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Sunday, July 27, 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 29

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Leon & Marie Coudron)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Special Intention M)

6:30 pm KC Meeting

Wednesday, July 30

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

7:30 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study Grades 9-12

Thursday, July 31

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Carol Vermeesh)

Friday, August 1

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Putts Boerboom)

Saturday, August 2

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Greg Swedzinski)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Marian Hoffmann)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, August 3

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Marilynn Pagel)

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (COF Members – living & deceased)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

It seems clear at this point that it is not God's will for this pilgrimage to proceed. After much prayer and discernment, we will be canceling the trip. I will not be rescheduling anything at this time. However, I will reconsider the possibility of a future pilgrimage in 2027 or later, after the new year.

I won't pretend I'm not disappointed. This is now the third time I have planned a pilgrimage only to have to cancel it. This particular trip has already been rescheduled, placed on hold, moved forward, and then delayed again. With only eight weeks left, the level of uncertainty is simply too great.

I thank all of you who have expressed interest, prayed, and hoped with me. Sometimes, the hardest part of following God's will is accepting a closed door. But we trust He knows the way forward.

I want to again apologize for the confusion caused by the misprint in last week's Pastor's Notes. In thinking too far ahead, I failed to specify which month I was referring to, and to make matters more confusing, I only mentioned the Saturday date without clarifying weekends.

To clarify the timeline:

1. Scaffolding is scheduled to come down this week.
2. After that, the painters will need 2–3 weeks to complete work on both the church interior and the sacristy.
3. The flooring crew is tentatively scheduled for the week of August 18, with approximately two weeks of work.
4. The pews are expected to arrive the week of September 1 or September 8, if all goes as planned.

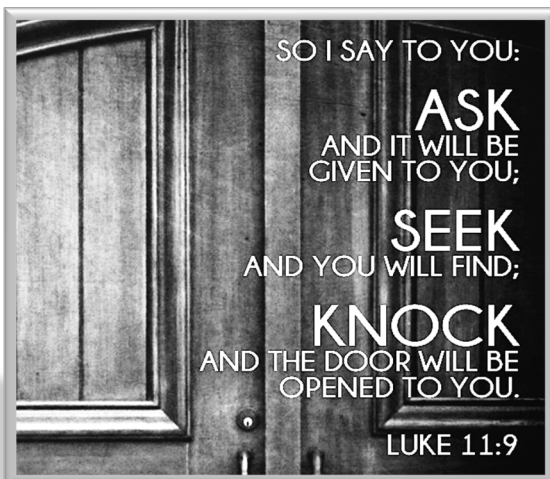
Our goal is to have the flooring complete by the weekend of September 13/14, but please be aware that for our Parish Festival and Mass with Bishop Zielinski, we may use folding chairs but should be in the sanctuary.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we work through this renovation process together.

My book, *True Mercy Has Teeth*, is ready for purchase. The paperback edition is available at Amazon already, with the Kindle version being released on August 1 (I have some work to do to help create the X-ray feature which is a function I enjoy to help give a little more context such as a brief biography to definitions). I will have some copies available. I would prefer purchases through Amazon so that you can give verified buyer reviews.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd



ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
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August 11 – Workshop week begins for staff of the school
 Thursday, August 14 – Family Fun Fest beginning at 5:00 pm
 with a Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm in the gym.
 Wednesday, August 20 – School begins for Grades 1 – 8
 Wednesday, August 27 – School begins for kindergarten
 Tuesday, September 2 – Preschool begins
 Friday, September 5 – Alumni Mass of Gratitude at 10:30 am

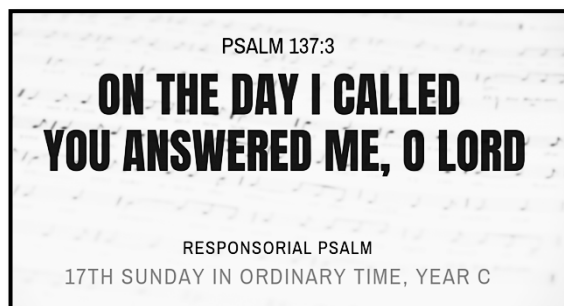
Additional information from Principal Garvey ~

"I am very happy to announce that our State funding for the next two years has been approved, so transportation and our other programming will not undergo any significant changes. I know many of you reached out to our legislators – Thank you!

Our can trailer is almost overflowing! We need someone to haul it to AlterMetal in Marshall to empty it. This has been a longstanding fundraiser for us and does provide about \$2,000 of our annual budget dollars. If you are willing to do this, please contact us via phone or email."

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)



ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,675	\$1,923	(\$248)
Loose plate	\$387	\$192	\$195
Year-to-Date	\$5,346	\$7,385	(\$2,039)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 3 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: COF Members

Lector: COF Member

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: COF Members

Eucharistic Ministers: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,725	\$6,654	(\$3,929)
Loose plate	\$96	\$192	(\$96)
Online Giving	\$753	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$19,220	\$17,075	\$2,145

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 2 – 5:30 pm @ St. Eloi

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Eva Skorczewski, Violet Vlaminc

Lector: Tim Gossen

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Buysse

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Cindy & Bruce Novotny

Sunday, August 3 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Charity & Debbie Beisler, Wyatt Guza

Lector: Cynthia Moore

Eucharistic Ministers: David Vlaminc

Ushers: Mike Vlaminc, Rick Bot, 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.

If you know anyone who should be added to this list, contact Caren at the office.

- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jaci Garvey
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Brenda Verschelde

EARLY FAMILY CATHOLIC LIFE PROGRAM

There is interest at the school for an Early Family Life program to be started in our parish. Someone would need to lead this. It is similar to ECFE but has a Catholic theme. The purpose is to build strong Catholic families. If you (and a friend) are interested, please contact Jaci Garvey at the school.

YOU ARE INVITED... St. Eloi Court 1081 Anniversary

All are invited to join us, St. Eloi Court 1081, in celebration of our 125th anniversary of our court here in Ghent on August 3! After our 10:30 mass, we will be serving a chicken salad sandwich meal. There will be a short program following the meal.

Please join us for food and fellowship!

SACRED HEART PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Program features an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus icon will be on display at St. Eloi in Ghent from July 24 – 30. Please take the time to visit this display.

CCW OPPORTUNITIES

The St. Edward CCW Board has some openings for officers. Any adult woman who is a member of St. Edward Church is welcome—young women, women with children, young at heart women....

Contact Amanda Engels 507.694.1181 or send an email to amanda@johnengelslaw.com

BLOOD DRIVE ~ KB'S BALLROOM

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at KB's Ballroom in Ghent on Monday, July 28, from 1:00 – 6:00 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.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 36 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Paula Sterzinger

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – July

For formation in discernment ~

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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

GriefShare A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week session, you'll discover to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. The session begins Monday, August 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Holy Redeemer Gathering Space. Any questions, call Pat at 507.829.0240 or the Holy Redeemer Church Office at 507.532.5711.

Stewardship Prayer to Christ the Good Teacher

O Christ, our Good Teacher,
You who taught us the way of love and sacrifice,
we turn to You with grateful hearts.
Guide us to be wise stewards of the gifts
You've given –
our time, our talents, and our treasure.
Teach us to give generously, as You gave all
for us, and to trust in Your abundant providence.

Bless our offerings, O Lord, that they may strengthen our parish, proclaim Your Gospel and reflect the lessons of Your boundless Sacred Heart.

We ask this in Your holy Name.

Amen

Radio Rosary

July 28: In memory of Larry Buysse by Terry Hennen
July 29: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends
July 30: In memory of Dorothy & Al Lozinski by Diane Christopherson
July 31: In memory of Mary Ann Wyffels by Jerry & Caroline Van Keulen
Aug. 1: In memory of Frank & Elly Swedzinski by Madeline Swedzinski
Aug. 2: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
Aug. 3: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends

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 – August 9 Diane Hennen 507.401.7556
(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



“ Dear God, Let us revel in summer. Let us soak up the long days and warm sun. May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies. - May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds and stop to watch blissful children at play. This summer, God, may our breathing slow and our hearts open. God help us to be present to all that is so that we might best see all that might be.”

SEEK GOD DAILY

Resurrection	Wisdom	Victory	Apostle	Knowledge
Redemption	Commandment	Grace	Gospel	Baptism
Salvation	Revelation	Forgiveness	Mercy	Prayer
Justice	Guidance	Honorable	Protection	

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

1. RYAM _____
2. AEHRLC _____
3. AANHHN _____
4. TRUH _____
5. EEV _____
6. AEHORDB _____
7. TSEERH _____
8. IIAMMR _____
9. AAHRS _____
10. IZBLTHAEE _____
11. ISRILACPL _____
12. AHTMAR _____
13. EOSJEBAAH _____
14. BRKAHEE _____
15. ELHA _____
16. IEAHLDD _____
17. AARGH _____
18. DAILY _____

Take a few minutes and jot down what you're grateful for today and how you served Jesus.

The 5 Finger Prayer



The 5 Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest to you...so begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you--family and friends.
2. Next is the pointer finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers.
3. The middle finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for government officials, administrators, and leaders in business and industry.
4. Our ring finger is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are struggling, feel weak or are in need.
5. And lastly comes the pinky, the smallest finger of all, which should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs in a good perspective.



peace
 BE WITH YOU

Name _____ Date _____

MY DAILY JOURNAL

I felt



The weather was



The three things I am grateful for today are

The best thing about today

Today I learned

Today I helped