



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



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Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

“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, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jane Louise)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments
(DeCock & Myhre Families)

Wednesday, March 4

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 7/8

(Deceased Family of Jim & Andrea Opdahl)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Linda Vlaminck)

5:30 – 6:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 1 – 5

6:30 – 8:00 pm Conor Flanagan Concert for Grades 6 – 11

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

Thursday, March 5

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Jack Rehkamp)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (All Souls in Purgatory)

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

Friday, March 6

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (John & Agnes Citrowski)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Brandon Eischens)

7:00 pm *No Stations of the Cross at St. Edward*

Saturday, March 7 – Spring Your Clocks Forward Tonight

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Deceased parents of David & Diane Hennen)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Marie Hamerlinck & Family)

• 4:45 pm *Confession before Mass*

Sunday, March 8 – Daylight Savings Time

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(Deceased Parents of Jan & Ben Bot)

• 8:00 am *Confession before Mass*

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Apologetics

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Don Maeyaert)

• 10:00 am *Confession before Mass*

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to our newly confirmed members of the Church. As we witness the Holy Spirit come upon them with His many gifts, may we who have already been confirmed stir into flame the gifts we have received. And for those who are not yet confirmed, may this be a time of seeking and preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the account of the Transfiguration of our Lord. We are reminded how His glory was revealed to the Apostles Peter, James, and John. They witnessed something marvelous as Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah—two of the most significant figures in the history of Israel and in the Scriptures.

Both men played unique roles in the life of God’s people. Through Moses, the Lord gave the Law and led His people from slavery to freedom. Through Elijah, God called the people back to covenant fidelity when they had strayed. Moses was succeeded by Joshua, and Elijah by Elisha—names that mean “God saves,” just as the name Jesus means “God saves.” In this moment, the Apostles see clearly that Jesus does not merely continue the mission of Moses and Elijah—He brings it to fulfillment.

The Transfiguration prepared the Apostles for the Passion. In His Passion, the Lord would definitively free His people from slavery to sin, call them to conversion, and give them the grace to follow Him. This is why the Church places the Transfiguration before us every Lent: so that we may see clearly that Christ truly is the Son of God, and that the Cross is not a tragedy or accident, but an essential and saving part of God’s plan.

Even in our own lives, we may experience a kind of “transfiguration” moment—a time when we encounter God in beauty, clarity, or profound peace. When trials, temptations, pain, or grief speak loudly, we can recall those moments of light and remember that our present sufferings are not meaningless. They are permitted within God’s loving plan, and He remains with us.

Like Peter, however, we learn that we cannot remain on the mountain. Moments of consolation are given to strengthen us—but we must walk back down into daily life, carrying that light with us, and trusting the Lord on the road that leads through the Cross and ultimately to glory.

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

Friday, March 6 – No School – Teacher Faith Formation

Saturday, March 7 **Open Gym** 9:00 – 11:00 am
 Children (ages 2 – 8) and their favorite adult

February Calendar Sponsorship

Feb. 1 Jim DeCock In memory
 Feb. 15 Marie Cowan
 Feb. 19 Vince Gossen In memory

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	\$490	\$1,923	(\$1,433)
Loose plate	\$178	\$192	(\$14)
Commodity	\$800		
Year-to-Date	\$73,632	\$83,692	(\$10,060)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,005	\$6,654	(\$4,649)
Loose plate	\$321	\$192	\$129
Online Giving	\$785	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$227,416	\$232,769	(\$5,353)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen
 Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki
 Lector: Claren Novotny
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Thooft
 Ushers: Don & Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, March 8 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
 Servers: Randy & Reed Sorensen
 Lector: Teresa Myhre
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dawn Vlaminck
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, John Sumerfelt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Eileen Differding who passed away on Thursday, February 19. Her funeral was held on Thursday, February 26, at St. Edward.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

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.

- ★ Marissa Bauer
- ★ Mary Coquyt
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Basil Englert
- ★ David Fier
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Jamie Jelen
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Landon Pohlen
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Madeline Swedzinski
- ★ Tony Traen
- ★ Brenda Verschelde

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

- ✠ For the return of fallen away Catholics
- ✠ For peace in the world and guidance for world leaders
- ✠ For a closer union with Jesus throughout Lent

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

May the Holy Spirit confirm and strengthen your faith and draw you into the fellowship of the Church.

