



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

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Sunday, February 1, 2026

The Fourth 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, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Denise Timmerman)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Delores DeVos)

Wednesday, February 4

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 3/4

(Jon & Kevin Guttormsson, Joe & David Schreiber)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

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

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, February 5

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Brandon Eischens)

8:00 am Convent Mass (Presider’s Intention)

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

Friday, February 6

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward

(Deceased members of Frank & Becky Engels family)

7:45 am Convent Mass (Presider’s Intention)

Saturday, February 7

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Bernie Moorsee)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Larry Sharp)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, February 8

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Audrey Hammer)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Apologetics with
Dcn. Jason

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Alice Radtke)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who supported our School and Religious Education Program by attending and supporting the Flurry of Fun and the many events of Catholic Schools Week. Thank you especially to Mrs. Garvey, Trudy, Dodie, and all our teachers for their hard work and flexibility, allowing the children to truly celebrate this special week. Thank you as well to parents and grandparents for your continued support and sacrifices.

This Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, so called because of the traditional blessing and lighting of candles during the Mass, recalling that Christ is the Light of the world. In accord with Jewish law, St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother presented—and “redeemed”—the Child Jesus in the Temple.

What could have remained a simple ritual becomes something far more profound when two people recognize what is truly happening: Simeon and Anna. Both elderly, both living in the Temple precincts, and both waiting in hope for the coming of the Lord, they recognize in this Child the fulfillment of God’s promises and proclaim that hope aloud.

This feast is also a special day of prayer for religious women and men, who, like Simeon and Anna, live lives of hopeful waiting for the Lord. We are especially blessed to have the Sisters of Mary, Morning Star in our area, and I encourage you to remember them in prayer on this day. Their presence among us is a true gift. Their charism as active contemplatives—women devoted to prayer and study—is deeply needed in the world, though sometimes misunderstood. While they are not called to teach or serve the parish in an active staff role, they support both our parish and the universal Church in powerful and essential spiritual ways.

In just a few weeks, we will begin Lent once again (Ash Wednesday is February 18). There are many excellent resources available to help us prepare. As mentioned last weekend, the CCW is sponsoring the book, *Into His Likeness* by Dr. Edward Sri. We will also be providing a few additional materials. I would further recommend Magnificat’s Lenten booklet, as well as online programs such as Word on Fire or Dynamic Catholic. I invite you to prayerfully choose something that will truly aid you in your

Lenten journey.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd

*Christian unity sets our focus on
Jesus and nothing else should matter.*

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

Thursday, Feb. 6 – Read for Our Children 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

January Calendar Sponsorship

Jan. 1	Alice Bot	In memory
Jan. 9	Sy Baune	In honor
Jan. 19	Michael Afdem	In memory
Jan. 20	Alice Bot	In memory
	Mary Ann Guza	In honor of teaching at St. Ed's
	Linda Rannow	In honor
Jan. 21	Gloria Novotny	In memory
Jan. 23	Teddy Thomsen	In honor
Jan. 25	Clarence Drietz	Unknown
Jan. 26	Greg Cattoor	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)

*Thank You,
Sisters*

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$ 375	\$1,923	(\$1,548)
Loose plate	\$ 324	\$192	\$ 52
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$67,004	\$73,846	(\$6,842)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$22,455	\$6,654	(\$15,801)
Loose plate	\$ 244	\$192	(\$ 20)
Online Giving	\$ 785	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$205,764	\$205,385	\$ 379

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 7 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki

Lector: Fred Rabaey

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Buysse

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminc

Sunday, February 8 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Naomi & Declan Evjen

Lector: Terry Van Keulen

Eucharistic Ministers: Neal Bot

Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, 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.

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

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

- ✠ For blessings on all marriages
- ✠ That leaders maintain the dignity of life in all stages and hear the needs of all people
- ✠ For recovery from illness and strength for the sick and elderly
- ✠ That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

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 today – Sunday, February 1. Sign up is at 12:30 pm and shooting will begin at 1:00 pm in the competition gym. 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.

CANDLELIT ADORATION & CONFESSION

Join us at St. Eloi on Sunday, February 8, for adoration & confession. It will be a time to spend time in quiet stillness while you gain greater insight into your purpose in life as you nurture your relationship with Jesus. Exposition will be from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Come when you can, stay as long as the Spirit moves you.

ARE YOUR CUPBOARDS LOOKING BARE?

There are a multitude of containers down in the basement that need to be picked up by their owners. That might be you!
Please check the basement to see if any of those containers belong to you. At the end of February, anything that is left will be donated to the Thrift Store.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT – Feb. 27 - Mar. 1

"Lent – Finding Hope in Suffering"

Though we cannot avoid suffering, we are called to live with hope. When we take up our cross and follow Jesus, God can bring good from it. 1 Peter 5:10 promises God will restore, strengthen, and establish us after we have suffered for a little while.

Join us this Lenten season so discover a deeper understanding of suffering—and to be transformed by God's grace. Fr. Joe Vogel will be the spiritual director. Dcn. Mike McKeown and Sr. Maria Johanna are presenters.

