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Sunday, September 29, 2024

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 30

No Convent Mass

Tuesday, October 1 – No Convent Mass

3:00 pm Mass at Madison Ave. (Bernice Kloos)

Wednesday, October 2 – No Convent Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 7 & 8 (Allan Schreiber)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

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

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

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – church basement

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

Thursday, October 3 – No Convent Mass

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Karen Antony)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

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

Friday, October 4 – No Convent Mass

5:45 am That Man Is You

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Brian & Bruce Gossen)

Saturday, October 5 – No Convent Mass

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Loretta Kern)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, October 6

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jerry & Pat Stoneberg)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Tom Brewers)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

In just a few weeks, we are invited to go to the polls to vote. As in the past years, I encourage you to look at the issues, beyond the snapshots and soundbites. This election is important, though I do not think that it is a life-or-death election. As Americans, we know we have the duty to elect the persons who will promote and defend the Constitution, not just so many promises. As Catholics, our faith needs to inform our choices, too.

Too often, though, we hear that our faith needs to be kept out (unless of course it supports the party in power, or a certain party). We must be more than single issue voters, but there are some issues so large that those that would be opposed to it disqualify themselves if there is another choice. Among such issues are the issues of abortion and euthanasia. Such anti-life positions are at odds with our human thriving.

Certainly, we promote responsible parenthood, but the moment of decision is not after a child has been conceived but before the activity that might lead to a pregnancy. But we need to go even beyond that. In my estimation, we need political leaders who will pursue two other ends. ONE is we need more support for crisis pregnancy centers to support women in bringing their child to term. But we also need leaders who will invite us to deeper virtue. While it often gets rejected wholesale, chastity based sexual education is truly effective. Even here, unfortunately, we see a strong divide as one party seeks to eliminate crisis pregnancy centers, criticizing them as promoters of misinformation without being specific in what areas the crisis pregnancy centers are promote lies.

Science and medicine both until recently agreed with the pro-life positions that life begins at conception, that the heartbeat is observable early on, and that the unborn child experiences pain fairly early. One side seems to persecute and prosecute pro-life leaders for minor infractions but ignoring the threats and destruction of crisis pregnancy centers.

The issues of life are not offset, as some might hint, by being open to all forms of 'immigration.' There is a prudential judgment needed to address the issues regarding those who entered the country in other means than legal routes, or those that have stayed beyond their visas. Of course, the legal status does not give free rein to mistreatment, but deportation is not a form of mistreatment *per se*. But the reception of those conceived is a moral issue.

Please study the candidates carefully and vote for the one who will work for, or at least not work in direct opposition, of our pro-life stance. Which politician will work for us, not necessarily the one we like the most the most. It should not be a popularity contest, but rather a reasoned vote for the one who will execute or legislate laws that promote true human flourishing.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

Eucharistic Revival Information

REFLECTION ~ Think about this ...

Friends, our act of faith in the Christ's real presence in the Eucharist should strengthen us when dealing with distractions at Mass.

Willfully and negligently giving into distractions is a transgression against our Lord's honor. When we willfully give in to distractions, we prefer something of infinitely lesser value over him, who is our greatest good. When we do so, we treat the divine and holy as something earthly and banal. And in willfully doing so, we approach Holy Communion like one approaching a gourmet meal—without understanding or appreciating its value or what its preparation entailed.

Our Lord understands our weakness. But let us strive, out of love, to focus as much as we can on what is happening during the Mass so that the grace of the Eucharist may not reach deaf ears.

Only Christ has the words of eternal life.

Let us pray.

Lord, you place before us a decision to follow you amid difficulties. Make us free so that by being open to your calling we may follow you boldly wherever you take us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

grace

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

There will be no Masses at the St. Eloi Convent until November 4, 2024. The Sisters are out of town for various retreats, meetings, etc.

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,165.00	\$2,110.00	\$1,055.00
Loose plate	\$2,130.00	\$146.00	\$1,984.00
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$27,743.00	\$25,748.00	\$1,995.00

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 6 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Betsy Jo Kack

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Corey & Betsy Jo Kack

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Dan Sik

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,276.00	\$4,830.00	(\$1,554.00)
Loose plate	\$222.00	\$154.00	\$68.00
Online Giving	\$510.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$424.00		
Year-to-Date	\$50,782.00	\$69,476.00	(\$18,694.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 5 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Eli Faris, Gabe Ludwikowski

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Ministers: Claren Novotny

Ushers: Charlie Callens, Troy DeSmet, Jerry Kloos, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, October 6 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Fran Sturm

Servers: Ian & Noah Myhre, Piper Shoultz

Lector: Teresa Myhre

Eucharistic Ministers: Seth Myhre

Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszski, John Sumerfelt

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.

- ★ Ann Abraham
- ★ Brent & Lori Buysse
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Bernie Moore
- ★ Grace Rabaey

RECOGNIZING OUR PRIESTS

Today, September 29, 2024, has been chosen by the USA Council of SERRA International as a day to honor our priests.

Our priests play an indispensable yet mysterious role in mediating the sacred, of witnessing to the extraordinary in the special, yet ordinary moments of everyday life.

How often do we really get to know our priests, and how often do we thank them for all they give us? Without the priesthood, there would be no Eucharist, and without the Eucharist, there would be no Catholic Church.

Let us remember to say thank you to our priests often for all they do for us, and especially let us remember to pray for them every day!

Prayer for our Priests

Grant them wisdom, let their minds be sober and watchful, so that they may be filled with works of healing and words of instruction. May they teach your people in meekness and serve you in holiness with an undivided mind and a willing soul. Amen.

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD ~ ST. EDWARD & ST. ELOI

This would be an appropriate time to send a note to our Shepherd of the Field. This year Fr. Andy Michels is our Shepherd. His address is 249 6th St., Tracy, MN 56175.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Did you hear that—you have just been called to teach Religious Education. The Religious Education year started on September 18, 2024.

We continue to need a catechist for 4th grade. And, there is a need for substitutes available to teach as well.

If at all interested, contact RE Director Corissa Van Keulen at www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com

SCHOENSTATT GIRLS' GROUP

The Schoenstatt Girls' Group is starting this Monday, September 30! Do you want to learn more about God and Mary? Sign up now! The monthly meeting is for girls ages 6 – 18. It is held the last Monday of each month from 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the Knights' Hall.

The Schoenstatt Girls' Group includes games, crafts, and songs; they provide an opportunity for girls to grow in their faith and their love for God and Mary and to share this experience with other girls their age.

For more information or to register for the Schoenstatt Girls Group, please contact Jean Callens at 507.828.3472 or jcallens91@aol.com.

There will be a bus that travels from the Minneota Public School to St Edward School each day after school. If you would like to take advantage of this travel opportunity, please contact St. Edward School at 507.872.6391 or Jean Callens.

Join us to start a new year of Schoenstatt!!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the family & friends of Sue Gorecki, Francis Rabaey, Greg Swedzinski, & Tom Swedzinski for the generous donations made to the school in their memory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE TRAINING FOR CGS

As you may know, we will be hosting a training at St. Edward's for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd over MEA weekend (October 18-20). We are looking for help with meals and snacks for those attending.

Many hands make light work so I have broken up everything needed into small chunks. Feel free to sign up for one or several things.

We need people to help by donating food items and/or setting out food & cleaning up in the Knights' Hall. Work shifts shouldn't last much more than an hour and a half. Here is the signup genius. Email or call Teresa Myhre (507.828.2637) with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F44A9A82CA6FA7-51230296-cgstraining>

RAFFLE TICKETS

Remember to purchase your raffle ticket(s)! They cost \$50 with a limited number available (400). You may buy one or more tickets.

If your ticket is drawn for a particular Sunday, it will be placed back in the drawing for an opportunity to win more than once.

Each weekend the winner will be announced in the bulletin.

The winnings will be \$100 per week with special winnings on Christmas and Easter of \$1,000 and \$250 on Mother's and Father's Day.

Tickets will be on sale at the SCRIP table after Mass each week as well as at the church office through November 17. The first drawing will be Sunday, November 24.

Let's make this raffle a huge success!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTED SEPTEMBER 18

The Women's Bible Study will be held at 6:30 pm in the church basement on Wednesday evenings. Please use

the following link to order your book [Keeping in Balance Bible Study – Walking with Purpose](#).

