



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

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Sunday, December 7, 2025 The Second Sunday of Advent

“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, December 8

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Staff (Rosary Society)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mary DeSmet)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi. (For the People)

Tuesday, December 9

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Bernard & Helene Moorse)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartment (Regina Fox)

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 am Convent Mass (Carol Vermeesch)

1:00 pm Afternoon Christmas Concert

5:00 – 6:30 pm Meal before Concert

6:30 pm St. Edward Christmas Concert

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

Thursday, December 11

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Bernie Moorse)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Kate Thooft)

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

Friday, December 12

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

Saturday, December 13

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Paula Brewers)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Robert Bottelberghe)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 14

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jerry & Pat Stoneberg)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – *The Lost Art of Living*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (David & Lorraine Maertens)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This Monday we celebrate the great feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation—always observed as such—because the Blessed Mother under this title is the patroness of our nation.

On this feast, we recall how the Lord acted uniquely in the Blessed Virgin Mary’s life, preserving her from original sin from the very first moment of her existence through a singular grace. God did this knowing she would be free to accept His will and bear His Only Begotten Son.

It is beautifully fitting that this feast falls during Advent, when we remember the world’s long waiting for a Savior and God’s careful preparation of His people—through creation, the Fall, Noah, Abraham, Moses and the Exodus, the prophets and kings. All of salvation history points toward Christ, and the Blessed Mother’s conception—preserved from sin—is an essential part of that preparation.

The Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin, without that separation from God that marks the human condition after the Fall. She was also preserved from actual sin throughout her life by God’s grace. Original sin brings with it disordered desire, darkened intellect, sickness, and death—yet she was preserved from all these effects. She is the model of the Church in its perfection.

We, the individual members of the Church, are not preserved from original sin or its lingering effects. In baptism, original sin is washed away, and we are restored to friendship with God, yet we continue to struggle with those effects. It is like a mosquito bite—the insect is gone, but the irritation remains.

This is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so vital. In this sacrament, we find the remedy both for our sinful actions and for the patterns and desires that pull us away from God. Most importantly, we are restored to right relationship with the Lord who waits for us with mercy.

Please make generous use of this sacrament!

In Christ,

Fr. Todd

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

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

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – 1:00 pm Christmas Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Christmas Concert & Meal

5:00 – 6:30 pm Meal before concert

6:30 pm – Christmas Concert

St. Edward School Apparel Sale –

Store closes on December 15. Options include short & long sleeved t-shirts, crew & hooded sweatshirts, sweat pants, & stocking caps.

Use this link to check it out.

www.2arrowsapparel.com/collections/st-edward-school-store

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)



ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,475	\$1,923	\$2,552
Loose plate	\$159	\$192	(\$33)
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$46,860	\$54,154	(\$7,294)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 8 – 5:30 pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Elise Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Steve Van Keulen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Galen Boerboom

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

Cup: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

Sunday, December 14 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Xavier & Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Brad Hennen

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt

Eucharistic Ministers: Don & Monica Senden

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,830	\$6,654	(\$4,824)
Loose plate	\$190	\$192	(\$2)
Online Giving	\$725	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$139,699	\$150,616	(\$10,917)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 13 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Sam & Charlie Myhre

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman, Bruce & Cindy Novotny

Sunday, December 14 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Mariah & Jacob Loyson

Lector: Terry Van Keulen

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Van Keulen

Ushers: Rick Bot, Joe Callens, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlaminck

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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| ★ Kay Drown | ★ Vincent Laleman |
| ★ Francis DeSmet | ★ Julie Noyes |
| ★ David Fier | ★ Doug Sik |
| ★ Harper Gravely | ★ Joanne Sturm |
| ★ Missy Hennen | ★ Brenda Verschelde |
| ★ Jeremy Koelar | |

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

- ✚ For devotion to the Christ Child
- ✚ That the grace of Christmas will draw family members together in lasting bonds of love
- ✚ For a deeper understanding of the incarnation (that the Son of God became human in the person of Jesus Christ) and looking ahead to Christ's second coming.
- ✚ For a deeper personal relationship with Jesus that is nourished by the Word of God and prayer.

KITCHEN ANGELS FOR ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

We would like to create a group called "Kitchen Angels."

The purpose of this roster is to be contacted should we need to prepare donated produce for the school lunch program or do a little extra cleaning in the food preparation area. Our School Head Cook, Cynthia Moore, will be supervising these activities. Enrolling in the Kitchen Angel roster does not mean you're obligated to take each case or peel each vegetable. You would be contacted by e-mail or called, when produce is donated and helpers needed, and if you're interested/available, you would respond back to volunteer for a couple of hours.

Please let Cynthia or the school (872.6391) know if you have any questions and/or if you're interested in joining this roster!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers to lead the Holy Rosary on Sunday mornings. Substitutes are needed for Saturdays and Sundays as well.

There are resources available to help you out. Contact Fr. Todd or Caren at the church office.