Quinton Anderson	Blake Mead	Natalie Ratajczak
Jaylyn Coequyt	Ian Myhre	Libby Sussner
Leah Coequyt	Sam Myhre	Tristen Sussner
Avery Culver	Xavier Rabaey	Clare Swedzinski
Cael Fier	Ava Panka	Hudson Thostenson
Brynn Kern		

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS~

RE families ~ we have some exciting news! Christian Hip Hop Artist Conor Flanagan will be performing Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 pm in the St. Edward gym. The concert will last about 90 minutes with a free-will donation. Grades 6 – 10 should attend as this will be considered class time for them. Grades 1 – 5 will have their regular class at 5:30 pm.

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

A 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics began in February. Apologetics help us explain and defend the Catholic faith. Deacons Jason & Bruce will lead us. Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

We will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive from February 21 – April 1. Boxes will be in the back of church for your donations.

There is a need for canned goods – soups, fruits, vegetables, & spaghetti sauce – as well as taco items, mac & cheese, & packaged items. Baking supplies are also needed.

Besides food cleaning supplies, toilet paper and other paper products along with hygiene products – male & female – are needed.

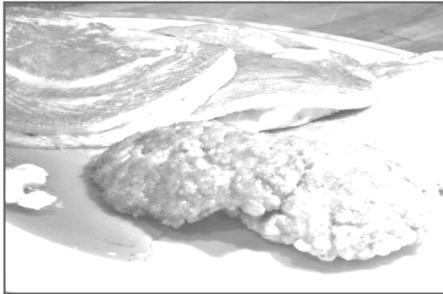
Items need to be in original packaging and unopened.

Cash is always welcome (checks made out to Marshall Table Food Shelf).

Boxes will be in the back of church so please bring your donations in anytime during the week or at the weekend Masses.

Any questions can be directed to Bonnie Laleman – 507.828.5703.

TAUNTON STYLE PANCAKE SUPPER THIS SUNDAY!



Minneota Knights of Columbus “Taunton Style” Pancake Supper

St. Edward Catholic Church
409 N. Adams Street
Minneota, MN

Sunday, March 1, 2026
4:30 PM—7:00 PM

Free Will Offering

ALL YOU CAN EAT !!



FLOWERS FOR EASTER!

Please help decorate St. Edward and St. Eloi for the Easter season by donating towards Easter lilies and other spring flowers as a remembrance of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked Easter Flowers on an envelope and place in the collection basket.

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 15 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Laura Leenderts

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will have a meeting in the St. John Cantius Church Basement on Friday, March 6, following the 9:00 am Mass.

All are welcome to attend.

REAL PRESENCE RADIO

Journey with us to prepare for Easter

Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. *Tune in on 89.5 FM in Montevideo or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com.*



Transfiguration

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 – **March 7** Janell Laleman 507.828.9351
(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

Mar. 2: In memory of Helen Wambeke
by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

Mar. 3: In memory of Tessa Bossuyt by Tony & Ruth Louwagie

Mar. 4: In memory of Gene Thooft by his family

Mar. 5: In memory of deceased members of St. Edward's
Rosary Society

Mar. 6: In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie
by Ronn & Yvonne Louwagie

Mar. 7: In memory of George Bakker by his family

Mar. 8: In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie,
Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard
by Allen Battle III

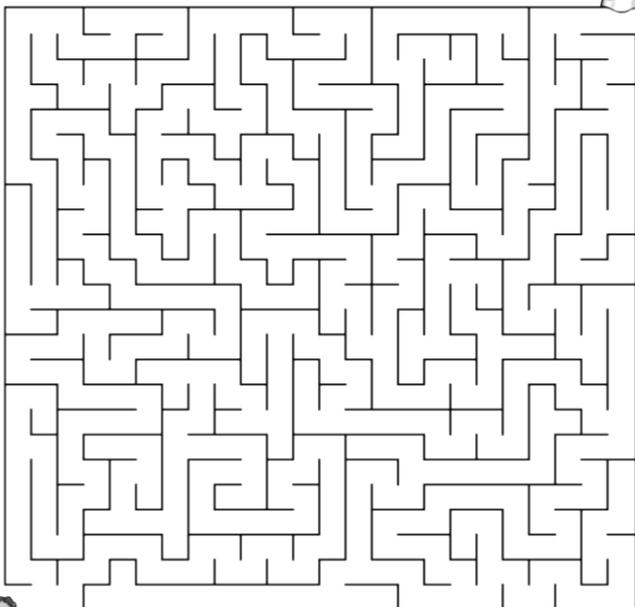
To schedule a radio rosary, send intentions to
Radio Rosary, 2787 Cty Rd 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229 OR
call Karla at 507.828.0397 or Coreen at 507.531.7348.

