



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



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Sunday, March 22, 2026 The Fifth 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 23

7:00 am Convent Mass (Presider’s Intention)

Tuesday, March 24

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Special Intention)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Lowell & Jeanette Nelson)

Wednesday, March 25

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1/2 (Leo & Isabelle Hennen)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jack Hennen)

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

6:30 – 7:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 6 – 11

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

Thursday, March 26

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Tom Swedzinski)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Arnie Bot)

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

Friday, March 27

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Delores DeVos)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Alice Bot)

4:30 – 7:00 pm Fish Fry – All You Can Eat!

7:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross at St. Edward

Saturday, March 28

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Helen Wambeke)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Ed Polejewski)

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, March 29

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Bill Drown)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Apologetics

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Paula Brewers)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday our Diocese will celebrate its annual Chrism Mass. Traditionally held on the morning of Holy Thursday, this is the Mass at which the priests of the Diocese renew their priestly promises. Because of this, our Diocese has held it the week before Holy Thursday to allow the priests of the Diocese to attend. This renewal reminds us that the priesthood was instituted at the Last Supper, when our Lord commanded the Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in His memory.

For the Jewish people, however, memory was more than simply an intellectual act. It was something much deeper—almost like a powerful nostalgia, where the past becomes vividly present again. I think of it this way: when I recall the smell of my grandmother’s cookies, I can almost feel as if I am standing in her kitchen, watching her take a fresh pan from the oven. It is almost like being there again. In an even deeper way, when we celebrate the Eucharist, we are drawn into the mystery of Calvary, where Christ fulfilled what He first gave as a memorial at the Last Supper. At the Chrism Mass, then, we priests recommit ourselves to serving the Lord and celebrating the Eucharist faithfully for the People of God.

At this Mass, Bishop Zielinski will also bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, and consecrate the Sacred Chrism. The Oil of Catechumens is used before Baptism to strengthen those preparing for the sacrament in their struggle against sin and Satan. The Oil of the Sick is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, as a priest anoints those who are gravely ill or in danger of death.

The Sacred Chrism has several important uses. It is used after Baptism and in Confirmation to “seal” a person as belonging to Christ and to signify the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is also used at the ordination of priests—when their hands are anointed—and of bishops—when their heads are anointed—consecrating them for service in Holy Orders. In addition, Sacred Chrism is used when dedicating a new altar or church.

This year there will be an additional moment of significance during the Chrism Mass. Bishop Zielinski will declare the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairie. The original image of Our Lady, which the Diocese received last June, will be kept there, and pilgrimages will be encouraged.

All of this is to say that you are warmly invited to attend the Chrism Mass this Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm. While it is not a short liturgy, it is a beautiful one and serves as the principal liturgy of the Diocese each year.

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
 St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Saturday, March 21 **Open Gym** 9:00 – 11:00 am
 Children (ages 2 – 8) and their favorite adult
 Friday, March 27 – Science Fair (Grades 5-6)

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 is our safe place.

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,150	\$1,923	(\$773)
Loose plate	\$226	\$192	\$34
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$80,693	\$88,615	(\$7,922)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,520	\$6,654	(\$3,134)
Loose plate	\$179	\$192	(\$13)
Online Giving	\$1,591	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$251,778	\$253,308	(\$1,530)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
 Servers: Brisbyn & Audyn Traen
 Lector: Fred Rabaey, Tim Gossen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris
 Ushers: Don & 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 Ministers: Dylan Evjen
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, John Sumerfelt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Clarence Drietz who passed away on Tuesday, March 3. His funeral was held on Saturday, March 14, 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.

- ★ Marissa Bauer
Sister-in-law of Charles Bot
- ★ Mary Coquyt
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Basil Englert
Lisa Hennen's uncle
- ★ 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
- ★ Jean Wambeke

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP – RESCHEDULED!

March 22 2:00 – 2:30 pm – Arrival

2:30 – 3:30 pm – Q & A time for parents

If you have a child entering pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, you may want to attend this round-up. You will meet the Music Teacher, the Librarian, the PE Teacher, and explore the Montessori classroom along with visiting with Principal, Jaci Garvey.
 For more information, contact the school at 507.872.6391.

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

A 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics continues.
 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.

HOLY WEEK MESSAGE FOR ST. ELOI PARISHIONERS

We need six volunteers to take part in the "washing of the feet" during the Holy Thursday Service. If you would be willing to volunteer, please let me know!

Thanks! Mary Jo

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The St. Edward Knights of Columbus are hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 27, at St. Edward Church.

Serving will be from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

Adults: \$15 Kids (ages 4-12): \$10 Kids (3 & under): Free
 Proceeds will go to the St Edward's School.