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

Our study this year (from FORMED.org) is called "Who Am I to Judge?", featuring Dr. Edward Sri. It discusses how to talk about moral truths in a culture that promotes a belief that everyone can have their own truth about what's right (relativism).

We have a light breakfast with time for fellowship, then watch our study video, and then have time for open group discussion. We meet Sundays from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

Video links and schedule can be found on goodteacher.afc.com under "Religious Education – Sunday FIRE" if you're not able to join us.

FOOD SHELF – St. Ed's Student Council

The St. Edward Student Council is collecting donations for the food shelf.

The need keeps growing at the food shelf. Following is a list of items that are needed. Sugar, flour, salt, pepper, canned fruit and vegetables, pork-n-beans, regular and chunky soups, canned chicken, ravioli, spaghetti sauce, microwave pouch meals, taco items, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, coffee and juices.

With Thanksgiving nearing, they would also like canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix and instant potatoes.

Cleaning supplies, shampoo and conditioners, unscented body washes, mouth wash, toothpaste and brushes, feminine products are also needed

Please feel free to bring other items also, keep in mind that all items are to be unopened.

Monetary donations are always welcome, please place in an envelope that is marked "food shelf" and put in the collection basket or take to the parish office.

COAT DRIVE – St. Edward CCW

The St. Edward CCW will be hosting a coat drive for the Marshall Food Shelf this year starting this weekend and going until the weekend of December 12 & 14.

We are looking for coats for all ages of men, women and children and they are looking for coats, hats, mittens, scarfs and large size boots. Please make sure they are clean and not in need of repairs.

Boxes will be in the back of church for your donations.

Thank you for your support and generosity as we help those in need. Questions can be directed to Bonnie Laleman at 507.828.5703.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time again! Please help decorate St. Edward and St. Eloi for the Christmas season by donating towards poinsettias as a remembrance of a loved one.

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

Thank You!

CHRISTMAS BINGO AT THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

Christmas season is around the corner and once again and the residents of the assisted living facility in Minneota are looking forward to us coming to spend time with them and celebrate Jesus!

This year we will mainly be playing bingo with prizes and sharing homemade cookies and decorations with the residents. Volunteers are needed **THIS** Sunday, December 7, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. If you cannot volunteer but would like to help out, we need homemade cookies, homemade decorations, bingo prizes for the residents (ie: socks, plain lotion, toothpaste/brush, cards, adult coloring books/markers, throw blankets, etc.), and a roll of quarters.

Please contact Lisa Hennen at 605.391.2748 if you would like to volunteer or donate. Thank you!

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



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – December

For Christians in areas of conflict ~

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will hold their annual Christmas Party and Meeting for Council members and spouses on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 12:00 pm in the St. John Cantius Church Basement.

A traditional Christmas dinner will be served at noon followed by a meeting. Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing 605.695.7630 or Karen Miller 507.694.1790 by November 30, so we know how many people to expect.

JACKPOT BINGO – ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, December 7, 2025 St. Leo Church Basement

Warm-up games at 12:30 pm – Jackpot games at 1:30 pm

Lunch starts at noon. Donation: \$15 per ticket

18 - \$50 games with \$200 and \$300 jackpots

Proceeds will support Catholic education & church projects!

BLOOD DRIVE ~ KBs BALLROOM

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at KBs Ballroom in Ghent, Wednesday, December 10, from 2:00 – 7:00 pm.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Give a special gift of life by donating blood this holiday season.

All blood donors will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card by email.

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 – **December 13** Lisa Hennen 605.391.2748

(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

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

Dec. 9: For an end to abortion by Marj Anderson

Dec. 10: In memory of Robert Bottelberghe by Eric & Michelle Lanoue

Dec. 11: In memory of David Vandewiele by David & Diane Hennen

Dec. 12: In memory of Melvin Welu by Pat Timmerman

Dec. 13: In memory of Diane Buysse by Bob & family

Dec. 14: In memory of Jack Rehkamp by David & Diane Hennen

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.

Advent Wreath Blessing & Activities

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

Scripture for Week 2 of Advent

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7) (Isaiah 9:2)

Pray the Advent Prayer for Week 2

"Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen."



Reflect on Week 2 of Advent

What are your top three priorities as you prepare for Christmas?

Advent Word Find

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E	N	O	W	A	D	V	E	N	T	S	C	N	A
S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	E	H	A	A	A

Star	Gold	Joy	Wreath	Myrrh
Shepherds	Bethlehem	Candle	Love	Advent
Angels	Jesus	Nativity	Wisemen	Hope
Peace	Frankincense	Christmas	Messiah	

Advent Family Activities

Sunday, Dec. 7 – Get bundled up and go on a hike with your family.

Monday, Dec. 8 – Take a family Christmas picture.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 – Bake cookies to share with neighbors.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Attend the St. Edward Christmas Concert.

Thursday, Dec. 11 – Move Mary & Joseph closer to the Nativity.

Friday, Dec. 12 – Drive around looking at the Christmas lights and sing Christmas songs.

Saturday, Dec. 13 – Go to the holiday story time at the library.



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BE WITH YOU