



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

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Monday – Thursday

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828.5878

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Facebook: One More Time Thrift Store

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Monday, April 17

6:00 pm Mass at Convent (Presider's Intention)
6:00 pm CCW Meeting in Knights' Hall

Tuesday, April 18

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Presider's Intention)
3:00 pm Apartment Word & Communion Service
6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

7:45 am Mass at Convent (Presider's Intention)
10:30 am Liturgy of the Hours at St. Edward
5:30 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5
6:30 pm Religious Education Grades 6-12
6:30 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, April 20

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward
6:00 pm Mass at Convent
(Frank, Delores, Richard, & Shirley Sussner)

Friday, April 21

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Charles, Grace, & John Koch)
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Doom & Senden Families)

Saturday, April 22

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent (Bernie Moore)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the People)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, April 23

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Larry Sharp)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Ed & Marie Rose Boerboom)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! We continue our celebration of the Resurrection formally ending our Octave this Divine Mercy Sunday. Our liturgical celebrations, in my estimation, were beautiful. Thank you to all who had a role in making them possible: Deacons, decorators, lectors, ushers, servers, musicians, and congregation. All together make the liturgy what it is, as our Lord unites us and sanctifies us.

This Sunday, a number of our parishioners will receive our Lord for the first time in the Eucharist. I hope their excitement may challenge us to reflect on our own first communion, and that their zeal would lead us to a deeper reverence.

We also mark Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast has been given to the church through St. Faustina and extended by St. John Paul II. It amazes me that for so long, St. Faustina's writings were questioned. When St. John Paul II was elected as our pope, he was able to read the writings in original Polish, and demonstrated poor translations in the versions that were officially banned, and for good reason as some had theological errors. When they were re-translated, the beauty and the theological depth of the writings became clear, and the sound message of our Lord's mercy to us proclaimed through the writings became undeniable.

Even if you did not pray the Divine Mercy Novena (traditionally starting on Good Friday) which ended on Easter Saturday to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, please consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. I placed a link on the Goodteacherafc.com/Prayer page for the Chaplet. Please visit there.

Last week, I worked a little on my blog page (<https://firtodd.blogspot.com/>) which includes links to my podcast in which I post my weekend homilies. I signed up for an email service that will send an automated email of whatever I post there (you can sign up at <http://eepurl.com/ioCgy2>). I posted the Novenas each day (and set up the Novena for the Holy Spirit that begins on the traditional celebration of Ascension Thursday (transferred to the following Sunday) and ending on Pentecost.

This email service would be a great way to get the novena prayers each day in your email (to be honest, the reason I set it up for myself. I also point out that I have my posts (and retweets of Bishop Levoir and His Holiness Francis) at my professional Facebook page Fr. Todd Petersen. Follow it there...

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,490.99	\$2,110.26	\$380.73
Loose		\$146.15	
Commodity	\$972.24		
Easter	\$3,958.00		
Year-to-Date	\$102,687.68	\$91,259.79	\$11,427.89

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 23

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Laura Hennen

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica & Don Senden

Musicians: Sisters

Offertory Gifts: Dan & Joy Wambeke Family

Ushers: Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet, Brian Timmerman

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,944.00	\$4,829.92	(\$2,885.92)
Loose		\$153.85	
Online Giving	\$450.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Easter	\$8,700.67		
Year-to-Date	\$219,716.66	\$213,305.55	\$6,411.11

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 22

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Lydia & Leah Coequyt

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kampa

Ushers: Charlie Callens, Troy DeSmet, Jerry Kloos, Mike Longtin

Sunday, April 23

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Naomi Evjen, Elizabeth Garvey

Lector: Fran Sturm

Eucharistic Minister: Becky Engels

Usher: John Sumerfelt

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 – Thursday)

6:15 – 7:30 pm (Friday) *Rosary:* 7:15 pm (Friday)

Eucharistic Adoration: 5:00 – 8:15 pm (Sunday)

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391

Summer Care We will again be offering summer care for children between the ages of 5 & 12. Parents can choose to send their children for full weeks, various weeks, or just certain days of the week. For \$29.50 per day, children will receive two snacks and one meal; we will also take them to their summer recreation activities in Minneota.

Contact the school office with questions. Registration forms are available on the website at:

<http://www.stedscatholicschool.com/summercare>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Regina Fox who passed away on Wednesday, April 12. Her funeral will be on Monday, April 17, at 11:00 am at St. Edward Catholic Church.

May peace be with you at this time.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” Revelations 21:4

CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

The following are the First Communicants from St. Edward & St. Eloi. May you always feel surrounded by love & peace as you do on this special day!

