



Good Teacher Area Faith Community

St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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Sunday, December 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“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 29

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

Tuesday, December 30

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Deceased family of Jim & Andrea Opdahl)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartment (Marian Laleman)

Wednesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Orville & Marge Hennen)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For Peace and Joy)

Thursday, January 1 – The Solemnity of Mary

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi

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

Friday, January 2

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Souls in Purgatory)

Saturday, January 3

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Arnie Bot)

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

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 4

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Lawrence & Barb Sumerfelt)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Helen Wambeke)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas!

Certainly, for those who kept Advent well, there is all the more reason to celebrate.

As we gather this weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast is a not-so-subtle reminder of the beauty and dignity of the human family, for Christ chose to enter fully into family life, submitting Himself to a human father and mother. This family was unlike any other in history. The Blessed Mother had offered a perpetual vow of virginity to the Lord, a vow that St. Joseph lovingly accepted and protected. Their Son was unlike any other—not only because He was not biologically Joseph's son, but because He is the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity. And yet, He chose to be born into a family, to be nurtured, taught, and loved within a household.

The Holy Family gives us a model for our own families—not a model of perfection without struggle, but a vision of hope, harmony, love, and mutual self-gift. Meditating on the Holy Family can inspire us to deeper charity and mutual submission within our own homes. This is why our many Nativity scenes are not merely decorative or quaint; they are invitations to prayer. They help us contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation and the profound humility of the Son of God, who submitted Himself to all of this—for us.

On Thursday, we celebrate the Maternity of the Blessed Mother, as we contemplate that she bore Christ and gave birth to God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, of course.

Thank you to all who sent kind cards and gifts. I am deeply grateful for every expression of generosity, and especially for your prayers and support. I will admit that I am also thankful not to receive too many food items! I still remember my early years as a priest at the Cathedral, when one Christmas we received three very large baskets of fruit. Every piece was ripe and juicy—but far more than we could manage. We had fruit at every meal, and the cook had to get quite creative so that nothing went to waste. And, as we all know, too many goodies can easily go to the waist as well!

Know of my gratitude, my prayers for you and your families, and my joy in celebrating this holy season together.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

AND HE ROSE AND TOOK THE CHILD
AND HIS MOTHER BY NIGHT
AND DEPARTED TO
EGYPT AND REMAINED
THERE UNTIL THE
DEATH OF HEROD.
THIS WAS TO FULFILL WHAT THE
LORD HAD SPOKEN
BY THE PROPHET,
“OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”
-MATTHEW 2:14-15

Holiday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31	Thursday, January 1
5:30 pm – St. Edward	8:30 am – St. Edward
	10:30 am – St. Eloi

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

Winter Break

Last day of school – Tuesday, December 23
School resumes – Tuesday, January 5, 2026
Open Gym Saturday, December 27 9:00 – 11:00 am
Children (ages 2 – 8) and their favorite adult

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)

**Let the peace of Christ
control your hearts;
let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.**

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$8,905	\$1,923	\$6,982
Loose plate	\$290	\$192	\$98
Christmas	\$400		
Year-to-Date	\$59,512	\$61,539	(\$2,027)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 1 – 10:30 am – The Solemnity of Mary

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Elise Hennen, Toby Wambeke
Lector: Bernie DeCock
Musicians: John Rabaey
Offertory Gifts: Mike & Bonnie DeSutter
Eucharistic Ministers: Don & Monica Senden
Cup: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten
Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

Sunday, January 4 – 10:30 am – Feast of the Epiphany

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen
Servers: Xavier & Gregory Rabaey
Lector: Karla Engels
Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
Offertory Gifts: John & Karla Engels
Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen
Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,725	\$6,654	(\$3,929)
Loose plate	\$269	\$192	\$77
Online Giving	\$740	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Christmas	\$2,600		
Year-to-Date	\$161,215	\$171,154	(\$9,939)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 31 – 5:30 pm

Anticipatory Mass for The Solemnity of Mary

Sacristan:

Servers:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ushers:

Volunteers needed.

Thursday, January 1 – 8:30 am – The Solemnity of Mary

Sacristan:

Servers:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ushers:

Volunteers needed.

Saturday, January 3 – 5:30 pm – Feast of the Epiphany

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlaminck

Lector: Shannon Gossen

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Christensen, Ann Longtin

Ushers: Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft

Sunday, January 4 – 8:30 am - Feast of the Epiphany

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Ian & Noah Myhre

Lector: Teresa Myhre

Eucharistic Ministers: David Vlaminck, Dawn Vlaminck

Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszewski, John Sumerfelt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to Cooper William Bot, son of Lee & Catheryn, born on Sunday, November 30, 2025, and baptized at St. Edward on Saturday, December 27, 2025.

Ellie – “You are a child of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in His sight. Before God made you, He knew you.”

Psalm 139:13, 14

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Alice Bot who passed away on Sunday, December 21. Her funeral was held on Saturday, December 27, at St. Edward.

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelations 21:4

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.

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

THE 2026 ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP!

Envelopes for 2026 are in the church basement. Please pick up your envelopes; and if you, see someone else's that you could deliver, please do so. Thank you!

CALENDARS FOR 2026

The church calendars for 2026 are in the back of church.

Feel free to pick one up for yourself and a friend.

EXODUS 90 – For all interested men

Men – do you desire to be a better husband, a better father, and a better man for others – check out Exodus 90.

Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men based on Christ's roadmap to freedom: prayer, self-denial, and fraternity. It starts on January 5, 2026, and ends on April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday.

You can check it out for yourself at Exodus90.com. If interested or for more information contact, Joseph Callens at 507.828.2894 or joseph.callens67@gmail.com.

UPCOMING FORGIVEN RETREAT ~ AT ST. EDWARD

Are you desiring to encounter the Lord's love, mercy, and healing in a deeper way? This half-day retreat is an opportunity to renew our understanding and love for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession).

Over time, this Sacrament can come to seem like an obligation or only needed for very big sins. The reality is that the Lord desires to meet us regularly with His mercy and healing and does this in an unparalleled way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Join us on **Sunday, January 11, at St. Edward's in Minneota from 2:00 – 7:30 pm** to be renewed in this gift and to receive deeper healing. The day will include presentations, shared meals, small groups, Q&A with a priest, and an opportunity to go to Confession and receive prayer with prayer teams during a Eucharistic Holy Hour.

Register online for free at dnu.org/worship or use the QR code. Please prayerfully consider who in your life you could invite to come with you! Questions? Contact the Office of Worship at worship@dnu.org or 507.233.5320.



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 Moose, 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!

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

We meet Sundays from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota. Video links and schedule can be found on goodteacherafc.com under "Religious Education – Sunday FIRE" if you're not able to join us.

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 6 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Neal Bot



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>

Dress4ACause

Wondering what to do with those prom dresses hanging in your daughter's closet? Dress4ACause is a prom and party dress donation and consignment fundraiser benefiting Marshall Food4Kids, helping provide nutritious weekend snacks to local children.

Gently used dresses may be donated (no fee) or consigned, with a public dress sale beginning Saturday, January 17, 2026. Drop-offs are happening now in Marshall, with expanded hours and a new location starting in January. For event updates and details, join the Dress4ACause Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/14SNQVoB3gg/>.

Dress4Cause

Prom/Party Dress Consignment Fundraiser

benefiting Marshall Food4Kids

How to Participate

Consign Your Dress:

- Long dress: \$20 nonrefundable fee
- Short dress: \$10 nonrefundable fee
- Payable in Venmo or cash at drop-off

Dress Sales:

- You choose the commission percentage from each sale that goes to Marshall Food4Kids (min. 10%)

Donate a Dress:

- No fee, no commission

Drop-Off Locations

RLee's Emporium
212 W. Main Street, Marshall, MN
Now through December 31, 2025

Prom/Party Dress Pop Up Shop
Carr Properties, 1113 E. College Drive, Marshall, MN (between Palmer's Tattoo and Roll and Smoke)
Starting January 2, 2026
Thursdays 4-7 pm ; Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm ; Sundays 12-4 pm

★ Dress Sale begins Saturday, January 17, 2026 ★

Watch for details and updates on our Facebook Group

marshall food4kids

St. Edward Liturgical Schedule for January & February ~ 2026

Reminder to please find your own replacement if you can't make your scheduled date.

JANUARY

Saturday, January 3 – 5:30 pm

*Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlaminck
Lector: Shannon Gossen
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Christensen, Ann Longtin
Ushers: Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft*

Sunday, January 4 – 8:30 am

*Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Ian & Noah Myhre
Lector: Teresa Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: David Vlaminck, Dawn Vlaminck
Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszewski, John Sumerfelt*

Saturday, January 10 – 5:30 pm

*Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen
Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki
Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Thooft
Ushers: Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft*

Sunday, January 11 – 8:30 am

*Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
Servers: Randy & Reed Sorensen
Lector: Shannon Evjen
Eucharistic Ministers: Dylan Evjen
Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszewski, John Sumerfelt*

Saturday, January 17 – 5:30 pm

*Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Sam & Charlie Myhre
Lector: Mary Ann Christensen
Eucharistic Minister: Nate Welsh
Ushers: Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft*

Sunday, January 18 – 8:30 am

*Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Jacob & Mariah Loysen
Lector: Tina Myhre
Eucharistic Minister: Seth Myhre
Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszewski, John Sumerfelt*

Saturday, January 24 – 5:30 pm

*Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Audyn & Brisbyn Traen
Lector: Nate Welsh
Eucharistic Minister: Claren Novotny
Ushers: Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft*

Sunday, January 25 – 8:30 am – Catholic Schools Sunday

*Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Declan Evjen, Wyatt Guza, Noah Myhre
Lector: Students
Eucharistic Minister: Teachers
Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszewski, John Sumerfelt*

Saturday, January 31 – 4:30 pm – Flurry of Fun

*Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki
Lector: Claren Novotny
Eucharistic Minister: Eriann Faris
Ushers: Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft*

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 1 – 8:30 am

*Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Debbie Beisler, William Jones
Lector: Julie Janiszewski
Eucharistic Minister: Shannon Evjen
Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt*

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 Vlaminck*

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*

Saturday, February 14 – 5:30 pm

*Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Sam & Charlie Myhre
Lector: Tim Gossen
Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Rabaey
Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck*

Sunday, February 15 – 8:30 am

*Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Ian Myhre, Randy & Reed Sorensen
Lector: Kevin Swedzinski
Eucharistic Minister: Jo Coover
Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt*

Saturday, February 21 – 5:30 pm

*Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Audyn & Brisbyn Traen
Lector: Eriann Faris
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Christensen
Usher: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck*

Sunday, February 22 – 8:30 am

*Sacristan: Joe Callens
Servers: Jacob & Mariah Loysen
Lector: Cynthia Moore
Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Swedzinski
Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt*

Saturday, February 28 – 5:30 pm

*Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlaminck
Lector: Shannon Gossen
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Longtin
Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck*

Sunday, March 1 – 8:30 am

*Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: Debbie Beisler, Wyatt Guza, William Jones
Lector: Lisa Hennen
Eucharistic Minister: Terry Van Keulen
Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt*

