union with God—the fulfillment of those who have accepted His love and forgiveness—why would someone who has definitively rejected God desire what Heaven offers?

The reality of Hell should not lead us to despair or unhealthy fear. Rather, it should lead us to a holy fear of the Lord—a reverence that moves us to seek His mercy, embrace His love, and live according to His will. God desires that all be saved. Through the gift of His Son, He continually calls us to know Him, love Him, and serve Him, so that we may share forever in the joy of His presence.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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*Help, O Lord,
our unbelief*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

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)

The Spirit of truth will testify to me,
says the Lord,
and you also will testify.
John 15:26b, 27a

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$350	\$1,923	\$1,573
Loose plate	\$693	\$192	\$501
Commodity	\$		
12,079	\$109,580	\$123,077	(\$13,497)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 28 – 10:30 am
 Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
 Servers: Elise Hennen, Gregory Rabaey
 Lector: Bernie DeCock
 Musicians: Sisters
 Offertory Gifts: Joel & Donna VanDamme
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner
 Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,044	\$6,654	(\$4,610)
Loose plate	\$140	\$192	(\$52)
Online Giving	\$1,466	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$2,905		
Year-to-Date	\$324,911	\$342,308	(\$17,397)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 27 – 5:30 pm
 Sacristan: Claren Novotny
 Servers: Charlie Myhre, Audyn & Brisbyn Traen
 Lector: Claren Novotny
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Thooft
 Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman

Sunday, June 28 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
 Servers: Randy & Reed Sorensen
 Lector: Joe Callens
 Eucharistic Ministers: David Vlaminck
 Ushers: Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

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	★ Mike Halverson
★ Joel Bill Son-in-law of Pat Hebrank	★ Missy Hennen
★ Mary Coquyt	★ Jeremy Koelar
★ Francis DeSmet	★ Jamie Jelen
★ Dawson Doyscher Nephew of Carey Doyscher	★ Casey McCoy
★ Basil Englert Lisa Hennen's uncle	★ Julie Noyes
	★ Madeline Swedzinski
	★ Tony Traen
	★ Jean Wambeke

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

- ✠ That we may find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus.
- ✠ That there be peace in areas of conflict and that the Holy Spirit may guide world leaders toward wisdom, justice, and the common good.
- ✠ For the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls.
- ✠ For the healing of all those suffering with sickness and brokenness.

TOTUS TUUS

We are hosting Totus Tuus Friday, June 26 – Friday, July 3, 2026, for our youth.
 Volunteers are needed to host supper on Saturday (June 27) & Sunday (June 28) for the Totus Tuus missionaries.
 If you can help or have questions, please contact RE Director Corissa Van Keulen at www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com.

Schedule for the week ~

Friday, June 26 – Totus Tuus Team arrives
Sunday, June 28 – Team available for Mass
Sunday, June 28 – Thursday, July 2 7:30 – 9:30 pm
 Evening program – Grades 7-12
Monday, June 29 – Thursday, July 2 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 Daytime program – Grades 1-6
Wednesday, July 1 – 6:00 pm
 Parish Potluck
Friday, July 3 – Totus Tuus Team departs

THE UPPER CRUST PIE LADIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The Upper Crust Ladies have freshly made peach, rhubarb, blueberry, cherry, apple, and strawberry rhubarb pies for sale at the Thrift Shop for \$15.
 This gets you delicious pie and the proceeds will help fund new equipment for our basement remodel.

BLOOD DRIVE ~ Minneota American Legion

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Legion in Minneota on Wednesday, June 24, from 1:00 – 7:00 pm.
 Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 (or call Barb Okrina at 507.828.4546) to schedule an appointment.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INFO

Greetings from your CCW team & the Hospitality Chair

St. Edward Hospitality provides meals to members of our parish. Currently, meals are provided for:

- ◆ new parish members.
- ◆ families who are celebrating the birth of their first child.
- ◆ parish members who are experiencing an illness/ recovering from surgery.
- ◆ individuals undergoing a journey with a cancer diagnosis (2-3 meals are provided).
- ◆ Widows – those who have recently lost a spouse.

There are 10 ladies that volunteer to prepare and deliver meals. Marlene Polejwiski is the chair of this commission. Thirteen years ago, she volunteered to cover for someone who was going to be away for the winter months. She has been in charge ever since.

Marlene shared this story with us at our last CCW meeting.

There was a member of our parish who was contacted to receive a meal, the person stated she had so many dietary restrictions that she wasn't able to accept a meal. Instead of a meal, Marlene offered to light a candle in church for her and to pray for her recovery – that was a great substitute for this person.

Thank you to Marlene and the ladies for their dedicated service to members of our parish. If you know of someone who is in need of a meal, please give Marlene a call @ 507-828-5878 or 507-872-6042.

DETECTIVES NEEDED!

The statue of Mary in front of the school needs repairs. A committee is working on this, but some questions have come up about the statue.

It is known that the statue was dedicated in September of 1958 and that it came from Belgium.

What is not known is who gave the statue to the St. Edward School and why. What we do know follows:

- Our Lady of Beauraing, Our Lady with the Golden Heart is the name she's known by.
- It was placed at its current location and dedicated in September of 1958.
- She is in need of repair and steps are being taken to see what this would cost and if it's feasible. The hope would be to know more about her and her history at our school so as to have some information on its historical significance.

If you have any knowledge about this statue, contact Brenda Verschelde or Jan Bot. To read more about Our Lady of Beauraing check out the following link:

https://www.piercedhearts.org/hearts_jesus_mary/apparitions/our_lady_beauraing.html

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 31 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Barbie Thomsen

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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

RADIO ROSARY REQUEST

Please consider supporting the Radio Rosary. We need sponsors to help continue broadcasting this valuable prayer program on the radio. Your support will help us keep the Rosary available to listeners in our community and beyond. Any contribution or sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

Please send your intentions to 2787 County Road 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229. Cost: \$25per broadcast. Please include your e-mail or phone number when requesting a radio rosary. Thank you for helping us continue this important ministry.

ST. LEO CHURCH DINNER

St. Leo, Minnesota ~ Sunday, June 28, 2026

Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings.

Angel food cake with strawberries for dessert!

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In

Adults – \$20; Kids (5-10) – \$12; Kids (4 & under) – Free

Activities in the School & on the grounds including bake sale, country store, and other games.



Do not be afraid;
**you are worth
more than many
sparrows.**

Matthew 10:31



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 – **June 27** Diane Hennen 507.401.7556

(Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)

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

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

Radio Rosary

June 22: In memory of Janet Kirchner by Dean & Linda Louwagie

June 23: In memory of Don Wartner

by Leonard & Marian Louwagie

June 24: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

June 25: In memory Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Allison Vandelanotte

June 26: In memory of Janet Kirchner by Dave & Diane Hennen

June 27: In memory of Ida Kesteloot by Dennis Devereaux

June 28: In memory of Vicky Persoon by Ken & Phyllis Persoon

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.**

You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31

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Student	Ground	Follow	Penny	Hairs
Sparrows	Fall	Teacher	Worthy	Soul
Worth	Life	Head	Master	Cross
Numbered	Above	Servant	Body	Afraid

He Cares for You!



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Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
 Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
 apart from the will of your Father.
 Matthew 10:29 (NLT)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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 Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. To be fearful or anxious about something
 A. sleepy B. happy C. afraid D. angry
- ___ 2. The physical part of a person
 A. mind B. body C. soul D. personality
- ___ 3. The spiritual part of a person
 A. soul B. body C. hair D. head
- ___ 4. A common, small, gray-brown bird
 A. eagle B. crow C. sparrow D. robin
- ___ 5. A small copper coin
 A. dime B. quarter C. dollar D. penny
- ___ 6. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person
 A. body B. hair C. worth D. soul
- ___ 7. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain
 A. head B. hair C. penny D. soul
- ___ 8. The value of something
 A. hair B. worth C. body D. head



Shalom aleichem
 Peace be upon you