



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

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Sunday, September 6, 2026

The Twenty-third 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, September 7

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

Tuesday, September 8

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Steve Przymus)

5:00 pm Convent Mass (Kate Thooft) **Note Time Change**

Wednesday, September 9

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jim Driemeyer)

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

Thursday, September 10

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Etien & Marian Laleman)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Bill Drown)

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

Friday, September 11

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5/6

(St. Edward Alumni & Families)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Michael Kern)

Saturday, September 12

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mary DeSmet)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Robert Bottelberghe)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, September 13

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Lawrence & Barb Sumerfelt)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

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

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Attached to the bulletin is a separate sheet containing the Year-End Financial Report Summaries for our parishes, along with a letter explaining the numbers. I encourage you to take some time to review the report, and if you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me.

Monday, of course, is Labor Day. This secular holiday gives us an opportunity to rest from our labors and perhaps to reflect on the meaning of work. We see in Genesis that God Himself worked as He created the universe and all that it contains and then rested on the seventh day while continuing to sustain what He had created.

The vocation to work was given to the crown of His creation—humanity—as God invited Adam to name the animals and to care for creation. Indeed, humanity was given the task of cultivating and caring for the Garden. It was only after the Fall that work became toil. Yet labor itself remains good, even when it is difficult.

Through our work, we cooperate with God's creative action and exercise our responsibility to care for the world He has entrusted to us. Work can therefore be a holy thing—or at least, it ought to be.

Perhaps this Labor Day we might reflect on a simple question: "How does my labor contribute to creation and help build the Kingdom of God?" Whether our work is paid or unpaid, in the home or outside of it, our daily efforts can become an offering to God when we understand them as a participation in His work.

The call to care for creation remains part of our responsibility. We do not care for creation because nature is a god or because it possesses some divine status of its own, but because it *belongs* to God. Creation is a gift entrusted to us, and we have a responsibility to preserve it and hand it on to those who will come after us. In September, the Church gives particular attention to this responsibility and an opportunity to reflect on how we care for the world God has entrusted to us.

This Friday, we also mark the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Anyone old enough to remember that day can probably recall exactly where they were when they first heard the news of the planes striking the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and of the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. For a moment, it seemed that our entire nation held its breath as we prayed for our loved ones and for thousands of people we did not even know.

As we remember those who died and those whose lives were forever changed, let us also remember the lessons of that day. May we pray for an end to terrorism in all its forms, for the conversion of those who embrace violence, and for a world in which human life and human dignity are respected. May God grant eternal rest to those who died and peace to our troubled world.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 8 – First Day of School – Preschool
 Friday, Sept. 11 – Alumni Mass of Gratitude at 10:30 am

August Calendar Sponsorship

August 5	Gene & Brenda Verschelde	In Honor
August 13	Bob Buysse	In Honor
August 15	Dennis Gawarecki	In Memory
August 17	Bruce Gossen	In Memory
August 18	Alan Longtin	In Honor
August 24	Larry Sharp	In Memory

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)

gather together

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$390	\$1,923	(\$1,533)
Loose plate	\$130	\$192	(\$62)
Commodity	\$6,269		
Year-to-Date	\$15,511	\$22,500	(\$6,989)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 13 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
 Servers: Gregory & Xavier Rabaey
 Lector: Karla Engels
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
 Offertory Gifts: Gary & Nancy Crowley
 Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen
 Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,615	\$6,731	(\$5,116)
Loose plate	\$240	231	\$9
Online Giving	\$680	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$51,097	\$62,654	(\$11,557)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
 Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlamincik
 Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
 Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Longtin
 Ushers: Rod Abraham, Jerry Kloos, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlamincik

Sunday, September 13 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens
 Servers: Wyatt Guza, Noah Myhre, Teddy Thomsen
 Lector: Terry Van Keulen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Myhre
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Chuck Josephson, 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. If you know anyone who should be added to this list, contact Caren at the office.

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

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

- ✚ For all students.
- ✚ For family and friends in need of physical or mental healing.
- ✚ That we try to understand different perspectives so that a more forgiving world is created.
- ✚ Lift up the poor, the homeless, and victims of natural disasters.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Religious Education classes will start on Wednesday, Sept. 9.
 Grades 1-5 meet from 5:15-6:30 pm &
 Grades 6-11 meet from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Do you hear that?! You have just been called to be a substitute catechist for Religious Education! You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained. There are several trainings available on the dnu.org site.

To answer this call to serve, contact RE Director Corissa Van Keulen www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com.

Thank You for Saying YES!!