The Transfiguration of Christ

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

Flash	Lightning	Moses	John	Mountain
Cloud	Peter	Changed	Voice	Jesus
James	Pray	Chosen	Clothes	Elijah
Talking	Face	Bright	Appeared	Disciples

Transfiguration is a fancy word for a change in form. In the original language, it is the same word used for the change that a caterpillar goes through to turn into a butterfly. In Matthew 17, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as light.

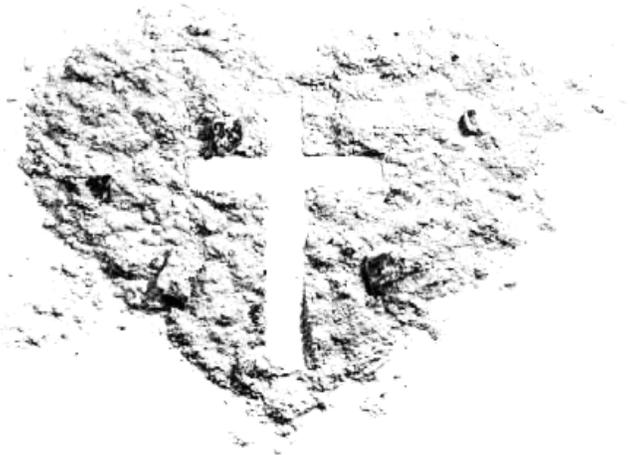


Family Lenten Activities

1. Pray for good things for someone who has been unkind to you.
2. Visit an elderly friend or relative who doesn't get a lot of visitors.
3. Make an almsgiving box and collect change throughout Lent to donate.
4. Plan a simple meal and talk as a family about how to help the hungry.



**Transfiguring God,
 before the passion of your beloved Son
 you revealed His glory
 on the holy mountain;
 grant that we who by faith
 behold the light of His face
 may be strengthened to bear the cross,
 and be changed into His likeness
 from glory to glory;
 through the same Jesus Christ
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
 Amen.**



THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

St. Edward Liturgical Schedule for March & April ~ 2026

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

MARCH

Saturday, March 7 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen
Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki
Lector: Claren Novotny
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Thooft
Ushers: Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, March 8 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
Servers: Randy & Reed Sorensen
Lector: Teresa Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: Dawn Vlamincik
Ushers: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, John Sumerfelt

Saturday, March 14 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki
Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
Eucharistic Ministers: Nate Welsh
Ushers: Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, March 15 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Naomi & Declan Evjen
Lector: Shannon Evjen
Eucharistic Ministers: David Vlamincik
Ushers: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, John Sumerfelt

Saturday, March 21 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: William Jones, Charlie Myhre
Lector: Mary Ann Christensen
Eucharistic Minister: Claren Novotny
Ushers: Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, March 22 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Wyatt Guza, Noah Myhre
Lector: Tina Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: Becky Engels
Ushers: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, John Sumerfelt

Saturday, March 28 – 5:30 pm – Anticipatory for Palm Sunday

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Audyn & Brisbyn Traen
Lector: Fred Rabaey & Tim Gossen
Eucharistic Minister: Eriann Faris
Ushers: Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, March 29 – 8:30 am – Palm Sunday

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Mariah & Jacob Loyson
Lector: Dylan Evjen & Julie Janiszkeski
Eucharistic Minister: Dylan Evjen
Ushers: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, John Sumerfelt

APRIL

Friday, April 3 – 3:00 pm – Good Friday

Sacristan:
Servers:

Volunteers Needed

Lector:
Eucharistic Minister:
Ushers:

Saturday, April 4 – 8:30 pm – Easter Vigil

Sacristan:
Servers:

Volunteers Needed

Lector:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Ushers:

Sunday, April 5 – 8:30 am - Easter

Sacristan:
Servers:

Volunteers Needed

Lector:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Ushers:

Saturday, April 11 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlamincik
Lector: Nate Welsh
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Buysse, Mary Ann Christensen
Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlamincik

Sunday, April 12 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
Servers: Debbie Beisler, William Jones
Lector: Joe Callens
Eucharistic Minister: Jo Coover, Kevin Swedzinski, Neal Bot
Ushers: Rick Bot, Chuck Josephson, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlamincik

Saturday, April 18 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen
Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki
Lector: Eriann Faris
Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Longtin
Usher: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlamincik

Sunday, April 19 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Randy & Reed Sorensen
Lector: Cynthia Moore
Eucharistic Minister: Seth Myhre
Ushers: Rick Bot, Chuck Josephson, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlamincik

Saturday, April 25 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki
Lector: Shannon Gossen
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Thooft
Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlamincik

Sunday, April 26 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Naomi & Declan Evjen
Lector: Terry Van Keulen
Eucharistic Minister: Shannon Evjen
Ushers: Rick Bot, Chuck Josephson, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlamincik

