



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



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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"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, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Alice Radtke)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Special Intention)

Wednesday, April 1

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. K (Mary Ann Alcorn)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Marie Rose & Ed Boerboom)

No Religious Education or Youth Bible Study during Holy Week.

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

12:00 pm Service at St. Eloi

3:00 pm Service at St. Edward

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

8:30 pm Mass at St. Edward

(For newly baptized & confirmed)

Sunday, April 5 – Easter

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Brian Timmerman)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

We enter the most holy week of the Church year as we begin Passion Sunday. We sacredly recall the final days of our Lord: His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, as His disciples and the crowds cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

We hear of the preparations for the Last Supper and of Judas' betrayal for thirty pieces of silver. Then we are drawn into the Upper Room, entering into the mystery of the Last Supper. There, our Lord gives us His model of service in the washing of the Apostles' feet and institutes the Eucharist as a memorial sacrifice—a sacred making-present—fulfilled in His Passion and death.

On Friday, we walk with Him on the road to Calvary. We stand at the foot of the Cross and behold Love poured out for us and for our salvation. Then we enter into the silence of the tomb, and with all creation we seem to hold our breath in waiting.

In the darkness of the night, we gather as a people whose Lord has died. A fire is kindled, and the Paschal Candle is blessed—Christ, our Light, shining in the darkness. That light spreads from candle to candle, a powerful image of faith passed from soul to soul. We rejoice as the great hymn of praise, the Exultet, is sung, proclaiming the Resurrection. We listen again to the story of salvation: from creation to deliverance from slavery, to the promise of a new heart—until at last we arrive at the empty tomb.

Then we bless water and celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. What a glorious night! And on Easter Sunday, we rise to rejoice in the Resurrection and the new life offered to us by our Risen Lord.

The liturgies of the Sacred Triduum are among the most powerful and ancient in the life of the Church, rich in beauty and meaning. I encourage you to attend as many of them as you are able. In them, we encounter the depth of God's love and are moved to give Him thanks and praise.

As some may be aware, ongoing conflict involving Iran has complicated the liturgical celebrations in Jerusalem. Aside from the large procession on Passion Sunday, the Franciscans of the Holy Land have announced that they will still celebrate the Sacred Triduum, including the Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, even without pilgrims present.

Please pray for peace in the Holy Land. Pray for an end to violence and for the conversion of hearts away from hatred and destruction. Pray for world leaders, that they may be guided by truth and wisdom in seeking stability and peace. And pray especially for all those caught in the midst of conflict—in Israel, in Iran, and throughout the region.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
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 St. Edward School: www.stedscatholicschool.com
 St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Thursday - Monday, April 2 - 6 No School – Easter Break

March Calendar Sponsorship

Mar. 4 Shorty Jerzak In memory
 Mar. 6 John, Thora, Amy Myhre In memory
 Mar. 7 Corky DeCock In honor
 Mar. 10 Steve Przymus In memory
 Mar. 16 Chrystal Gorecki In memory
 Mar. 18 Julie Kockelman Birthday
 Mar. 26 Richard Novotny In memory

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
Adult	\$545	\$1,923	(\$1,378)
Loose plate	\$508	\$192	\$316
Commodity	\$50		
Year-to-Date	\$82,246	\$93,539	(\$11,293)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 pm – Holy Thursday

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
 Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey
 Lector: Brad Hennen
 Musicians: John Rabaey
 Offertory Gifts: Mike & Angie Monnet Family
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Corissa Van Keulen
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

Friday, April 3 – 12:00 pm – Good Friday

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke
 Lector: Mike Van Keulen
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Monica Senden
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

Saturday, April 4 – 8:30 pm – Easter Vigil – at St. Edward

Lectors: Bernie DeCock, Steve Hennen

Sunday, April 5 – 10:30 am – Easter Sunday

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen
 Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey
 Lector: Doug Maeyaert
 Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen
 Offertory Gifts: Mark & Cindy Nelson
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt
 Cup: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,680	\$6,654	(\$2,974)
Loose plate	\$199	\$192	\$7
Online Giving	\$1,178	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$256,360	\$260,154	(\$3,794)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Friday, April 3 – 3:00 pm – Good Friday

Sacristan: None Needed
 Servers: Volunteers Needed
 Lector: Eriann Faris
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris
 Ushers: Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

Saturday, April 4 – 8:30 pm – Easter Vigil

Sacristan: Volunteer Needed
 Servers: Ian & Noah Myhre
 Lector: Bernie DeCock, Steve Hennen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris
 Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, April 5 – 8:30 am – Easter

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
 Servers: Volunteers Needed
 Lector: Ruth Bot
 Eucharistic Ministers: David Vlaminck
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Chuck Josephson, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlaminck

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

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.

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

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

A 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics continues.

Apologetics help us explain and defend the Catholic faith. Deacons Jason & Bruce will lead us.

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.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER!

Please help decorate St. Edward and St. Eloi for the Easter season by donating towards Easter lilies and other spring flowers as a remembrance of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked Easter Flowers on an envelope and place in the collection basket.

ONLINE GIVING REMINDER

Parishioners of St. Edward – remember you can give your church donations online!



It's a simple process to set up. If you're interested in this easy way to donate, contact Caren at the church office.

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD

Each September, every parish is assigned a "Shepherd" to pray for and affirm throughout the year. Ways to affirm our shepherd is to pray daily for him, send cards/notes for special occasions, or offer a Mass in his name.

Fr. Patrick Casey (retired) is the Shepherd of the Field for St. Edward this year. His address is 525 Fairview Ave. S., Apt. 439, St. Paul, MN 55116-1669.

Take 5 minutes to let him know you're praying for him.

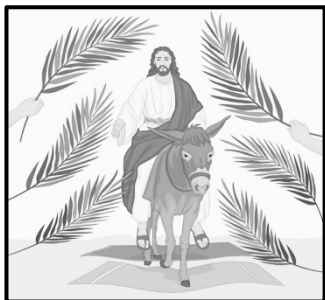
BUS DRIVERS WANTED!

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 19 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Fr. Keith



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR

Loss of a Spouse is a 2-hour seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm, at Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Space, Marshall.

For more information, call Holy Redeemer Parish at 507.532.5711.

CCW DEANERY 2 SPRING GATHERING "His Kindness Gives Us Hope"

Please attend the Deanery 2 Spring Gathering. It is being held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Murdock on Tuesday, April 7.

Registration is at 5:00 with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:15 pm with Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a meal.

The speaker is from Safe Avenues in Willmar, MN. The topic is *Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Rural Minnesota*. It's happening here – this is what you need to know.

Registration is \$15. Contact Amanda Engels by April 1 and the registration fee will be paid for you. Bring canned goods or pantry items for donation to Safe Avenues.

2026 NUDCCW ANNUAL CONVENTION

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its 65th Annual Convention at the Church of St. Michael in Morgan on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

The theme of the Convention is "Grow in God's Love: His Love Stands Firm Forever". The day will begin with registration and breakfast at 7:30 am followed by a business meeting, keynote speaker, Woman of the Year Award, and Mass.

Lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon speakers, the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will speak on "The Genius of Women", the role of women in the home and in society. The day will conclude with inspiration from the National CCW convention and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 pm. There will be a silent auction, various displays, vendors, religious article suppliers available for shopping.

The keynote speaker is Jessica Bartholomew, founder and Executive Director of ACT United (Anti Child Trafficking). Their mission is to unite communities in prevention and ignite youth leadership in the movement to end online exploitation and trafficking of children and teens.

Join us for a day of prayer, education, and opportunity to socialize with the women of the Diocese of New Ulm.

Registration information can be found at www.nudccw.org.

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, March 30, 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 2026 American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Lyon County being held on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Please join us for food, fun & fundraising!

PS - Our Relay team also has the Marshall "Shop Local" coupon books with \$5 from each book going to ACS.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING – Ghent – Post #564

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 pm in the Ghent Town Hall.

BLOOD DRIVE ~ Minneota High School

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the main gym in the Minneota High School, Wednesday, April 8, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm.
Give blood – save a life. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

JACKPOT BINGO – ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, April 12, 2026 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.

GRIEF SHARE

If you, an adult and have experienced the death of a loved one (spouse, child, friend, family) and are journeying toward grief healing, you are invited to a GriefShare 13-week session.
GriefShare is a nondenominational, Christ-centered DVD seminar, featuring nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion. The first session will be held April 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Area, Marshall.
GriefShare material is designed so that a person can begin attending any week, even if you missed prior sessions. All faith expressions welcome.
For more information, call the parish office, 507.532.5711 or access www.griefshare.org.



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 – **April 4** Dcn. Bruce Bot 507.828.7012
(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

Mar. 30: In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie, Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard by Allen Battle III
Mar. 31: In memory of Don Maeyaert by Dan & Shari
Apr. 1: In memory of Ruth & Bob Jacob by Madeline Swedzinski
Apr. 2: In memory Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Duane & Bernie Louwagie
Apr. 3: In memory of Arnie Bot by Terry Hennen
Apr. 4: In memory of Don Wyffels by Peter & Melissa Louwagie
Apr. 5: In memory of Helen Wambeke by Jerry & Caroline Van Keulen

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.**

Family Lenten Activities

1. Pray for world religious and political leaders.
2. Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you.
3. Clear your mind of other things and sit quietly with God.
4. Attend a Holy Week Mass.



**God of transcendence,
As an example of humility
for the human race,
You sent our Savior to become incarnate
and to submit to the cross;
grant us the grace
to learn from this patient suffering
and so to share in the resurrection;
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Palm Sunday – The Triumphal Entry

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

Blessed	Miracles	Highest	Heaven	Crowd
Spread	Glory	Praise	Village	People
Disciples	Cloaks	Voices	Lord	Peace
Name	Road	Jesus	Hill	Colt