ALUMNI MASS OF GRATITUDE ~ Friday, September 11

The Alumni Mass of Gratitude will be held on Friday, September 11. The celebration will include Mass, lunch, tour of the school, and visits with staff and students. This year we will be honoring alumni/graduates from the classes of 1961-1970. If you were part of the St. Edward school during those years and are interested in attending, please contact the school at 507.872.6391. Come celebrate with staff, students, and other alumni of St. Edward School.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Once again there will be a cash raffle this year with weekly drawings throughout the year.

Tickets 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 22. The first drawing will be Sunday, November 29.

FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

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

FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

One of the activities during the Fall Festival is the Silent Auction. If you have things that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Margrit Rabaey at 507.828.1756.

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 42 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Dan Longtin

Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts

Hebrews 3:7

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

AREA FALL FESTIVAL

Wabasso, Church of St. Anne ~ Sunday, September 27

10:00 am Mass

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings

(Apple and Pumpkin Pie for dessert)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In

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

Take-outs - \$15

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP at St. Peter in Canby

GriefShare is a 13-week, video-based support group designed to help people heal after the death of a loved one. This year's program will be held Sundays, 3:30-5:30 pm, beginning August 30, in St. Peter's Social Hall.

If you are interested, you can search the GriefShare website and sign up or call Deb Full at deb.full58@gmail.com.

REAL PRESENCE RADIO – Our Fall Live Drive is Here!

Tune in for *Stories of Faith, Voices of Hope, and your local community brought together by a shared mission* on your local Catholic radio station. Join us September 15 – 17, from 7 am – 7 pm and be part of what makes Catholic radio possible during our fall live drive.

Support Real Presence Radio by tuning in at **89.5 FM** or calling **877-795-0122**.

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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 19** Lisa Hennen 605.391.2748

(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

Sept. 7: In memory David Longtin & deceased members of his family by Mary Ann Christensen

Sept. 8: In memory of Margie Lipinski by her family

Sept. 9: In memory of Duane & Darlene Farrell by Jerry & Catherine Drager

Sept. 10: In memory of Andrew & Mary Timmerman & deceased family members by Pat Timmerman

Sept. 11: In memory of Tom Louwagie by Ruth & Tony Louwagie

Sept. 12: In memory of Oscar & Alice Louwagie by Marvin & Jeanne Louwagie

Sept. 13: In memory of LeRoy Neisius by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

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.

Love Thy Neighbor

X F V B P W R Z L X V L K A R V Y A V H Z Q Z A
W P C C G Z D E E B E E E Y L D L J L G L D Q D
C G P A I E R A H S M I N D J I W Z X P Q W Q Q
F F V A Z C W Z R E G Z U P F X F L M U P S U G
H K I N D F Q V W Q C G C L X K L I Z F Q O Z D
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Compassionate	Forgive	Treat	Nice	Mind
Encourage	Humble	Share	Pray	Soul
Yourself	Caring	Heart	Good	Love
Neighbor	Build	Help	Kind	God

LABOR DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
In the name of Jesus,
I come before You with gratitude for the
work You have given me.
Thank You for the skills, opportunities,
and resources that allow me to contribute
meaningfully.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all
your heart, as working for the Lord, not
for human masters." (Colossians 3:23,
NIV)

I dedicate my labor to You, asking for
Your guidance and strength.
Bless the work of my hands, and help me
to do all things with excellence and
integrity.

For those seeking employment or facing
challenges at work, I pray for Your
provision and favor.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Amen

Love Thy Neighbor

1. PEHL _____
2. RPAY _____
3. ENIC _____
4. LEOV _____
5. ULSO _____
6. DGO _____
7. AREHT _____
8. MNDI _____
9. NOEGHRBI _____
10. FUELOSyr _____
11. ETNAIPOSSAMC _____
12. BEMULH _____
13. ARNUOCGEE _____
14. UDILB _____
15. TAERT _____
16. OGOD _____
17. VROIGFE _____
18. KDIN _____
19. IGCNRA _____
20. HSEAR _____
21. IBBLE _____

Shalom aleichem

Peace be upon you

Good Teacher Area Faith Community
Church of St. Edward, Minneota MN and Church of St. Eloi, Ghent

September 1, 2026

As we begin a new fiscal year, I would like to take a moment to share with you the year-end financial results for our parishes for 2025–2026.

First, I want to thank you for your generosity. Everything we are able to do in our parishes—from worship and faith formation to maintaining our buildings and supporting our schools—is made possible by the generosity of parishioners. Your financial support is an important part of our shared responsibility for the mission entrusted to us.

St. Eloi ended the 2025–2026 fiscal year in a strong financial position.

The parish received \$386,551.45 in total income during the year. This included \$165,762.94 in estate income and \$47,782.01 from the Air Handler Campaign. These two extraordinary sources of income are important to distinguish from the parish's normal operating income.

Ordinary parish income, represented primarily by our General and Administrative income, totaled \$173,006.50. Our total parish expenses for the year were \$136,128.29. Thus, our ordinary operating activities finished the year with a positive balance of \$36,878.21.

The financial picture at St. Edward is somewhat more complicated because of the significant renovation work undertaken during the past fiscal year.

St. Edward received \$1,277,227.99 in total income during 2025–2026. Of this amount, \$216,549.19 came from estate and campaign income. Regular parish and school income totaled \$1,060,678.80.

Regular parish and school expenses totaled \$1,032,341.99, meaning that the ordinary operations of the parish and school finished the year approximately \$28,337 ahead of ordinary income. This is primarily because of interest gained on the endowments that were established some time ago. We did draw off a significant amount of this interest to meet the lack of funds to operate.

The major factor affecting the final bottom line was the \$324,013.74 spent on the church renovation. When that extraordinary renovation expense is included, total expenses for the year were \$1,356,355.73, resulting in a reported net deficit of \$79,127.74 for the fiscal year. That deficit needs to be understood in context.

There are three things I would especially like you to know.

First, our ordinary parish operations remain important and need continued attention. Extraordinary gifts, estates, and campaigns are wonderful blessings, but they cannot replace the regular generosity that supports the day-to-day life of our parishes.

Second, we have been able to accomplish significant things because of your generosity.

Third, we need to continue to be good stewards. The money entrusted to our parishes is not simply "our money." It is a resource entrusted to us for the work of the Gospel. We have a responsibility to use it wisely, to maintain our buildings responsibly, to provide for our schools and ministries, and above all to make sure that our financial decisions serve the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church.

I am grateful for the work of our parish finance councils and those who assist with the financial administration of our parishes. Their careful attention to our finances helps us make responsible decisions about both our present needs and our future.

Most of all, I am grateful to you. Your generosity is about much more than paying bills or balancing a budget. It allows us to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, educate our children, care for our buildings, and provide a place where people can encounter Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your continued generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to the life and mission of our parishes. May God continue to bless St. Eloi and St. Edward, and may He help us to be faithful stewards of all that He has entrusted to us.

With gratitude and prayers,



Fr. Todd J. Petersen

St. Edward End of Year 2025-2026 Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual	Next Year Annual Budget
Income				
General and Administrative Totals:	585,048.27	467,500.00	117,548.27	664,100.00
Faith Formation Youth Totals:	4,419.00	2,500.00	1,919.00	2,500.00
Parish Building & Grounds Totals:	108,600.49	0.00	108,600.49	0.00
School General and Administrative	362,611.04	443,835.00	(81,223.96)	544,085.00
Parish Totals:	1,060,678.80	913,835.00	146,843.80	1,210,685.00
Estate and Campaign income Received	216,549.19			
Income Totals:	1,277,227.99	913,835.00	363,392.99	1,210,685.00
Expense				
General and Administrative Totals:	166,383.31	133,466.25	(32,917.06)	330,565.00
Liturgy & Worship Totals:	12,917.34	8,600.00	(4,317.34)	10,000.00
Faith Formation Youth Totals:	17,325.63	21,100.00	3,774.37	21,600.00
Parish Building & Grounds Totals:	122,021.29	81,485.00	(40,536.29)	92,690.00
Rectory Totals:	5,579.41	5,950.00	370.59	6,400.00
School General and Administrative	603,555.57	575,838.75	(27,716.82)	628,795.00
School Building & Grounds Totals:	104,559.44	90,180.00	(14,379.44)	90,700.00
Parish Totals:	1,032,341.99	916,620.00	(115,721.99)	1,180,750.00
Parish Income Total	28,336.81	(2,785.00)	31,121.81	29935
Renovation Expense	324,013.74			
Expense Totals:	1,356,355.73	916,620.00	(439,735.73)	1,180,750.00
Net Income - Expense:	(79,127.74)			

St. Eloi End of Year 2025-2026 Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget vs. YTD Actual	Next Year Annual Budget
Income				
General and Administrative Totals:	173,006.50	149,900.00	23,106.50	0.00
Estate Received	165,762.94			
Air Handler Campaign	47,782.01			
Income Totals:	386,551.45	149,900.00	236,651.45	0.00
Expense				
General and Administrative Totals:	62,423.20	69,510.00	7,086.80	0.00
Liturgy & Worship Totals:	5,941.04	5,000.00	(941.04)	0.00
Parish Building & Grounds Totals:	45,821.74	41,260.00	(4,561.74)	0.00
Rectory Totals:	8,017.26	10,050.00	2,032.74	0.00
School Building & Grounds Totals:	13,925.05	22,500.00	8,574.95	0.00
Expense Totals:	136,128.29	148,320.00	12,191.71	0.00
Operating Income - Expense:	36,878.21	1580	35,298.21	0
Net Income With Campaign and Estate:	250423.16	1580	248843.16	0