



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



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**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**“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*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **Monday, May 4**

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

### **Tuesday, May 5**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jack Hennen)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Fran Sturm)

### **Wednesday, May 6 – St. Edward Spring Concert**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1/2 (Jerry Langsweirdt)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Joe & Betty Claeys)

1:30 pm Afternoon Concert

5:00 – 6:30 pm Meal before concert

6:30 pm St. Edward Spring Concert

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

### **Thursday, May 7**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Paul Fonteyn)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Kate Thooft)

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

### **Friday, May 8**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Eric Hennen)

### **Saturday, May 9**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Audrey Hammer)

2:00 pm Brianna Anderson/Cory Rybinski Wedding – St. Eloi

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Clarence & Margaret Drietz)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

### **Sunday, May 10 - Baccalaureate**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(LeRoy Hebrank, Larry Goslar, George, Bertha, &  
David DeVlaeminck, Barb Wenker)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Jack Hennen)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, I shared my vocation story as part of the *Called By Name* initiative of the Diocese of New Ulm. As I typically do, I recorded it and uploaded it to SoundCloud and various podcast platforms for those who may have missed it—or who, for whatever reason, might want to listen again!

I also mentioned that I was somewhat hesitant to share it. In part, that is because the homily is meant to focus on the Scriptures, not the homilist. But I will admit, too, that I hesitated because my family story is not what one might consider “typical” for a priest. Then again, it is God who calls, and every family—and every vocation story—is different.

One of the reasons we were asked to share our stories is to remind all of us that priests do not simply appear out of nowhere. They come from families, from our parishes, and from our schools. While it is the Lord who calls, there are many voices that help a man discern that call. As I shared, the Lord does not call the perfect—He calls the willing. He calls those who are ready to lay down their lives for Christ and His Church.

We are truly blessed to have many fine young men in our parishes. With two recently ordained priests, a current seminarian, and several others who have discerned a vocation in seminary or religious life, it is clear that our parishes are already cooperating with the Lord’s call. Still, we can do more.

That is the beauty of the *Called By Name* process—it invites you to help identify young men who may have a vocation to discern. There is still time to participate by filling out a card, using the QR code, or visiting [nuvocations.org](http://nuvocations.org)

In Christ,

Fr. Todd

## 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

Wednesday, May 6 – Spring Concert & Grandparents' Day

### April Calendar Sponsorship

Apr. 2	John Longtin	Birthday
Apr. 5	Chris Longtin	Birthday
Apr. 9	Albert & Avis Van Hyfte	In memory of
Apr. 10	Paul & Margaret Traen	In memory of
Apr. 11	Nora Thomsen	Birthday
Apr. 13	Mike Longtin	Birthday

## 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)

*Lord, let your mercy  
 be on us, as we place  
 our trust in you.*

## ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$415	\$1,923	(\$1,508)
Loose plate	\$152	\$192	(\$40)
Commodity	\$		
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$87,668</b>	<b>\$105,846</b>	<b>(\$18,178)</b>

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 10 – 10:30 am – Baccalaureate**  
 Sacristan: Cindy Nelson  
 Servers: Gregory & Xavier Rabaey  
 Lector: Doug Maeyaert  
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen  
 Offertory Gifts: Graduates  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner  
 Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$780	\$6,654	(\$5,874)
Loose plate	\$213	\$192	\$21
Online Giving	\$835	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$4,270		
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$283,793</b>	<b>\$294,385</b>	<b>(\$10,592)</b>

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 9 – 5:30 pm**  
 Sacristan: Claren Novotny  
 Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlaminck  
 Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Buysse  
 Ushers: Rod Abraham, Jerry Kloos, Mike Longtin, Scott Thoofft

**Sunday, May 10 – 8:30 am – Baccalaureate**  
 Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen  
 Servers: Mariah & Jacob Loyson  
 Lector: Teresa Myhre  
 Eucharistic Ministers: David Vlaminck  
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Joe Callens, John Sumerfelt

