



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

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

The Twenty-first 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, August 24

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(St. Edward students, staff, & families)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

11:00 am Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

Tuesday, August 25

12:00 pm Convent Mass (David & Carol Bakker)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Michael Kern)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Paul & Karen Anderson)

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

Thursday, August 27

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

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Putts Boerboom)

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

Friday, August 28

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Antone & Charlene Callens)

Saturday, August 29

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Julia Claeys)

Klaire Banks & Shawn Buysse Wedding at St. Edward

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

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, August 30

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Paul & Margaret Traen)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the People)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who participated in the Catholic United Financial presentation on end-of-life matters. Many important and practical topics were discussed. I have posted a wealth of information and documents on our AFC website at goodteacherafc.schoolinsites.com/funeral.

These resources include forms to help you write an obituary, plan a funeral Mass, prepare health care directives, and establish a Power of Attorney. Having these documents completed and discussing your wishes with your family can provide direction and clarity when difficult decisions need to be made and can help your family through the grief process. Please take some time to look at the webpage.

Monday marks the beginning of our new school year here in Minneota. It is an opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning. As some of our teachers might remind us, the first days of school are filled with new experiences. Even for those returning to the same classroom, everything can seem exciting—or perhaps a little frightening—depending upon the student's attitude. My prayer for our students is that they will be able to set aside their anxiety and come with hearts ready to receive the education they need, so that by the end of the year they will be a little bigger, wiser, and more faithful.

Thank you to Concrete Joe (DeVlaeminck) for installing the new sidewalk over the tunnel between the school and church. The project was a little complicated because there was not as much space between the ceiling of the tunnel and the sidewalk as we might have hoped, so extra precautions were necessary when removing the old sidewalk.

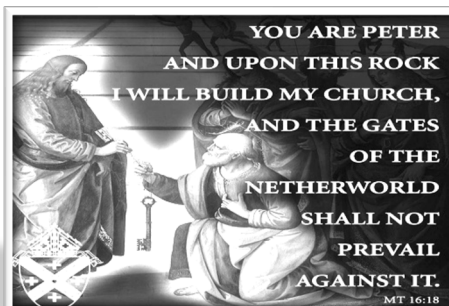
While the new sidewalk had not yet been poured when I wrote these notes, I am sure it will look lovely and serve the parish and school well for many years to come.

In the not-too-distant future, however, we will need a workday to put down plastic and rock along the side of the church and then landscape and seed the area. This will help direct rainwater away from the church and improve the appearance of the area as well. I will let you know when we are ready to tackle that project.

Thank you to everyone who continues to give their time, talent, and labor to care for our parish facilities.

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

Monday, August 24 – First Day of School – Grades 1-8

Tuesday, September 1 – First Day of School – Kindergarten

Thursday & Friday, August 27 & 28 – No School; Staff training

Tuesday, September 8 – First Day of School – Preschool

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER



Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon)

Call 507.829.4785 to verify Mass time.

Vespers: 5:45 pm (Monday – Friday) 6:00 pm (Sunday)

Eucharistic Adoration: 6:15 – 8:15 pm (Monday – Friday)

5:00 – 6:00 pm (Sunday)

7:00 am – 8:30 pm (Saturday)

Dear Parishioners of St. Eloi and St. Edward,

It has been a joy and a grace to spend these past years in Ghent, and now as we move on to our new assignments (Sr. Grace Anne to our convent in Waco, TX, and Sr. Marie Johannah to our convent in Madison, WI) we wish to thank you for all your support and prayers.

We are truly blessed to have a convent in Ghent and to be surrounded by so much goodness and the support of such a beautiful faith community. THANK YOU for all you do for us, truly! And we want to assure you of our continued daily prayers for you and your intentions as well. May the Lord fill you with his peace, love, hope and joy, and may he hear and answer all the deepest desires of your hearts.

If you are ever in Waco or Madison, please stop by! We'd love to see you!

God bless you abundantly!

