



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



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Sunday, January 19, 2025 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Lincoln Lessman)
9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Mysteries of the Tabernacle*
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Jim & Adeline Welsh)

Monday, January 20 – No School

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)
7:00 pm CCW Meeting in Knights' Hall

Tuesday, January 21

7:45 am Convent Mass (Charles & Elizabeth Bot)
3:00 pm Word & Communion at the Apartments
6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting
7:30 pm Finance Council, St. Edward

Wednesday, January 22

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5 & 6 (John Dero)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jim Driemeyer)
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
7:34 pm Choir in St. Edward Choir Loft
8:00 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Knights' Hall

Thursday, January 23

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Barb Wenker)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Butch Dahl)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, January 24

5:45 am TMIY
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Leo & Isabelle Hennen)
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Ray Bot)

Saturday, January 25

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Conrad Hennen)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Ben & Lorene Pohlen)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 26 – Catholic Schools Week Begins

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday FIRE *No Meeting Today*
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (David & Lorraine Maertens)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Ordinary Time! We began this ordinary time season this past week, ordinary not because it is normal or boring, but because it is ordered – and perhaps in two ways as we speak of the first week, second week, etc. of this season, but it is during this time that we put order to the mysteries we have just celebrated.

When we do so, we find Christmas extended, as we continue to contemplate the mystery of the incarnation, the Lord's revelation to the nations and the first mysteries revealing Him as Lord, and our seeking the deeper meaning of all of that.

This week on January 22, we mark the anniversary of the disastrous Roe vs. Wade decision and thankfully recall that this Supreme Court decision has been reversed. The issue of abortion reverted to the States, unfortunately allowing the states to allow abortion. Of course, Minnesota is among the most pro-abortion, so we have much work to do.

While abortion is legalized in our state, abortion is a moral issue – it is the destruction of an innocent human life. I would hope that too we make abortion not only illegal, but unthinkable. This means we must work for the conversion of hearts as much as conversion of laws. We have great alternatives with Crisis Pregnancy Centers, adoption services, and various other helps.

Part of the other issue is the purposeful embracing of the culture of death. Some recent interviews that I have listened to have pointed out that abortion is a form of child sacrifice. While it might seem a bit reactionary or conspiracy theorist (ironic that one interview was by Mel Gibson, the main actor in a movie named Conspiracy Theory who plays a character whose theories are proven true), there are some hints towards this – satanists tried to sue anti-abortion states for the right to abortion on religious freedom grounds. Indeed, in the more extreme pro-abortion corners, abortion is seen as a quasi-sacrament – a direct mockery of the Eucharist perhaps, as they say, “this is my body.”

Again, to be blunt, it is inconsistent for a Catholic to support abortion. God is the master of life, and we cannot embrace the destruction of innocent life. Ironically, many who might uncritically accept abortion argue against capital punishment. While an issue of life, to impart more rights to a criminal than an innocent unborn child is inconsistent. (Note that the Catholic Stance on capital punishment is nuanced – it is sometimes the only way to protect society from violent criminals, but especially here in the US, our prison systems are secure enough to incarcerate violent criminals from violence to wider society, therefore not necessary.)

So, as we mark the decision and the reversal of Roe vs. Wade, we know that we have much work yet to do.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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

January 20 – No School – Martin Luther King Day
 January 21 – Education Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
 January 26 – Open House, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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	\$1,420.00	\$2,110.00	(\$690.00)
Loose plate	\$82.00	\$146.00	(\$64.00)
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$66,267.00	\$63,714.00	\$2,553.00

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 26 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
 Servers: Evan & Elise Hennen
 Lector: Mike Van Keulen
 Musicians: Sisters
 Offertory Gifts: Darren & Corissa Van Keulen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mike DeSutter

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,660.00	\$4,830.00	(\$3,170.00)
Loose plate	\$276.00	\$154.00	\$122.00
Online Giving	\$533.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$1,530.00		
Year-to-Date	\$154,610.00	\$159,781.00	(\$5,171.00)

