



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



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Sunday, May 17, 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

“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

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

10:30 am School Mass/May Crowning at St. Edward

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Ernie & Kate Thooft)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Brandon Eischens)

7:30 pm St. Edward Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Putts Boerboom)

6:00 pm Graduation Mass at St. Edward (8th Grade Students)

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

Thursday, May 21

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

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Francis & Mary VanHecke)

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

Friday, May 22

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Arnie Bot)

Saturday, May 23

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Gary Nuytten & family)

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

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, May 24

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Ray & Phyllis Lueken)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Rustin Gorecki)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. In the United States, this solemnity has been transferred from the 40th day after Easter—traditionally celebrated on Thursday—to the following Sunday.

This feast commemorates Jesus ascending body and soul into Heaven. It does not, however, mark the end of His ministry or His presence among us. Rather, through His Ascension, His mission becomes universal as He continues to guide and direct the Church. He remains present in His Body, the Church, and most especially in the Sacraments.

In His Ascension, Christ entrusts His mission to the Church: to go forth and make disciples. That mission now belongs to us. The question we must ask ourselves is whether we are truly participating in this great work of evangelization and discipleship.

This week also marks the end of the school year. From my perspective, it has been an excellent year. We have been blessed with a strong staff and students who are eager to learn—even if they occasionally pretend otherwise! My hope is that this summer will be a time not only of physical growth and recreation, but also of continued spiritual and intellectual growth. I also pray that our teachers and staff will enjoy a restful and renewing summer, and return refreshed for another school year.

Finally, congratulations to Dan Sik, who is retiring from his role as custodian this week. We are grateful for his years of faithful service to the parish. Thankfully, he will continue assisting with groundskeeping—including mowing, snow removal, and cemetery care—as well as helping with the boiler system for the time being.

We also welcome Dominic Jennen, who will begin serving as our new custodian.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

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

Tuesday, May 19 – State of the School Meeting in the gym
 Wednesday, May 20 – Last day of school (noon dismissal)
 Graduation Mass at 6:00 pm

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 mounts his throne
 to shouts of joy:
 a blare of trumpets
 for the Lord.*

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,845	\$1,923	(\$3,922)
Loose plate	\$392	\$192	\$200
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$98,501	\$110,769	(\$12,268)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 24 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke
 Lector: Steve Van Keulen
 Musicians: Sisters
 Offertory Gifts: Donnie & Julie Schuelke
 Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten
 Cup: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt
 Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,988	\$6,654	(\$3,666)
Loose plate	\$249	\$192	\$57
Online Giving	\$755	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$291,360	\$308,077	(\$16,717)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 23 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
 Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki
 Lector: Tim Gossen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Christensen, Deb Thooff,
 Nate Welsh
 Ushers: Rod Abraham, Jerry Kloos, Mike Longtin, Scott Thooff

Sunday, May 24 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
 Servers: Randy & Reed Sorensen
 Lector: Shannon Evjen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Neal Bot, Jo Coover
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Joe Callens, 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.

- ★ Marissa Bauer
- ★ Sister-in-law of Charles Bot
- ★ Mary Coquyt
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Basil Englert
- ★ Lisa Hennen's uncle
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Jamie Jelen
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Madeline Swedzinski
- ★ Tony Traen
- ★ Jean Wambeke

St. Edward Eighth Grade Graduates – who are they?

My name is Deborah Beisler. My parents are Cynthia and Edward Moore. I have attended St. Edward's School for nine years. My favorite memory was last year on the 8th graders' last day because the entire day, everybody was just goofing around and having so much fun without a care in the world.

In my years going to St. Edward's, I have grown not only physically but also mentally. Because of the people around me, I have grown not just in my learning but also in my faith and creativity. I would never choose to change the way I grew up in this school, and I am so proud of who we as 8th graders have become.