Begins Friday, February 27, with supper at 6:00 pm and concludes Sunday, March 1 at noon.

Mark your calendars with the date of the Lenten Retreat. Register [HERE](https://www.abbeyofthehills.org/events) or call 605.398.9200 or email: events@abbeyofthehills.org

For more information contact Lisa Hennen (605) 391-2748 or Dawn Vlaminc (507) 530.4287.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas flower fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one at St. Edward and St. Eloi. Unfortunately, the list of donors has been misplaced, but know that your donation was appreciated.

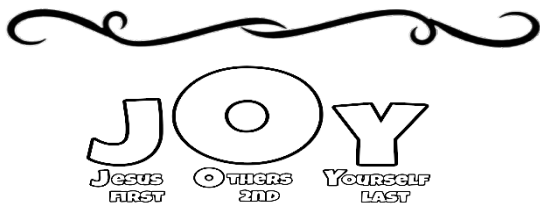
BUS DRIVERS WANTED!

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 11 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Dan Longtin



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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

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, juice, raisins, and fruit cups.

They are sponsoring an area-wide fundraiser on *Sunday, February 1*. Please support them by attending. It will be a loaded baked potato bar at Living Word Lutheran Church. Build your perfect potato with toppings like bacon, broccoli, butter, cheese, chili, onions, peppers, salsa, & sour cream.

Serving from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm with suggested donation of \$10 – adults, \$5 – ages 5-12, and free – 4 & under.

CARE 4 NIGERIA

The collection for Catholic Schools' Week here at St. Ed's is supporting this project. Donate if you can!

"Help us care for the less fortunate. By giving just a little, you can make a big difference"

Father Cornelius Ezeiloaku

This year the New Ulm Diocese CCW has chosen **Care 4 Nigeria** as its International Service Project. Father Cornelius and three parishioners from the New Ulm area formed this non-profit charitable organization in 2019. Father was ordained in Onitsha, Nigeria, and was assigned to serve in the New Ulm Diocese in 2014. He is currently serving in the Christ the King Area Faith Community, including Canby, St Leo, Ivanhoe, Lake Benton, Tyler and Wilno.

There is much poverty in the rural areas of Nigeria, and basic household and tool items are much needed. Please watch **You Tube: "Care 4 Nigeria 2025"**, to see the blessing of the semi load and the happy unloading of this jam-packed 40' container near the Seminary and Hospital. Catholic nuns distribute the items to the neediest through the organization called 'Justice, Development, Peace Commission'.

We are hoping parishes will have a special collection of items listed on the listing attached to this email.

Especially needed: sewing machines (women to earn money and nuns to sew for the churches and seminarians.)

Especially needed: shovels, rakes, hoes, hand tools, etc. for growing food.

Bicycles – "can change a person's life".

Band-aids, antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone cream, rosaries, prayer books, Bibles, religious statues working cell phones and laptops, summer clothing and shoes.

Small tables or folding chairs, but no furniture.

Also, they dream about a couple smaller tractors to support the field work for the Seminary to grow crops.

Otherwise, all field work is done by manual labor.

Cash donations are very much needed and appreciated to support the \$10,000 cost to ship a 40' container. Please send any amount of donation to:

Amy Waibel, 1000 N. Franklin, New Ulm, MN 56073 amy.waibel@gmail.com

or **Fr. Cornelius Ezeiloaku, P. O. Box 310, 213 Linwood Street, Tyler, MN 56178 320-224-3385**

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 – **February 7** Jason Myhre 507.829.2829
(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

Feb. 2: In memory of Monica Hoff by Terry Hennen

Feb. 3: In memory of John & Jennie Spier and deceased family members of Clem & Alice Anton

Feb. 4: In memory of Doug & Jane Louwagie by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Feb. 5: In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

Feb. 6: In memory of Don Maeyaert by Dan & Shari Maeyaert

Feb. 7: In memory of Alyssa Vandendriessche by Steve & Lisa Vandendriessche

Feb. 8: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their 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.

The Beatitudes

D E Q J L H O V W W V W T N H K J G C T I N O X
G Z G V J R E M V Q C N H G Y V N P J R F F J T
A G Z M Z N M B F Y F E I W F R L U X J R V E I
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Righteousness	Merciful	Heaven	Heart	God
Peacemaker	Blessed	Hunger	Mourn	See
Persecuted	Inherit	Spirit	Meek	Pure
Comforted	Kingdom	Thirst	Poor	
Children	Filled	Earth		

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:3-10

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of _____

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be _____

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the _____

Blessed are they who _____ and _____ for righteousness, for they will be satisfied

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown _____

Blessed are the clean in _____, for they will see God

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called _____ of God

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the _____ of righteousness, for theirs is the _____ of heaven

Blessed are you when they insult you and _____ you and utter every kind of evil against you because of me

Rejoice and be glad, for your _____ will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the _____ who were before you



Word Bank

Use this word bank to fill in the beatitudes

prophets	hunger	land	persecute	heart	kingdom	mercy
heaven	comforted	sake	children	reward	thirst	