Ivory Claeys

Hudson Hjerstad

Kylie Slatko

Titan Fier

Eleanore Jones

Lily Swoboda

Jesalynn Gillund

Teddy Rabaey

Theodore Thomsen

William Hennen

Addilyn Schreiber

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

✠ For priests, bishops, and others in a religious life

✠ For all of our youth and our families

✠ For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life

ST. ELOI EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Eloi will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt along with coffee and donuts after Mass on Sunday, April 16. This will be hosted by the St. Eloi COF.

ST. EDWARD CCW MEETING

There will be a St. Edward CCW meeting on Monday, April 17, at 6:00 pm.

SCHOENSTATT GIRLS' GROUP MEETING

The Schoenstatt girls' group meeting will be on Monday, April 24, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Knights' Hall. This will be the last meeting until September!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – St. Edward Teaching Position

St. Edward School in Minneota, Minnesota, is seeking applications for a 3rd/4th grade teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

We educate students attending preschool through 8th grade utilizing multi-level education models. At St. Edward School we take pride in our high academic standards, Catholic culture and the dedication of our teachers. In addition to salary, we offer a competitive benefits package including health insurance, life insurance, paid time off, meals and more.

Interested candidates should include a cover letter, resume, copy of MN teaching license (or proof of eligibility to obtain a MN teaching license) and 3 letters of recommendation when applying. Application documents should be sent to

jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com or

St. Edward School

Jaci Garvey, Principal

210 W 4th St

Minneota, MN 56264

COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP – St. Eloi

Our cookie and fellowship tradition in our gathering space continues with your help. Would you be willing to bring 6 dozen cookies for a Sunday or two?

If you would like to help out, please contact Sandy Nuytten at 829.9690 (or email her at snytten@frontiernet.net). We need volunteers for April 23 and the first three Sundays in May.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 21 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Brad Laleman



LITURGY MATTERS #23

Continuing with the Eucharistic prayer, we now come to what is called the “preface.” The preface is not to be misunderstood as a kind of preamble or introduction, on the contrary, in this context the word preface comes from the Latin word *prae-fari* which means “to do in front of” or “proclaim in the presence of.” Therefore, the preface begins what the entire Eucharistic prayer will be: a proclaiming and a performing before God the Father of the church’s prayer.

There are three parts to the Eucharistic prayer. The first part picks up the very words of the last phrase of the preceding dialogue and begins speaking to the Father with the words, “Truly it is right and just to give you thanks, Father...” It is important to notice that the direction of the prayer is toward the Father, as throughout the prayer the Father is named directly, our prayer is from the church to God the Father.

The second part of the preface always picks up on the phrase “through Christ our Lord” and develops it in a way that is unique to each preface. This is always some succinct expression of what Christ has done for us, phrased to express the particularity of the feast or season. It is also a unique expression of how we as Christians give thanks for what Christ has done for us.

Giving thanks to the Father consists of far more than simply our good manners, something along the lines of our knowledge enough to say thanks to anyone who may have done us a service or a kindness. The Biblical way of giving thanks consists in a profound recognition of what God has actually done in what we are thanking Him for.

The Biblical word “confess” is a word that often accompanies the thanksgiving of the church, and it is a word that swings in two directions at once. Recounting what God has done is called “confessing God,” and includes praise of Him, both implicitly and explicitly.

The greatness of God in His deeds also brings in its wake an awareness of our own smallness and, worse, our infidelity. Therefore, in the same breath we confess our sins. These are not different movements of prayer but various facets of the one action of giving thanks.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION – APRIL

For a culture of peace and non-violence ~

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/2022/02/14/pope-francis-reveals-2023-prayer-intentions/>

ANNUAL NUDCCW 2023 CONVENTION

Saturday, April 29, 2023 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Church of St. Mary, New Ulm

The speaker is Liz Kelly who is a retreat leader and author. There will also be a presentation on the life and work of blessed Carlo Acutis by Berny Berger.

If you are interested in attending, contact Bonnie Laleman (828.5703) or Jan Bot (401.1167).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Minneota High School

There will be a blood drive on Thursday, April 20, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm. This will be held in the high school gym.

Call 1.800.733.2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org to set up an appointment.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – 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, April 24, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

Team members will be selling luminaries & goodies and waiting & busing tables with all donations, tips & wages going to the 2023 American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Lyon County.

Please join us for food, fun & fundraising!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Community Action Partnership is starting a rider companion program in your community, and we need volunteers. Rider companions will provide light-duty assistance so people can continue to live as independently as possible.

If you might be interested, give Amanda a call 507.847.2632 ext. 1119 or send an email to the following: communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org



PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

Monday, April 17

Fr. Todd Petersen
Fr. John Pearson
Dcn. Mark Kober
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Wednesday, April 19

Msgr. John Richter
Fr. Brendan Rolling
Dcn. Mike McKeown
Matt Wood (Sem.)

Friday, April 21

Fr. George Schmit
Fr. Phil Schotzko
Dcn. Ken Noyes
Nolan Meyer (Sem.)

Sunday, April 23

Fr. Joe Steinbeisser
Fr. Bernie Steiner
Dcn. Ryan Pope
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

Tuesday, April 18

Fr. Zach Peterson
Fr. Shawn Polman
Fr. Germain Rademacher
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

Thursday, April 20

Fr. Keith Salisbury
Fr. Bruno Santiago
Dcn. Jason Myhre
Lucas Baker (Sem.)

Saturday, April 22

Fr. Paul Schumacher
Fr. Mark Steffl
Dcn. Roger Osborne
David Rabaey (Sem.)

*“Whatever you do, work heartily,
as for the Lord and not for men.”
Colossians 3:23*

"Peace be with you!"

Radio Rosary

- Apr. 17: For the souls in purgatory by Bob Buysse
 Apr. 18: Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 Apr. 19: In memory of Judy & Vin Bot & Pam Haukom
 by their family
 Apr. 20: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom
 by Alice & Clem Anton
 Apr. 21: In memory of Sandy Alcorn by Mary Ann & family
 Apr. 22: In memory of Dorrence DeCock
 by David & Diane Hennen
 Apr. 23: In memory of Don Zeug by David & Diane Hennen

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

- **Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming Catholic** – Call the church office: 872.6346
- **Eucharist to Shut-ins:**
 St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 829.9690
 St. Edward – April 22 Travis Welsh 829.0986
- **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



Easter Story

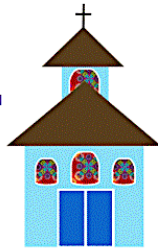
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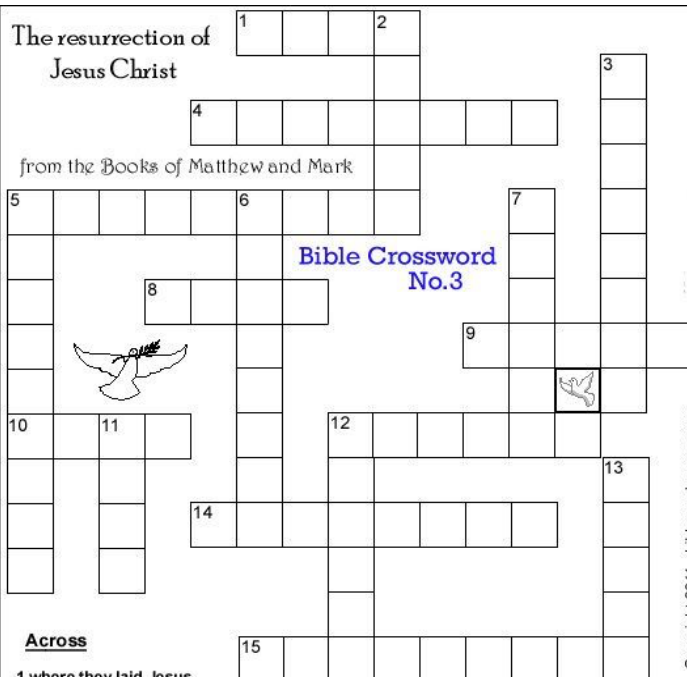
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The resurrection of
 Jesus Christ



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- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)
 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
 5 Jesus and two thieves were together (Matt.27:38)
 8 mother of Jesus
 9 The angel said "He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet (Matt.27:28)
 12 Jesus was betrayed for pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
 14 Jesus was of any crime (Matt.27:4)
 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

DOWN

- 2 Jesus shed His for our sins
 3 Judas Iscariot Jesus (Matt.27:4)
 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
 6 Jesus said "My God, My God why hast thou me" (Matt.27:46)
 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
 11 They laid the of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
 12 Jesus wore a "crown of" our Lord and Saviour

more puzzles at <http://biblewordgames.com>

A Prayer for Resurrection

Lord,
 I know you have the power over life and death.
 I give you the dead in me:
 The lost dreams,
 The hopelessness,
 The lack of vision,
 The faith frayed and worn thin,
 The relationships shattered and broken.

YOU MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Resurrect my faith.
 Renew joy.
 Restore hope.
 You, Conqueror of death and the grave,
 can do all things.
 Amen.

We can't change the message ~
 the message changes us.