



# Good Teacher Area Faith Community

## St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**The Second 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, January 19

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

#### Tuesday, January 20

7:00 am Convent Mass (Jack Hennen)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Antone & Theresa Groebner)

6:00 pm Education Committee

7:30 pm Finance Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 21

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5/6  
(Deceased parents of Ben & Jan Bot)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Frank & Emma, Walter & Delores DeCock)

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, January 22

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Robert Gritman)

8:00 am Convent Mass (Jack Rehkamp)

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

#### Friday, January 23

6:00 am TMIY Knights' Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (David Schreiber)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Louis J. Claeys)

#### Saturday, January 24

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mary DeSmet)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (John Dero)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

#### Sunday, January 25 – Catholic Schools Week Begins

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (St. Ed's School Staff & Families)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Omelette & Hash Brown Breakfast

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Joe Van Keulen)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

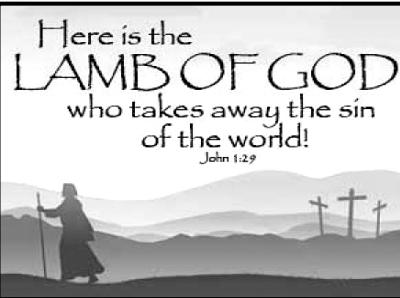
On Monday of this past week, we began Ordinary Time. I recently came across a reminder that Ordinary Time is sometimes called the "Season of Saints," and I must admit that I really like that description.

After all, while the saints did extraordinary things, they were able to do so because they lived with Christ and chose Him in the ordinary, daily decisions of their lives. One who can easily deny Christ by choosing sin will not find it difficult to deny Him when facing an executioner. One who routinely chooses creaturely comfort will find it difficult to choose heavenly grace. Ordinary Time is the season in which we are called to grow and mature as Christians—apart from the brilliance of the great feasts of Christmas and Easter, and the intensity of penance during Advent and Lent.

Consider plants. We know that plants need light to photosynthesize, but they also need darkness—to reset their rhythms and to grow and repair. If plants require periods of rest in the dark, and we ourselves need rest and periods of darkness for our bodies, does it not make sense that we also need periods of "darkness" for our souls? While the analogy is not perfect, viewing Ordinary Time in this way may help us better appreciate the deeper spirituality of this season.

Our Flurry of Fun is in two weeks, on Saturday, January 31. We have a change of venue this year, as the event will be held at KBs in Ghent. Because of this change and the timing of the social hour, we will celebrate Mass at St. Eloi at 4:30 pm on January 31, to accommodate those who wish to attend Saturday Mass and participate in the Flurry. I am very much looking forward to this wonderful event, which supports both our Religious Education programs and our school. Your support is deeply appreciated.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd



**Note: The January 31 Mass will be at St. Eloi in Ghent at 4:30 pm due to the Flurry of Fun at KBs that evening.**

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey      Secretary: Trudy Banks  
jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com      Office: 872.6391  
St. Edward School: [www.stedscatholicschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com)  
St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Monday, Jan. 19 – No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Open Gym** Saturday, January 24 9:00 – 11:00 am

Children (ages 2 – 8) and their favorite adult

Sunday, Jan. 25 – Catholic Schools Week begins

Saturday, Jan. 31 – Flurry of Fun – KBs in Ghent

## 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)

*God loves you*

## ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$ 965	\$1,923	(\$958)
Loose plate	\$ 160	\$192	(\$32)
Commodity			
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$64,153</b>	<b>\$68,923</b>	<b>(\$4,770)</b>

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 25 – 10:30 am**

**Sacristan:** Darla Timmerman

**Servers:** Elise Hennen, Toby Wambeke

**Lector:** Jennifer Rabaeys

**Musicians:** Sisters

**Offertory Gifts:** Brad & Barb Hennen Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

**Ushers:** Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,990	\$6,654	(\$3,664)
Loose plate	\$ 353	\$192	\$ 161
Online Giving	\$ 888	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$1,544		
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$177,671</b>	<b>\$191,692</b>	<b>(\$14,021)</b>

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 25 – 5:30 pm**

**Sacristan:** Cindy Novotny

**Servers:** Audyn & Brisbyn Traen

**Lector:** Nate Welsh

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Claren Novotny

**Ushers:** Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft

**Sunday, January 25 – 8:30 am – Catholic Schools Sunday**

**Sacristan:** Joe Callens

**Servers:** Declan Evjen, Wyatt Guza, Noah Myhre

**Lector:** Students

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Teachers

**Ushers:** Rick Bot, Doug Janiszewski, 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.

- ★ Marissa Bauer
- ★ Sister-in-law of Charles Bot
- ★ Mary Coquyt
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Eileen Differding
- ★ David Fier
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Angela Schreiber
- ★ Terry Schreiber
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Madeline Swedzinski
- ★ Brenda Verschelde
- ★ Parishioner's grandson

### THE 2026 ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP!

Envelopes for 2026 are in the church basement. Please pick up your envelopes; and if you see someone else's that you could deliver, please do so. Thank you!

### DONATIONS RECORD FOR 2025

If you need a copy of your donation record, please contact Caren before January 20, 2026.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – January 25

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a "made-to-order" omelette and hash brown breakfast to kick off Catholic Schools Week next Sunday. It will be in the St. Edward basement from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. All are invited!

### 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, February 1. Sign up is at 12:30 pm and shooting will begin at 1:00 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.

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

Starting February 1, Deacon Jason will be teaching a 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics, which is how to explain and defend the Catholic faith. Deacon Bruce will also be leading some faith formation dates. The schedule is on the Good Teacher AFC website listed at the top of the bulletin.

We will continue to offer a light breakfast with time for fellowship, have the lesson and then have time for open group discussion. We meet Sundays from 9:30 -10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

### CCW MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Plan to attend the St. Edward CCW Meeting on Monday, January 26, at 6:00 pm in the Knights' Hall.

We will be reporting on the events and collections done in the past few months as well as plan for future activities.

(This meeting was originally scheduled for January 19, but was postponed due to the Deanery Board meeting on January 19, which affects several women from St. Ed's.)

*Jesus loves you*

## **KITCHEN ANGELS FOR ST. EDWARD SCHOOL**

We would like to create a group called "Kitchen Angels." The purpose of this roster is to be contacted should we need to prepare donated produce for the school lunch program or do a little extra cleaning in the food preparation area. Our School Head Cook, Cynthia Moose, will be supervising these activities.

Enrolling in the Kitchen Angel roster does not mean you're obligated to take each case or peel each vegetable. You would be contacted by e-mail or called, when produce is donated and helpers needed, and if you're interested/available, you would respond back to volunteer for a couple of hours.

Please let Cynthia or the school (872.6391) know if you have any questions and/or if you're interested in joining this roster!

## **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 9 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Jeanne Ludwig



## **HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...**

### **PRAY WITH THE POPE'S JANUARY INTENTION**

The Pope's January intention, which launches the project for Pope Leo, urges Christians to rediscover the "spiritual power of Sacred Scripture as a privileged place to encounter Christ."

"May our faith grow in the encounter with You [God] through Your Word," stated the Pope, "moving us from the heart to reach out to others, to serve the most vulnerable, to forgive, build bridges, and proclaim life." <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-01/pope-leo-xiv-january-prayer-intention-pray-with-pope.html>

### **BLOOD DRIVE ~ Minneota High School**

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the main gym in the *Minneota High School*, *Wednesday, January 21*, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm.

Give blood – save a life. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

### **MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE – January 22, 2026**

There will be a Prayer Service for Life at 10:30 am on January 22, 2026, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. The annual March for Life will take place from 12:00 – 12:30 pm and program from 12:30 – 1:00 pm on the Capitol building steps.

Area CCW and KCs from southwest Minnesota are sponsoring a bus so there is no cost to attend. It will leave from Marshall at 6:30 am, stop in Redwood Falls at 7:15 am, stop in Olivia at 7:45 am and Glencoe at 8:30 am. Contact Lori Timmerman at 507.476.0070 to reserve a spot.

### **MALL OF AMERICA EXHIBIT ~ VATICAN UNVEILED**

This month, from **January 10 through February 1**, the Mall of America is hosting a special exhibit featuring the largest collection of saint and papal artifacts outside of Rome.

Presented by the Archdiocese of St. Paul–Minneapolis for its 175th anniversary, the exhibit includes historical Papal Bulls, personal belongings of St. Teresa of Calcutta, Swiss Guard artifacts, and more.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn Church history, grow in faith, and experience the Catholic tradition in a public space. Learn more [HERE](#).

## **MARSHALL FOOD4KIDS**

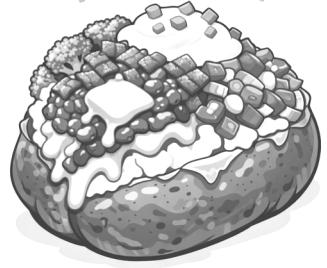
Marshall Food4Kids, a non-profit weekend backpack food program, was founded in 2013 by members of area churches to help alleviate childhood hunger in Marshall. About 780 children participate on a weekly basis. Examples of non-perishable foods the program provides are granola bars, cereal, crackers, juice, raisins, and fruit cups.

They are sponsoring an area-wide fundraiser on Sunday, February 1. Please support them by attending.

**Marshall Food4Kids**

**LOADED BAKED POTATO BAR**

Fundraiser



**Sunday, February 1**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Living Word Lutheran Church  
800 Southview Court East, Marshall, MN

Suggested donation of  
\$10 per adult | \$5 ages 5-12 | Ages 4 and under free

Build your perfect potato with toppings like: bacon, broccoli, butter, cheese, chili, onions, peppers, salsa, sour cream

Delicious, and so easy to custom-load your baked potato and take it home, if you prefer!



SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION  
Marshall COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
LIVING WORD



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kids



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**"WHEN YOU'VE DONE EVERYTHING YOU CAN DO, THAT'S WHEN GOD WILL STEP IN AND DO WHAT YOU CAN'T DO."**

2 CORINTHIANS 12:10

## 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 24** Travis Welsh 507.829.0986  
(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

Jan. 19: In memory of Kenneth Lipinski by his family  
Jan. 20: In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie, Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard by Allen Battle III  
Jan. 21: In memory of Tom Swedzinski by Madeline  
Jan. 22: In memory of Henry & Florence Braun by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie  
Jan. 23: In memory of Dave VanDeWiele by Ruth & Tony Louwagie  
Jan. 24: In memory of Wayne Hanson by Terry Hennen  
Jan. 25: In memory of William Koughan by Clem & Alice Anton

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.

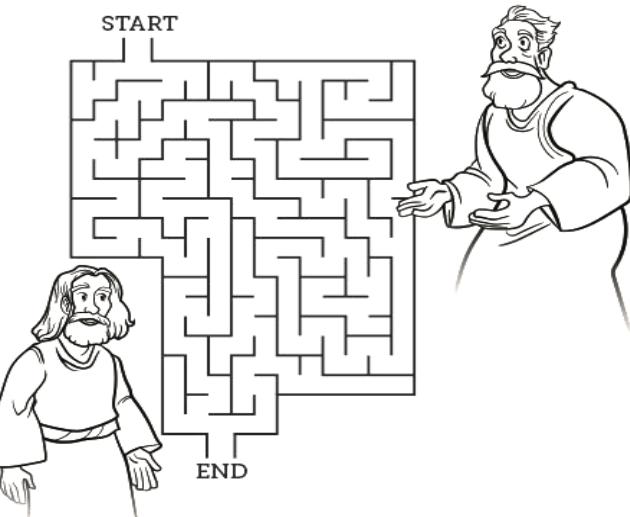
## The Baptism of Jesus Christ

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Pleased	Voice	Jordan	Heaven	Water
Open	Love	Worthy	Powerful	Well
Jesus	Confessed	Baptized	Son	Sins
Desert	River	One	Nazareth	
Dove	Forgiveness	Preaching	Spirit	

## JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

Help the Disciple get to Jesus

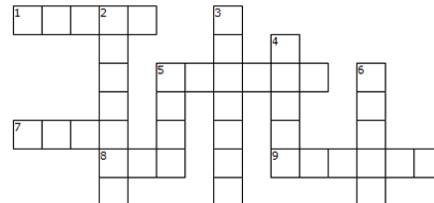


NOW WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED,  
AND WHEN JESUS ALSO HAD BEEN BAPTIZED  
AND WAS PRAYING, THE HEAVENS WERE  
OPENED, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED  
ON HIM IN BODILY FORM, LIKE A DOVE;  
AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN,  
"YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON;  
WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED."

- LUKE 3:21-22

## The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11  
Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



### ACROSS

- What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
- To admit that you have done wrong.
- To pardon for sins.
- The liquid used to baptize someone.
- Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
- A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.
- The Spirit came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_. (8)
- To break one of God's commandments.
- To turn away from sin.

### DOWN

FORGIVE	JORDAN	JOHN	DOVE	REPENT
CONFESS	WATER	SIN	VOICE	HONEY

## St. Eloi Liturgical Schedule for February & March ~ 2026

*Reminder to please find your own replacement if you can't make your scheduled date.*

*If a Deacon is present for Mass, the Eucharistic Minister will not be needed.*

### **FEBRUARY – 2026**

#### ***Sunday, February 1 – 10:30 am***

*Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen  
Servers: Elise Hennen, Leo Hennen  
Lector: Steve Van Keulen  
Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen  
Offertory Gifts: Rob & Caroline Hennen Family  
Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Schmidt, Darla Timmerman  
Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen*

#### ***Sunday, February 8 – 10:30 am***

*Sacristan: Cindy Nelson  
Servers: Gregory & Xavier Rabaey  
Lector: Mike Van Keulen  
Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen  
Offertory Gifts: Ernie Hennen  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Sussner, Caroline Van Keulen  
Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen*

#### ***Sunday, February 15 – 10:30 am***

*Sacristan: Arlene Buysse  
Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke  
Lector: Brad Hennen  
Musicians: John Rabaey  
Offertory Gifts: Martin & Laura Hennen  
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Corissa Van Keulen  
Cup: Beth Brewers, Monica Senden  
Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen*

#### ***Wednesday, February 18 – 5:30 pm – Ash Wednesday***

*Sacristan: Darla Timmerman  
Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey  
Lector: Steve Hennen  
Musicians: John Rabaey  
Offertory Gifts: John & Karla Engels  
Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten  
Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen*

#### ***Sunday, February 22 – 10:30 am***

*Sacristan: Darla Timmerman  
Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke  
Lector: Monica Senden  
Musicians: Sisters  
Offertory Gifts: Corey & Betsy Jo Kack  
Eucharistic Ministers: Don Senden, Caroline Van Keulen  
Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen*

### **MARCH – 2026**

#### ***Sunday, March 1 – 10:30 am – Confirmation***

*Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen  
Servers: Elise Hennen, Leo Hennen  
Lector: Bernie DeCock  
Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen  
Offertory Gifts: Confirmation Students  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Sussner, Darla Timmerman  
Cup: Dan Sik, Corissa Van Keulen  
Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Trey Nelson*

#### ***Sunday, March 8 – 10:30 am***

*Sacristan: Cindy Nelson  
Servers: Gregory & Xavier Rabaey  
Lector: Betsy Jo Kack  
Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen  
Offertory Gifts: Steve & Missy Hennen  
Eucharistic Ministers: Don & Monica Senden  
Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Trey Nelson*

#### ***Sunday, March 15 – 10:30 am***

*Sacristan: Arlene Buysse  
Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke  
Lector: Doug Maeyaert  
Musicians: John Rabaey  
Offertory Gifts: Ann Loyson  
Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Brewers, Shirley Maeyaert  
Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Trey Nelson*

#### ***Sunday, March 22 – 10:30 am***

*Sacristan: Darla Timmerman  
Servers: Gregory & Xavier Rabaey  
Lector: Jennifer Rabaey  
Musicians: Sisters  
Offertory Gifts: Dan & Shari Maeyaert  
Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt  
Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Trey Nelson*

#### ***Sunday, March 29 – 10:30 am – Palm Sunday***

*Sacristan: Darla Timmerman  
Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke  
Lector: Steve Van Keulen  
Musicians: John Rabaey  
Offertory Gifts: Doug & Shirley Maeyaert  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Sussner, Caroline Van Keulen  
Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Trey Nelson*