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.

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.

ONLINE GIVING REMINDER

Parishioners of St. Edward – remember you can give your church donations online!



It's a simple process to set up. If you're interested in this easy way to donate, contact Caren at the church office.

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 18 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Nate Thomsen



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/popes-monthly-intentions-2026>

LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR

Loss of a Spouse is a 2-hour seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm, at Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Space, Marshall.

For more information, call Holy Redeemer Parish at 507.532.5711.

Ladies Evening of Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday, March 22, the St. Peter CCW will be having a salad supper and Deacon Jason Myhre will speak on the sacraments of healing: reconciliation & anointing of the sick.

This will be held in the St. Peter Social Hall in Canby from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. There will be a free will offering as well as a time for Q & A after the talk.

CCW DEANERY 2 SPRING GATHERING ***"His Kindness Gives Us Hope"***

Please attend the Deanery 2 Spring Gathering. It is being held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Murdock on Tuesday, April 7.

Registration is at 5:00 with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:15 pm with Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a meal.

The speaker is from Safe Avenues in Willmar, MN. The topic is *Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Rural Minnesota*. It's happening here – this is what you need to know.

Registration is \$15. Contact Amanda Engels by April 1 and the registration fee will be paid for you. Bring canned goods or pantry items for donation to Safe Avenues.

2026 NUDCCW ANNUAL CONVENTION

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its 65th Annual Convention at the Church of St. Michael in Morgan on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

The theme of the Convention is "Grow in God's Love: His Love Stands Firm Forever". The day will begin with registration and breakfast at 7:30 am followed by a business meeting, keynote speaker, Woman of the Year Award, and Mass.

Lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon speakers, the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will speak on "The Genius of Women", the role of women in the home and in society. The day will conclude with inspiration from the National CCW convention and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 pm. There will be a silent auction, various displays, vendors, religious article suppliers available for shopping.

The keynote speaker is Jessica Bartholomew, founder and Executive Director of ACT United (Anti Child Trafficking). Their mission is to unite communities in prevention and ignite youth leadership in the movement to end online exploitation and trafficking of children and teens. She will share how their outreach and mission teams reach kids, teens and communities to reduce risk factors and increase health and safety.

Join us for a day of prayer, education, and opportunity to socialize with the women of the Diocese of New Ulm. Registration information can be found at www.nudccw.org.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

The "Jimmy's J Crew/Kack Attack on Cancer" Relay for Life team is hosting their "Wing & Pizza Night" and bake sale fundraiser at KB's Ballroom on Monday, March 30, from 5:30-8:30 pm.

Team members will again be selling luminaries & goodies and waiting & busing tables with all donations, tips & wages going to the 2026 American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Lyon County being held on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Please join us for food, fun & fundraising!

PS - Our Relay team also has the Marshall "Shop Local" coupon books with \$5 from each book going to ACS.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING – Ghent – Post #564

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 pm

BLOOD DRIVE ~ Minneota High School

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the main gym in the *Minneota High School, Wednesday, April 8, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm.*

Give blood – save a life. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

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 – **April 4** Dcn. Bruce Bot 507.828.7012
(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. 23: In memory of Helen Wambeke
by Leonard & Marian Louwagie

Mar. 24: In memory of Oscar G. & Alice Louwagie by their family

Mar. 25: In memory of Marie Hamerlinck by Darla Timmerman

Mar. 26: In memory Alice & Barney Bot
by David & Diane Hennen

Mar. 27: In memory of Don Wyffels by Ardyce Louwagie

Mar. 28: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom
by their family

Mar. 29: In memory of Helen Wambeke
by John & Mary Monnet Blake

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.

Family Lenten Activities

1. Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do.
2. Donate a bag of toys or clothes that are still nice but that you don't use.
3. Pray the rosary (or even just a decade) as a family.
4. Thank someone who has been a good influence in your life.



**Look graciously on your household,
we implore you, O God.
that by your great goodness
we may be governed in body and,
through your protection,
keep safe in mind and heart;
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

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Mary	Wake	Sick	Lazarus	Brother
Jesus	Stone	Disciples	Life	Believe
Prayed	Weeping	Glory	Martha	Rise
Entrance	Love	Death	Tomb	Sleep



"Our _____ Lazarus has fallen asleep;
but I am going there to wake him up."
John 11:11b (NIV)

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THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Holy Week Schedule of Services

March 28 & 29, Palm Sunday – Regular Weekend Schedule
April 2, Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm St. Eloi
April 3, Good Friday – 12:00 pm St. Eloi
3:00 pm St. Edward
April 4, Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm St. Edward
April 5, Easter Sunday – Regular Sunday Schedule