My name is Emmalee Jones, but everyone calls me Emma. My parents are Nathan and Kacie Jones. I have gone to St. Ed's for 6 years off and on. My favorite memory from school is the last day of school last year. Because Debbie and I were the only ones there out of 5th-8th grade, and we got to clean Mrs. Horner's and Ms. Novotny's classrooms all day.

Over the years, I have progressed in school, getting higher grades in classes I might not have been doing so well in the year before. I've also grown in my faith. With the help of all my teachers and my parents, I have been able to grow closer to God and the people around me.

My name is Reed Sorensen, and my parents are Janice and Richie Sorensen. One of my favorite memories here at St. Edward's is my 3rd grade lunch table. I have attended St. Edward's since Kindergarten, so for nine years. My favorite year at St. Ed's was definitely my 5th grade year. It was my first year in middle school. There were only 16 kids in 5-8th grade, so I was involved in everything like Mardi Gras, the Stations of the Cross, etc. We had gym with all the grades, and overall, it was the most fun year at St. Edward's.

If I hadn't gone to St. Ed's I would not have my relationship that I have with God, so I am very thankful. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who have helped me through my journey.

*Celebrating
 with you,
 praying for you, and
 anticipating all God
 has planned for your life.*

RETIREMENT & WELCOME RECEPTION

After serving as the custodian at St. Edward School & Church for a number of years Dan Sik is retiring at the end of May. Please join in thanking him for his service on Sunday, May 17, after Mass outside at St. Edward. Also, please welcome Dominik Jennen as Dan's replacement.

CCW ~ Kitchen Cleaning

The kitchen will be cleaned next Thursday and Friday, May 21 and 22, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm both days. Please consider volunteering some time and assisting with this project. Please bring a bucket and rags. Men & women are welcome.

TOTUS TUUS BACK IN SUMMER OF 2026!

We are hosting Totus Tuus June 27 – July 3, 2026.

Registration fees are due on July 3, 2026.

There is a need for adult assistance for day & evening programs; remember, you must be VIRTUS trained. We also need water & snacks for both sessions each day. Snacks should be prepackaged and gluten free.

The parish potluck will be on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the St. Edward basement. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up. Please bring a side dish, salad, and desserts to share.

The Totus Tuus team needs a host family for the boys and a host family for the girls. Ideally this would be within 10 miles of Minnesota. They also need lunch on Sunday and suppers each day throughout their stay.

This is a perfect opportunity for the retreat requirement for Confirmation – take note this year sophomores.

If you can help or have questions, please contact RE Director Corissa Van Keulen at www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com.

2026 SUMMER CARE

Summer care for your 5-12 year old children. The cost is \$36 per day. Meals & snacks are included. Staff will walk your children to summer recreation events in Minnesota.

This will be held at St. Edward School from Monday, June 1 – Friday, August 14, from 7:15 am – 6:00 pm.

For more information call the school at 507.872.6391 or email info@stedscatholicschool.com.

CHOICES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

St. Edward CCW is working with Choices Pregnancy Center for their Baby Bottle Drive. Fill a baby bottle with change or grab a baby bottle bookmark that has a QR code to donate online.

Fill the baby bottles or bookmarks with your extra change and when full you can deliver them to Choices Pregnancy Center located at 1212 East College Drive, Suite 2, Marshall MN. They can be delivered between Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Every moment counts when a woman goes looking for solutions to her unexpected pregnancy. Help make sure she finds Choices Pregnancy Center, now open in Redwood Falls and Marshall MN. She will receive:

- Free ultrasound so she can see the baby she carries.
- Factual information on all of her options.
- Connection to the resources she has available.

Your spare change can bring her Choices sooner!

If you cannot make it to Marshall to drop off your baby bottle, please contact Mary Myhre at 507.828.2521.

SUMMER HOURS

The parish office summer hours will begin on Friday, May 22.

Caren will be out of the office on Fridays for June, July, & part of August.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 26 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Tom & Vicki Bot

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

INVITATION FROM HOLY REDEEMER

– Mary Mother of God Area Faith Community

A program entitled "Healing Hidden Wounds" will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026, with a 5:30 pm Mass followed by a light supper with guest speaker, Melissa Neumann, at 6:45 pm.

Melissa is a Catholic convert who will share her powerful journey from childhood abuse, trauma, and abandonment to discovering joy and identity as a daughter of God. She speaks about how Jesus healed hidden wounds through confession and how Mary led her closer to Him in the Eucharist.

Free event at Carlin Hall – all are welcome!

REMINDER FOR THE GHENT LEGION

American Legion Post 564 Veterans will be meeting on Friday, May 22, at 4:30 pm to place markers at gravesites. There will be a meal to follow.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ~ Cemetery Decorating

Catholic Daughters will be placing flags on the graves of our deceased CDA members in area cemeteries for the Memorial Day weekend.

Please do not remove these flags. We will collect the flags after the holiday to use next year.



*He ascended
into heaven*



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 – **May 16** Margrit Rabaey 507.828.1756
(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

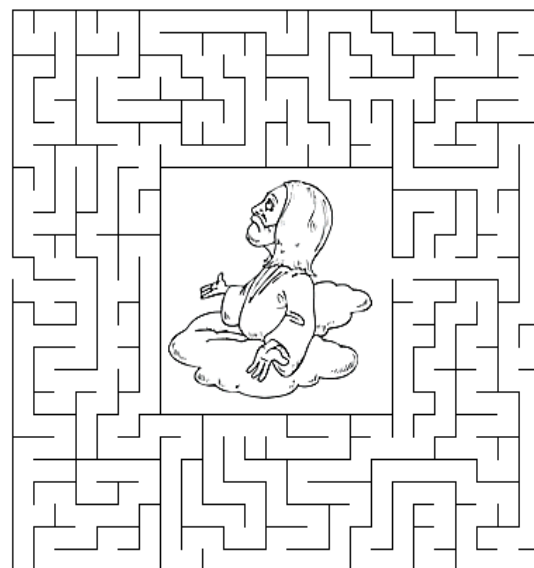
Radio Rosary

May 18: In memory of Leonard Bossuyt
by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners
May 19: In memory Don Wyffels by Alice & Clem Anton
May 20: In memory of Helen Wambeke by Ken & Phyllis Persoon
May 21: In memory Frank DeSleer by Tony & Ruth Louwagie
May 22: In memory of Ida Kesteloot by Dennis Kesteloot & family
May 23: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom
by their families
May 24: In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Terry 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.

Ascension Sunday Maze

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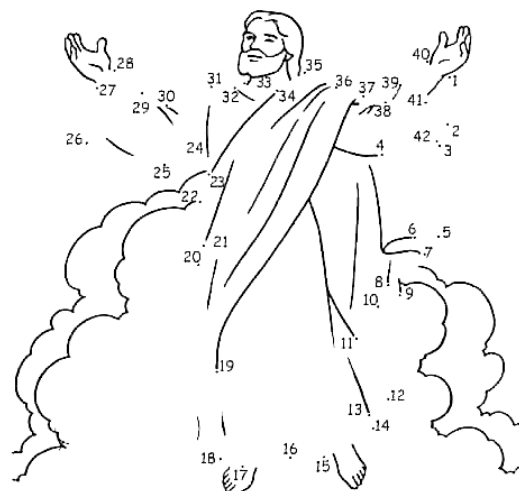


Ascension Sunday

While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51

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Ascension Sunday Dot-to-Dot



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| Carried to heaven | Mountain | Sky | Worshipped |
| Lifted His hands | Cloud | Scriptures | Ascension |
| Blessed them | Repentance | Jerusalem | Jesus |
| Risen Christ | Witnesses | Bethany | |
| Disciples | Looked up | Forgiveness | |

Shalom aleichem

Peace be upon you

COLLECT FOR ASCENSION DAY

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there

ASCEND,

and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.