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

### SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Francis Van Hecke who passed away on Thursday, April 23. His funeral was held on Friday, May 1, at St. Edward.  
*"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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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ★ Marissa Bauer              | ★ Jeremy Koelar       |
| Sister-in-law of Charles Bot | ★ Jamie Jelen         |
| ★ Mary Coquyt                | ★ Julie Noyes         |
| ★ Francis DeSmet             | ★ Madeline Swedzinski |
| ★ Basil Englert              | ★ Tony Traen          |
| Lisa Hennen's uncle          | ★ Brenda Verschelde   |
| ★ David Fier                 | ★ Jean Wambeke        |
| ★ Missy Hennen               |                       |

### ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

- ✠ We pray, O Glorious and Blessed Mother, that you will protect us and deliver us from all dangers.
- ✠ That all Christians may seek a deeper faith, hope, and love for all humanity.
- ✠ That there be an increase in religious vocations.
- ✠ For an end to conflicts and for peace in our world.

### TOTUS TUUS BACK IN SUMMER OF 2026!

We are hosting Totus Tuus June 27 – July 3, 2026. If you are able to help or have questions, please contact RE Director Corissa Van Keulen at [www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com](mailto:www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com).

### BACCALAUREATE – MAY 10

The baccalaureate Mass and Brunch will be held on May 10, at St. Edward. All graduates should have received an invitation. If they did not, please contact Dawn Vlaminck.

### CCW HANDOUT ~ Please take one and read it

After Mass on May 10 the CCW will be sharing a free pamphlet regarding "the hidden graces you miss at every Mass."

It is a list of 20 gifts we are given at Mass. Read it with your family and rediscover the miracles that we may miss in our routines and distractions at the next Mass.

Thank you for taking a pamphlet!

### NEW BUSINESS FOR SCRIP!

Cakes & Bakes scrip is now available for purchase. These are valued at \$15 and \$38 with a 5% return. 'Tis the season for cakes with graduation right around the corner – take advantage of this SCRIP opportunity.

## 2026 SUMMER CARE

Summer care for your 5-12 year old children. The cost is \$36 per day. Meals & snacks are included. Staff will walk your children to summer recreation events in Minneota. This will be held at St. Edward School from Monday, June 1 – Friday, August 14, from 7:15 am – 6:00 pm. For more information call the school at 507.872.6391 or email [info@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:info@stedscatholicschool.com).

## CHOICES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

St. Edward CCW is working with Choices Pregnancy Center for their Baby Bottle Drive. Fill a baby bottle with change or grab a baby bottle bookmark that has a QR code to donate online.

Baby bottles and bookmarks will be available to pick up after the 5:30 Mass Saturday, May 9, and the 8:30 Mass Sunday, May 10. Fill with your extra change and when full you can deliver them to Choices Pregnancy Center located at 1212 East College Drive, Suite 2, Marshall MN. They can be delivered between Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Every moment counts when a woman goes looking for solutions to her unexpected pregnancy. Help make sure she finds Choices Pregnancy Center, now open in Redwood Falls and Marshall MN. She will receive:

- Free ultrasound so she can see the baby she carries.
- Factual information on all of her options.
- Connection to the resources she has available.

Your spare change can bring her Choices sooner!  
If you cannot make it to Marshall to drop off your baby bottle, please contact Mary Myhre at 507.828.2521.

## YEAR OF WINNING

Week 24 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Frank Engels

*“The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name— he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.”*  
-John 14:26

## HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

### POPE LEO'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION

That everyone might have food.

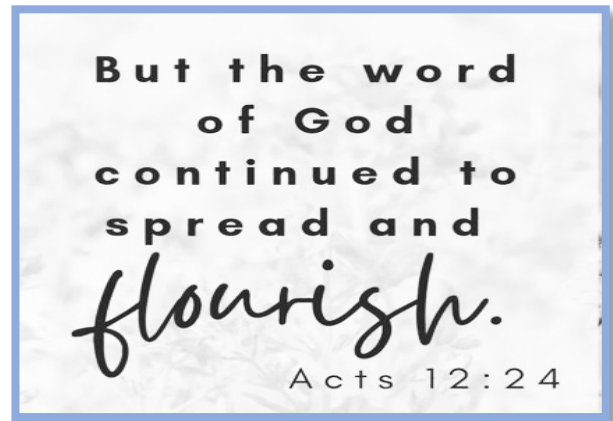
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

### REAL PRESENCE RADIO – Your Family of Faith & Hope

Join us May 5 – 7 for Real Presence Radio's Spring Live Drive. Tune in from 7 am – 7 pm on 89.5 FM in Montevideo or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com. You will hear real stories from people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic radio.

Real Presence radio brings Christ into homes, cars, and workplaces across our region.



### 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 – **May 16** Margrit Rabaey 507.828.1756  
(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

May 4: In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Joe & JoAnne Louwagie

May 5: In memory Jack Hennen by Greg & Karla Goepferich

May 6: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

May 7: In memory Helen Wambeke by Dan & Arlene Markell

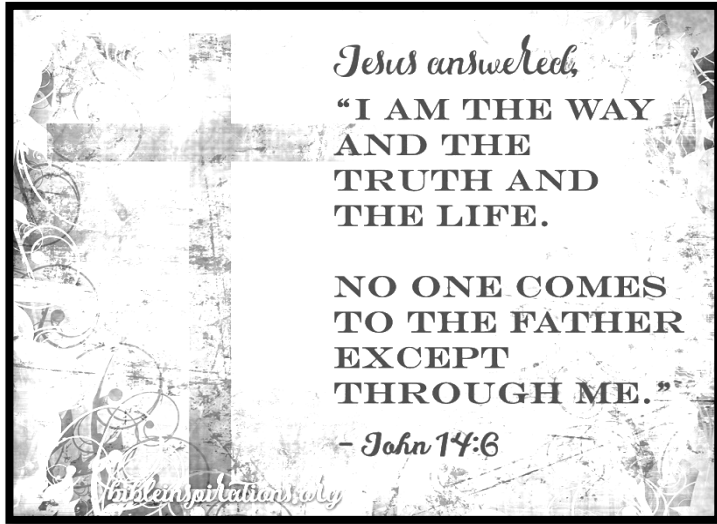
May 8: In memory of Claire Hoffmann by David & Diane Hennen

May 9: In memory of Don Wyffels by Leonard & Marian Louwagie

May 10: In memory Jane Hennen by Ernie & family

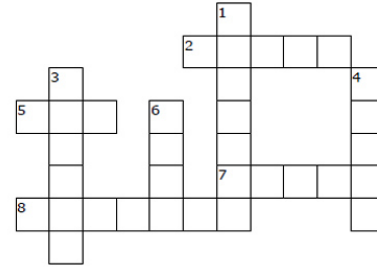
To schedule a radio rosary, send intentions to  
Radio Rosary, 2787 Cty Rd 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229 **OR**  
call Karla at 507.828.0397 or Coreen at 507.531.7348.

*May we be at peace  
in our hearts.  
May we be at peace  
in our homes.  
May we be at peace  
with one another.  
May we imagine,  
and pray,  
for peace in our world.*



## "I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6  
Based on John 14:1-14



### ACROSS

2. The actual facts about something
5. The route or path to follow to get to a place
7. Areas in a building that have their own walls, floor, ceiling, and door
8. To accept something as being true

### DOWN

1. To get ready for something that will happen in the future
3. The male parent
4. A building in which people, usually one family, lives
6. The period between birth and death

PREPARE	TRUTH	LIFE	HOUSE
BELIEVE	ROOMS	FATHER	WAY

## I Am the Way, the Truth, & the Life

"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

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

Forgiveness	Way	Life	Truth	Believe
Heaven	Disciples	One	Know	Jesus
Sins	Accept	Eternal	God	John

## Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6  
Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- \_\_\_ 1. To accept something as being true  
A. truth B. house C. believe D. way
- \_\_\_ 2. To get ready for something that will happen in the future  
A. leave B. prepare C. believe D. way
- \_\_\_ 3. A building in which people, usually one family, live  
A. church B. school C. house D. store
- \_\_\_ 4. Areas in a building that have their own walls, floor, ceiling, and door  
A. windows B. rooms C. house D. life
- \_\_\_ 5. The male parent  
A. brother B. sister C. mother D. father
- \_\_\_ 6. The period between birth and death  
A. time B. believe C. life D. day
- \_\_\_ 7. The actual facts about something  
A. truth B. way C. life D. prepare
- \_\_\_ 8. The route or path to follow to get to a place  
A. truth B. way C. rooms D. life

Shalom aleichem

*Peace be upon you*