Sr. Marie Johannah & Sr. Grace Anne

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,950	\$1,923	\$27
Loose plate	\$321	\$192	\$321
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$7,744	\$17,500	(\$9,756)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 30 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Monica Senden

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Galen Boerboom

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,295	\$6,731	(\$4,436)
Loose plate	\$261	231	\$30
Online Giving	\$850	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$30,167	\$41,769	(\$11,602)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki

Lector: Tim Gossen

Eucharistic Ministers: Nate Welsh

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman

Sunday, August 30 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre

Servers: Randy & Reed Sorensen

Lector: Shannon Evjen

Eucharistic Ministers: Neal Bot

Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszeski, John Sumerfelt

The LORD will work out his plans for my life—
for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever.
Don't abandon me, for you made me.
Psalms 138:8

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Charlene Tillemans who passed away on Thursday, August 13. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, August 18, at St. Edward.

"I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

John 14:3

IN LOVING MEMORY...

Prayers to Shirley & Doug Maeyaert's family as Shirley's

Mom, Evelyn Arloise Reyne, passed away on Tuesday,

July 28. Evelyn was 90 years old and was from Luverne.

"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.

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| ★ Mary Coquyt | ★ Missy Hennen |
| ★ Chris DeSutter | ★ Fr. Dunston Moore |
| ★ Steve DeSutter | ★ Sr. Angela Schreiber |
| ★ Dawson Doyscher | ★ Madeline Swedzinski |
| Nephew of Carey Doyscher | ★ Tony Traen |
| ★ Mike Halverson | ★ Jean Wambeke |

FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Sunday, September 20
Serving from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Carnival: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Silent Auction v Cake Walk v Country Store

PRODUCE NEEDED for FALL FESTIVAL

Cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and cabbage are needed for the Fall Festival meal. These produce items can be delivered to the church from Wednesday, September 16, through Friday, September 18, by 2:00 pm.

If you have these items to donate, please contact Nicole Longtin at 507.530.7266.



FALL FESTIVAL CARNIVAL

The Fall Festival and carnival is quickly approaching. Punch cards will be available for purchase to allow the youth to play many of the games as unlimited play. They will then earn tickets to put into buckets for drawings for prizes.

We need donations of prizes for youth \$10 – \$25 to use for these drawings. Please take your donations to the church office in the Knights' Hall. Money to be used to purchase prizes is also welcome. Place it in the collection basket marked "Carnival."

The cakewalk and wishing well will continue to be separate from the punch card games.

If you have any questions, please call Faith Oakland at 507.829.6751.

MISSION SEWING

The Mission Sewing ladies are looking for donations to help us complete our projects.

We need:

Used sewing machines	Iron	Ironing board
Fabric Cutters	Scissors	Cutting Board

If you can help, please call Barb – 507.872.6931.

Thank you for your interest.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 40 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Michelle DeSmet



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

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FALL GATHERING

Please join us
September 21, 2026
St. Mary Catholic Church, Cottonwood, MN
Registration: 5:00 p.m.
Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Meal and speaker to follow

Guest speaker: Tasia Dass
Unbreakable: Based on a True Story

Through an honest and heartfelt story of faith, resilience, and redemption, Tasia shares how God's grace brings hope, healing, and purpose, reminding us that He is always writing a greater story. Healing is possible when you allow God in.

Registration Fee is \$15.00 per person
Contact your parish CCW President
if you plan to attend by September 16th

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 – **September 5** Jason Myhre 507.829.2829

(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

Aug. 24: In memory of Alyssa Vandendriessche by Steve & Linda Vandendriessche

Aug. 25: In memory of LeRoy Neisius by Clem & Alice Anton

Aug. 26: In memory of Tom Louwagie by Dave & Diane Hennen

Aug. 27: In memory of Jim Ochocki by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Aug. 28: In memory of Maurice, Margaret, & Mark Adams by Marvin & Jeanne Louwagie

Aug. 29: In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Leonard & Marian Louwagie

Aug. 30: In memory of Edward & Violet DeVos by Randy & Jane Fox

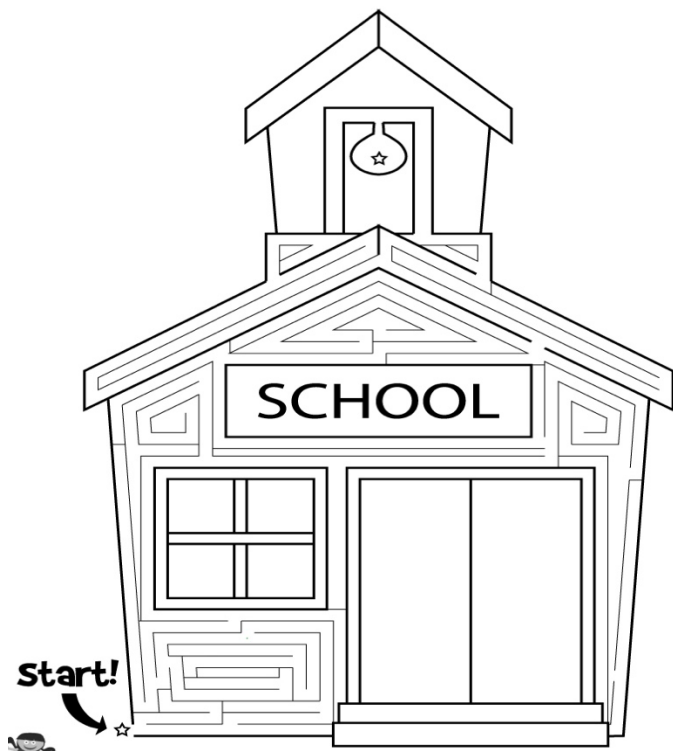
To schedule a radio rosary, send intentions to
Radio Rosary, 2787 Cty Rd 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229 OR
call Karla at 507.828.0397 or Coreen at 507.531.7348.

The Character of Jesus

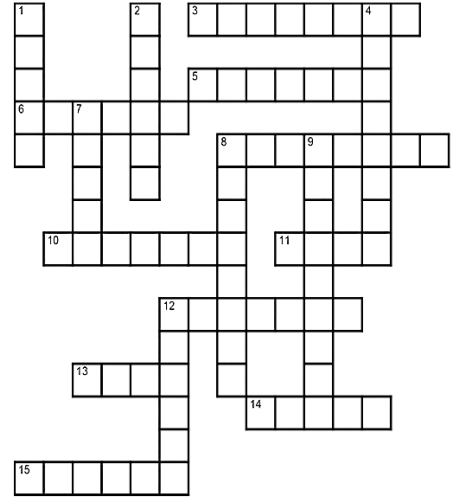


Brave	Graceful	Leader	Righteous
Compassionate	Healer	Loving	Selfless
Empathetic	Holy	Miracle Worker	Servant
Faithful	Honest	Nonjudgmental	Sincere
Forgiving	Humble	Patient	Teacher
Generous	Kind	Peaceful	Wise

Back to School Maze



Back to School



Across

1. Time to play outside during a break in the school day.
5. A place to sit and study in your room or at school.
8. It helps you measure and draw straight lines.
10. Writing utensil made of wood.
12. The person who guides and helps you in class.
14. A subject that involves numbers.
15. Use this to stick things together.
16. Where you go to enjoy stories and explore new worlds.

17. A colorful container to keep your sandwiches and snacks.

Down

2. Place where you might eat your lunch at school.
3. Present for the teacher.
4. Someone who goes to school.
6. A place where you learn and have fun.
7. Mark on an exam or in a class.
9. What school is all about.
11. A pad made of bound sheets of paper for taking notes.
13. A small tool to undo mistakes.

WORDBANK: Apple, Cafeteria, Desk, Eraser, Grade, Learning, Library, Lunchbox, Math, Notebook, Pencil, Recess, Ruler, School, Stapler, Student, Teacher

SUNDAY HUMOR ...

What is the mathematician's favorite book of the Bible?
Numbers.

What is the dentist's favorite church hymn?
Crown Him with Many Crowns.

When was medicine first mentioned in the Bible?
When God gave Noah two tablets.

What is the first math problem mentioned in the Bible?
When God told Adam & Eve to go forth and multiply.

What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?
Flood lights.

Billy: *Father Todd, isn't church like a hospital for sinners and you're the doctor?*

Fr. Todd: *I suppose ... why?*

Billy: *I need you to write me a doctor's note to get out of going back to school.*

Shalom aleichem

Peace be upon you