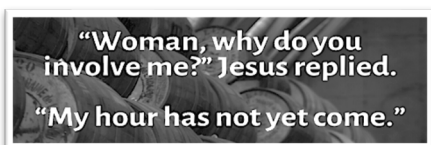
ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 25 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
 Servers: Eli Faris, Gabe Ludwikowski
 Lector: Nate Welsh
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Christensen
 Ushers: Jackie Laleman, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Scott Thooft

Sunday, January 26 – 8:30 am – Catholic Schools Week

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
 Servers: School Kids
 Lector: Teacher
 Eucharistic Ministers: Teacher
 Ushers: School Kids



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to Iyla Audrey Rohe, daughter of Ross & Laura, born on September 30, 2024, and baptized at St. Eloi on Sunday, January 19, 2025.

Iyla – “You are a child of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in His sight. Before God made you, He knew you.” Psalm 139:13, 14

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Catherine (Kate) Thooft who passed away on Monday, January 13. Her funeral was held on Friday, January 17, 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.

- ★ All caregivers
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Anyone who has received a cancer diagnosis
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Grace Rabaey
- ★ Joanne Sturm

ST. EDWARD CHOIR – Members needed!

The choir will be practicing every Wednesday evening at 7:34 pm in the choir loft. It's time to learn a few new hymns/songs from the songbook for Mass and a new Mass service. Everyone is more than welcome! St. Augustine has been credited with saying, “He (She) who sings, prays twice.” Come and sing!

CCW MEETING – January 20, 2025

The next CCW meeting will be on Monday, January 20, at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Hall. This is for all women who are part of CCW. We would love to have you join us! The meetings are not very long, and it is a good way to meet other women of our parish.

EXODUS 90 – For all interested men

Men – do you desire to be a better husband, a better father, and a better man for others – check out Exodus 90. Exodus 90 is a ninety-day program that gets us back to the fundamentals of the Christian faith: prayer, self-denial, and fraternity. It starts on January 20, 2025, and ends on April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday.

You can check it out for yourself at Exodus90.com. If interested or for more information contact, Joseph Callens at 507.828.2894 or joseph.callens67@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE ~ MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Minneota High School, Wednesday, January 22, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

OMELETTE & HASH BROWN BREAKFAST – Jan. 26



Omelette & Hash Brown Breakfast

Sunday, January 26, 2025
St. Edward Church Basement
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a “made-to-order” omelette and hash brown breakfast fundraiser.



Proceeds will fund St. Edward School

FLURRY OF FUN – FEBRUARY 1 – Details & info

Save the date for this year’s Flurry of Fun – Saturday, February 1, 2025. Tickets are on sale now. The Flurry will include a live & silent auction, gun raffle, dinner, drinks, dessert, and live entertainment. If you would like to donate to the event, contact a committee member.

Faith Oakland Addie Buysse Taylor Kruise
 507.829.6751 507.591.0316 507.476.0441

KNIGHTS FREE THROW CONTEST

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will be held for boys/girls, ages 9-14, at Minneota Public School on Sunday, January 26. Sign up is at 2:00 pm and shooting will be from 2:30 – 3:00 pm in the competition gym. There will be candy for all participants and plaques for the winners. Please come and shoot. Contact Wayne Hennen with (605.391.3145) questions.

WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT – Feb. 28 - Mar. 2

“Lent – A Pilgrimage of Hope”

Mark your calendars with the date of the Lenten Retreat. Register [HERE](#) or call 605.398.9200 or email: events@abbeyofthehills.org
 For more information contact Lisa Hennen (605) 391-2748 or Dawn Vlaminck (507) 530.4287.

CGS FORMATION TRAINING

Thank you to all who donated their time and resources in providing our CGS Formation Training participants with meals! We will be hosting two more training weekends to finish the cycle in April and May. We look forward to these wonderful weekends of community and formation. Thank you again!

THANK YOU – Christmas Poinsettia Donations

Thanks to the following for donating to the poinsettias for Christmas decorating.

