



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

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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

### Sunday, July 20, 2025 The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

##### Monday, July 21

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

##### Tuesday, July 22

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Julia Claeys)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Marian Laleman)

##### Wednesday, July 23

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Luke Cory)

7:30 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study Grades 9-12

##### Thursday, July 24

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Duane & Linda Oftedahl)

##### Friday, July 25

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Healing for J. W.)

##### Saturday, July 26

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Vincent Boerboom)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Harold & Mary Ann Buysse)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

##### Sunday, July 27

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Brandon Eischens)

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

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This week has seen major milestones in our church renovation process. As of Tuesday morning, most of the ceiling work is complete, with only minor stenciling and some gold leafing remaining. In the apse, the clouds and the background for the pre-painted canvas of the Holy Spirit (depicted as a dove) are currently being finished. We're hopeful this portion will be completed by the end of the week.

Scaffolding is scheduled to come down next week, and the painters will proceed the following week with work on the lower portion of the church and the sacristy.

The flooring and installation of the pews will be hopeful done the week of the August 6, (August 13 at the latest) though we may be on chairs for the August 13.

Help Needed: Church Preparation Crew  
We will need a crew of volunteers to help move freestanding cabinets, shelves, and other items. I recommend gathering on **Saturday, July 26, at 10:00 am.**

We need to move shelving to the front of the altar area and carry server robes and other exposed "soft goods" downstairs for safe keeping.

The sacristy will be painted the week of July 28, and new flooring will be installed either that week or shortly after.

On a personal note, my book editing is nearing completion. I had a very fruitful conversation with my spiritual director this week, who confirmed that the book contains spiritual fruits worth sharing.

As I re-read and revise, I'm even more convinced that this will help those who are hurting—especially victims of abuse—but also anyone struggling with healing and forgiveness. I'm excited to get it ready for publication soon.

Thank you to all who have offered to donate toward purchasing images of Our Lady of the Prairie for our teachers and staff. We are planning to purchase 8x10 prints at about \$37 each. If you would like to contribute, please contact me. We are planning to use funds from the Memorial Fund to cover any remaining balance not covered by donations.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and  
troubled about many things. But  
*one thing is needed,*  
and Mary has chosen that good part,  
which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:40

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
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St. Edward School: [www.stedscatholicschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com)  
St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

August 11 – Workshop week begins for staff of the school  
Thursday, August 14 – Family Fun Fest beginning at 5:00 pm  
with a Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm in the gym.  
Wednesday, August 20 – School begins for Grades 1 – 8  
Wednesday, August 27 – School begins for kindergarten  
Tuesday, September 2 – Preschool begins  
Friday, September 5 – Alumni Mass of Gratitude at 10:30 am

## 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	\$910	\$2,462	(\$1,552)
Loose plate	\$185	\$146	\$39
Year-to-Date	\$3,284	\$4,923	(\$1,639)

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, July 27 – 10:30 am**

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Musicians: Sisters

Offertory Gifts: Mike & Angie Monnet

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt

Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,865	\$5,962	(\$3,097)
Loose plate	\$131	\$154	(\$23)
Online Giving	\$753	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$3,432		
Year-to-Date	\$13,768	\$11,923	\$1,845

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, July 26 – 5:30 pm @ St. Eloi**

Sacristan: Volunteer

Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki

Lector: Eriann Faris

Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faaris

Ushers: Rod & Ross Abraham, Jackie Laleman

**Sunday, July 27 – 8:30 am**

Sacristan: Joe Callens

Servers: Ian & Noah Myhre, Elizabeth Garvey

Lector: Kevin Swedzinski

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Myhre

Ushers: Frank & Becky Engels, Rick Bot, 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. Ask God to draw near to them and let them feel His gracious presence.

If you know anyone who should be added to this list, contact Caren at the office.

- ★ Brent Buysse
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Brenda Verschelde
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer

### EARLY FAMILY CATHOLIC LIFE PROGRAM

There is interest at the school for an Early Family Life program to be started in our parish. Someone would need to lead this. It is similar to ECFE but has a Catholic theme. The purpose is to build strong Catholic families. If you (and a friend) are interested, please contact Jaci Garvey at the school.

### YOU ARE INVITED... St. Eloi Court 1081 Anniversary

All are invited to join us, St. Eloi Court 1081, in celebration of our 125th anniversary of our court here in Ghent on August 3! After our 10:30 mass, we will be serving a chicken salad sandwich meal. There will be a short program following the meal.

Please join us for food and fellowship!

### SACRED HEART PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Program features an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus icon will be on display at St. Eloi in Ghent from July 24 – 30. Please take the time to visit this display.

### RE-CAP OF ST. EDWARD SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Each June Principal Garvey is required to submit a report to MNSAA (our accrediting agency). Here is a synopsis of that report.

*The 2024-25 school year provided us with many opportunities to learn; about our school culture, how we conduct ourselves during unexpected twists and turns and of course about technology and how it is changing our lives so very quickly.*

*We began this school year again with increased enrollment; this enrollment bounced around a bit during the school year with a family moving away and another unenrolling, and still others enrolling during the middle of the year. These changes caused us to think about communication practices and how to more efficiently handle them within our FACTS system.*

*We also began the school year with new fiber internet and a new phone system. This added to our communication confusion as we learned to work with a firewall and the new phones.*

*We had a new After School Program Director and as a result our after school program enrollment grew after a few years of decline.*

*The Principal and Preschool Staff attended training on the Catalyst Approach which focuses on effective classroom management. This was a needed area of training, not because we have bad children, but quite the opposite; we have very*

good children, so we are out of practice when it comes to discipline. The Catalyst Approach focuses on arranging the environment and schedules in such a way that it makes everything work more smoothly. I simply love what I saw during training and am excited to announce that we will be proceeding with the Catalyst Approach throughout the entire school in the fall.

We also updated our English Language Arts curriculum to include HMH Into Reading/Into Literature for the middle school and Groves Literacy for the Elementary school. The elementary teachers (K - 2) received comprehensive coaching and throughout the entire school year and are now Groves Literacy Organization Certified Literacy Instructors. The 3rd and 4th grade staff will receive their training during the 2025-26 school year. Our NWEA and AimsWeb scores saw nice growth in our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades in the area of fundamental language skills. I attribute that to Groves Literacy and the ongoing coaching our staff received.

As part of the Groves Literacy contract, we began assess our students utilizing the AimsWeb platform for reading. As part of our end of the year discussions, teachers discussed what they like and did not like about having both NWEA and AimsWeb assessments. They found that they liked the different data that each one provided, but that they did not like the class time that was lost; we came up with a new plan which will be announced closer to the beginning of the school year.

During the State of the School meeting in May we discussed our academic program and student achievement. St. Edward School teachers follow a set of academic standards that are a combination of Minnesota Standards and Cardinal Newman Society Standards. This allows us to teach what we need to in a way that helps us to infuse our faith into each subject.

Analysis of our NWEA Scores for 2024-25 tells us that our achievement scores are above national averages for all areas tested and right at national averages for reading and language usage growth.

In the realm of technology, our 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Chromebooks, 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade iPads and teacher laptops are all performing well. New computers have been delivered for the technology lab and the 1st and 2nd grade classroom will be receiving a different SmartBoard.

In regard to our physical building, we are waiting for a quote from Bladholm Construction regarding installing an ADA ramp adjacent to the gymnasium. We would like to remodel our gymnasium as well

During the stakeholders meeting we discussed our budget in regard to where our funds go and how they are obtained. The goal is that funding for our school should come equally from the following sources: Tuition, Fundraising and Parish Support. For that reason, tuition will be increased to \$2450 per student. Fundraising goals have also been increased. There will be more discussion on this in the fall.

The Marketing Committee was discussed and the need to increase enrollment to keep costs lower for everyone. We are looking at a Kindergarten Class in the fall of 11 which is the highest it has been in many years.

### CCW OPPORTUNITIES

The St. Edward CCW Board has some openings for officers.

God equips those who are called, you may think you are an unlikely person to fill these roles but trust God: You are perfect for it! God will equip you for it! You are being called to help spread the good news through the CCW and its works.

Any adult woman who is a member of St. Edward Church is welcome—young women, women with children, young at heart women....

Contact Amanda Engels 507.694.1181 or send an email to [amanda@johnengelslaw.com](mailto:amanda@johnengelslaw.com)

### BLOOD DRIVE ~ KB'S BALLROOM

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at KB's Ballroom in Ghent on Monday, July 28, from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

### YEAR OF WINNING

Week 35 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Abby Vlaminc

### HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – July

For formation in discernment ~

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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



A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief.

Through this 13-week session, you'll discover to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

The session begins Monday, August 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Holy Redeemer Gathering Space.

Any questions, call Pat at 507.829.0240 or the Holy Redeemer Church Office at 507.532.5711.

### MINNEOTA'S ICELANDIC SETTLEMENT CELEBRATION

# ICELANDIC ANNIVERSARY celebration

**SATURDAY JULY 26 AND  
SUNDAY JULY 27**

#### SATURDAY

- 9am Children's story time, Icelandic books, and scavenger hunt to follow at the library
- Library extended hours until 2pm
- All day at the Opera Hall: maps available with self-guided tours of cemeteries and Icelandic points of interest
- 10am & 2pm Icelandic knitting talks
- Icelandic food with recipes and cookbooks
- Genealogy/Reference materials
- Photo displays
- 3:30pm Poetry sharing
- Story boards about immigration and early settlers
- 7:00pm Presentation by Cathy Josephson on Icelandic settlement of Minneota followed by Icelandic treats

#### SUNDAY

- 10:00am church service at St. Paul's Church with Kathryn Rothman officiating
- Fellowship to follow



### Radio Rosary

July 21: In memory of Michael Callens by his nieces & nephews  
 July 22: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends  
 July 23: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family  
 July 24: In memory of Maurice Verstraete by Bob Buysse  
 July 25: In memory of Mary Ann Alcorn by her family  
 July 26: In memory of Joe Van Keulen by Rosemary & family  
 July 27: In memory of Alma Kirkpatrick by Mike & Lorraine Weverka

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.

### 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 – **July 26** Andrea Opdahl 507.829.8040

(Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)

**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

### Stewardship Prayer to Christ the Good Teacher

O Christ, our Good Teacher,  
 You who taught us the way of love and sacrifice,  
 we turn to You with grateful hearts.  
 Guide us to be wise stewards of the gifts  
 You've given –  
 our time, our talents, and our treasure.  
 Teach us to give generously, as You gave all  
 for us, and to trust in Your abundant providence.  
 Bless our offerings, O Lord, that they may  
 strengthen our parish, proclaim Your Gospel  
 and reflect the lessons of Your boundless Sacred Heart.  
 We ask this in Your holy Name.  
 Amen

### MARY & MARTHA

G J N K K K W M Q Q E A P A I  
 M Y E W M R I O Z W X E D G E  
 H A L S E W N I R O I M A R Y  
 Y N R T U E V P F R X P V G P  
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 R I L P Y C Y H A E N F O T O  
 K A W O M A N T E G U X A S N  
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Village  
 Sister  
 Woman  
 Disciples

Thing  
 Preparation  
 Upset  
 Worried

Martha  
 Work  
 Jesus  
 Made

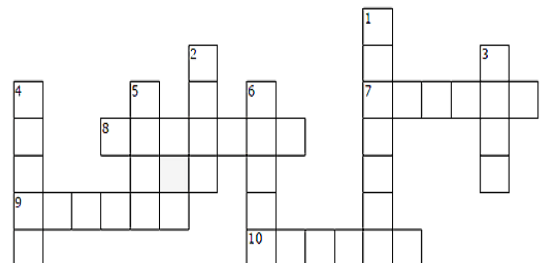
Feet  
 Needed  
 Taken  
 Mary

Help  
 Better  
 Chosen

### At the Home of Mary & Martha

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

7. To pay attention to what someone says
8. To be concerned about something; to be troubled
9. A spoken or written reply to a question
10. A female having the same parents as another person

#### DOWN

1. A very small town
2. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor
3. To give assistance to someone
4. An adult female human
5. The place where a family lives
6. The son of God

work  
 answer

worried  
 help

Jesus  
 listen

sister  
 woman

village  
 home

peace  
 BE WITH YOU