Please let Stacie (507.530.6748) or Lisa (605.391.2758) know if you are going to attend.

ST. ELOI PARISH

There is need for a 1,000 gallon propane tank for the church. If you have one that you don't need, please call Ron Sussner – 507.828.1115. Thank you.

SUNDAY FIRE

Sunday FIRE for 2024-25 will start on November 10, 9:30 – 10:30 am and will meet in the Knights' Hall.

We will be studying a series from FORMED.org titled, "Lectio: Eucharist: Discovering the Mass through the Bible."

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 45 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Anthony Kampa

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – SEPTEMBER

For The Cry of the Earth ~

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

<https://www.daily-prayers.org/popes-monthly-intentions/pope-francis-2024-monthly-intentions/>

AREA FALL FESTIVALS

Wabasso, Church of St. Anne ~ Sunday, September 29

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings

(Homemade Apple & Pumpkin Pie)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In & Take-Out Dinners

Adults - \$15; Kids (4-11) - \$8; Kids (3 & under) – Free

Take-outs - \$15 Call 507.828.4808

BLOOD DRIVE ~ Minneota High School

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Minneota High School gym on Wednesday, October 2, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm.

Blood continues to be in short supply; be a hero and donate.

Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

WOMEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT – October 11-13

↳ This retreat is for all women in this area.

↳ It will be held from October 11 – 13.

(Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.)

↳ It will be held at the Lake Shetek Retreat Center.

↳ Cost is \$150 which includes all meals.

↳ To register, contact Lisa Meyer 865.4616 or visit www.holy-redeemer.com, Education tab, Adult Programs, then Emmaus.



**Let's meet at My house
Sunday before the game.
~ God**

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 – **October 5** Janell Laleman 507.828.9351
 (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

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, September 30 All men & women whom God is calling to the priesthood or religious life	Tuesday, October 1 Pope Francis
Wednesday, October 2 Bishop Chad	Thursday, October 3 Fr. Christian Adike Fr. Jim Barry Dcn. Art Abel David Rabaey (Sem.)
Friday, October 4 Fr. Josh Bot Fr. David Breu Dcn. Russ Blaschko Brent Sundve (Sem.)	Saturday, October 5 Fr. Gene Brown Fr. Pat Casey Dcn. Bruce Bot Noah U'Ren (Sem.)
Sunday, October 6 Fr. Jim Devorak Fr. Mike Doyle Dcn. Rick Christiansen Matt Wood (Sem.)	

"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15

God's Amazing Grace

T B Y B M K Q G G F F O R Q T E D P T H M U J T
 G E R P G F J O I G N L B E S N A Q K X E P F L
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| GODS AMAZING GRACE | FREE FROM SIN | NEW CREATURE |
| IMMORTALITY | HOLY BIBLE | HOLY GHOST |
| SEARCHING | CHANGING | VICTORY |
| HEALING | KEEPING | HEAVEN |
| LOVING | SAVING | GRAVE |
| POWER | GLORY | DEATH |
| MERCY | FAITH | DYING |
| HELL | SAVE | SEEK |

Amazing Grace Word Scramble

1. ODLR _____
2. ERPODMIS _____
3. UNSDAOATH _____
4. HTCERW _____
5. PERISA _____
6. GAINAZM _____
7. EILEBDEV _____
8. CREGA _____
9. UORPEISC _____
10. ASVED _____
11. NINIGHS _____
12. TOSL _____
13. ADSY _____
14. OUHR _____
15. OSNUD _____
16. IBLDN _____
17. EEDNUR _____
18. DUFON _____
19. DOG _____
20. PHOE _____

Radio Rosary

Sept. 30: In memory of Audrey Bakker by her family
 Oct. 1: In memory of Jon Guttormsson by his family
 Oct. 2: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
 Oct. 3: For the deceased members of the Jules DeLanghe family by Jack & Terry Hennen by Michael & Lorraine Weverka
 Oct. 4: In memory E.J. & Bertha Kerr by Ardyce Louwagie
 Oct. 5: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
 Oct. 6: In memory of Anthony, Betty, & Bill Krogman by the Krogman 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.