St. Eloi	
<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>By:</i>
Deceased Family & Friends	Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt
Walter, Delores & Paul Frank & Emma DeCock Evelyn Regnier	Lyle DeCock
George DeSutter Jim, Adeline, & Jamie Welsh	Tom & Cindy Welsh
Dennis Engels & his friends & family	Rita Engels
Conrad & Elaine Hennen & Family	Martin & Laura Hennen
The Manderschei & Kesteloot Families	Judy Kesteloot
Gary Nuytten & Deceased Family & Friends	Sandy Nuytten
Brian, Archie, Madeline & Denise Timmerman	Darla Timmerman
All of our family who are suffering	Corissa & Darren Van Keulen
St. Edward	
Barney & Alan Bot Charles Bot Family Laurence Schmit Family	Alice Bot
Pat & Jerry Stoneberg Helen & Robert Boulton	Deb & Mark Boulton
Richard Buysse Harry & Mary Buysse Arnold & Vina Sanders	Donna Buysse
DeCock & VanOverbeke Families	Jeanette DeCock
Eric Hennen	David & Diane Hennen
Lincoln Lessman Johnny & Dorothy Tillemans Harold & Marie Tillemans Joe Tillemans Jim & Audrey Friedrichs Joyce Kopet William Doyscher	Carey Doyscher
Jules & Beth Gossen Mary & MaryAnn Full	Tim & Betty Gossen
Bernard, Helene, & Bernie Moorse	Fr. Dunstan Moorse
Deceased Family Members	Fran & Joanne Sturm
Tom Swedzinski	Madeline Swedzinski
Brian Thielges	Rollie & Pat Thielges
George, Bertha, Louis Veit Joe, Helene, & Allan Schreiber MaryLou Powell Kevin Guttormsson	David & Mary Schreiber
Maynard & Lula Hodges Al & Frances Tillemans	Bob & Charlene Tillemans

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 9 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Angela Kern



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – JANUARY

For the Right to an Education ~

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A "FORGIVEN RETREAT"

St. Michael Catholic Church in Madison will be hosting an exciting upcoming event called a "Forgiven Retreat."

This half-day retreat will be an opportunity to renew our understanding and love for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession). Over time, this Sacrament can come to seem like an obligation or something only needed for very big sins.

Join us on **Sunday, January 26, at 2:00 pm** to be renewed in the gift and to receive deeper healing.

The reality is that the Lord desires to meet us regularly with His mercy and healing and does this in an unparalleled way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We all have various experiences and misunderstandings surrounding our experience of this Sacrament.

The day will include presentations, shared meals, small groups, Q & A with a priest, and an opportunity to go to Confession and receive prayer with prayer teams during a Eucharistic Holy Hour. See the link to register for free. Please prayerfully consider who in your life you could invite to come with you!

<https://www.dnu.org/diocesan-events/2025/1/26/forgiven-retreat>

FCCLA PROJECT – WoMen's Rural Advocacy Program Collection

Olivia Claeys is working on a community service project for FCCLA. She is collecting items for people who have experienced trauma, harassment, human trafficking, and sexual assault.

Some of these items are diapers, bath products, chapstick, hair brushes, ibuprofen, silverware, towels, pillows, and/or kitchen supplies. There will be a box in the back of church where items can be dropped off.

Email questions to fcclafundraising@mpsvikings.net.

UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION – Drivers needed

Do you like to drive? Are you looking for a way to help others? Then look no further; here at United Community Action Partnership we have a volunteer driver program in your community.

Volunteer drivers help get people to appointments and social outings so they can live independently and stay active within the community.

For more information, call Amanda at 507.847.2632 ext. 1119 or email

communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org.



REMINDER FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

If you need a copy of your donation record, please contact Caren before January 20, 2025.

Radio Rosary

Jan. 20: In memory of Ralph Leifgen

by Peter & Melissa Louwagie

Jan. 21: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their families

Jan. 22: For the intentions of Janet & Bob Bossuyt by Ruth & Tony Louwagie

Jan. 23: In memory of Rita Verly by Allison Vandelanotte

Jan. 24: In memory of Marge Hennen by David & Diane Hennen

Jan. 25: In memory of Rita Verly by Ed Verly & family

Jan. 26: In memory of Charles & Elizabeth Bot and deceased members of their 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 – **January 18** 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. 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

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).



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

wedding	faith	best	last	Cana
Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
wine	disciples	servants	master	water
saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous