



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



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Sunday, April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday

“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, April 6

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

Tuesday, April 7

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Special Intention K)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments

(Lawrence & Jeanette DeCock, Don & Joanie Duis))

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 am Convent Mass (Caroline Verschelde)

10:30 am *No School Mass at St. Edward*

5:30 – 6:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 1 – 5

6:30 – 7:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 6 – 11

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

Thursday, April 9

7:00 am *No Mass at St. Edward*

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jane Hennen)

• 10:00 am *Confession before Mass*

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Tom Swedzinski)

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

Friday, April 10

7:00 am *No Mass at St. Edward*

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Etien & Marian Laleman)

Saturday, April 11

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Claire Hoffmann)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward

(David Schreiber, George, Bertha, Louis Veit)

• 4:45 pm *Confession before Mass*

Sunday, April 12 – First Communion

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Barney & Alice Bot)

• 8:00 am *Confession before Mass*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Jane Hennen)

• 10:00 am *Confession before Mass*

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Resurrection Day!

With great joy, we conclude our Lenten preparation—our journey through the desert—and enter into the garden of celebration and life. Yes, while our attention is often drawn to the empty tomb, the Holy Sepulcher of Christ, there is something profound to reflect upon at the beginning of this Easter season: the tomb was in a garden, and the Lord rose on the first day of the week—indeed, on the “eighth day.” This is a new creation, a new beginning. Just as the second account of creation in Genesis begins in a garden, so too does the new creation inaugurated by Christ’s Resurrection.

Archaeologists have, in recent years, uncovered evidence beneath the floor of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher—built over Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, and the tomb where He was buried—indicating that the area was once a garden, complete with oil presses. While this discovery has fascinated many, it should not surprise us, for the Evangelists themselves tell us that it was a garden. Not a garden in the modern sense, but in the ancient understanding: a cultivated place of trees and growth.

Like the Garden of Gethsemane, with its ancient olive grove, the area around Calvary was most likely an olive grove as well, with presses nearby for the making of oil.

So, what does this mean for us?

Our Lord’s Resurrection is our re-creation—and it begins in a garden.

The question is: do we allow the Resurrection to renew us? Do we seek Him, strive to do His will, and live His life? Do we have the eagerness to run to the tomb, to see that it is empty, and to believe, like the Apostle John? Can we rejoice in the Resurrection even in light of the suffering that preceded it, trusting that all of it was part of the Father’s plan for glory—as Jesus Himself explained to the disciples on the road to Emmaus that first Easter afternoon?

This is our invitation: a chance to begin again, to live the new life our Lord has won for us.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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Monday, April 6 No School – Easter Break
 Friday, April 10 PrimeTime – Gr 3 – 6 Reading Retreat

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)

Hallelujah

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$800	\$1,923	(\$1,123)
Loose plate	\$208	\$192	\$16
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$83,251	\$96,000	(\$12,749)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 12 – 10:30 am – First Communion
 Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke
 Lector: Monica Senden
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
 Offertory Gifts: First Communion Students
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner
 Cup: Karla Engels, Shirley Maeyaert
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,324	\$6,654	(\$4,330)
Loose plate	\$149	\$192	(\$43)
Online Giving	\$815	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$259,574	\$267,000	(\$7,426)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 11 – 5:30 pm
 Sacristan: Claren Novotny
 Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlaminck
 Lector: Nate Welsh
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Buysse, Mary Ann Christensen
 Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, April 12 – 8:30 am – First Communion
 Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
 Servers: Debbie Beisler, William Jones
 Lector: Joe Callens
 Eucharistic Ministers: Neal Bot, Jo Coover, Kevin Swedzinski
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Chuck Josephson, 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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| ★ Marissa Bauer
Sister-in-law of Charles Bot | ★ Jamie Jelen |
| ★ Mary Coquyt | ★ Vincent Laleman |
| ★ Kay Drown | ★ Julie Noyes |
| ★ Francis DeSmet | ★ Landon Pohlen |
| ★ Basil Englert
Lisa Hennen's uncle | ★ Doug Sik |
| ★ David Fier | ★ Joanne Sturm |
| ★ Harper Gravely | ★ Madeline Swedzinski |
| ★ Missy Hennen | ★ Tony Traen |
| ★ Jeremy Koelar | ★ Brenda Verschele |
| | ★ Jean Wambeke |

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

- ✠ That the joy of the Resurrection may fill our hearts and renew our dedication to living the Gospel, especially during this Easter season.
- ✠ For the protection of human life in all its stages, from conception to natural death.
- ✠ For young people that they may find their identity in Christ and have the courage to follow Him in a confusing culture.
- ✠ For peace in our hearts, our families, and our world, especially in areas of conflict like the Middle East.

ONLINE GIVING REMINDER

Parishioners of St. Edward – remember you can give your church donations online!



It's a simple process to set up. If you're interested in this easy way to donate, contact Caren at the church office.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Dan Sik is retiring at the end of the school year. There will be a need for a custodian to take care of the school and church. Contact Fr. Todd or Jaci Garvey if interested.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 20 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Randy Hoffmann



*Christ is Risen
Alleluia!*



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

CCW DEANERY 2 SPRING GATHERING "His Kindness Gives Us Hope"

Please attend the Deanery 2 Spring Gathering. It is being held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Murdock on Tuesday, April 7.

Registration is at 5:00 with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:15 pm with Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a meal.

The speaker is from Safe Avenues in Willmar, MN. The topic is *Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Rural Minnesota*. It's happening here – this is what you need to know.

There will also be a collection for Care4Nigeria. Fr. Cornelius will send items to his diocese in Nigeria. They are looking for usable cell phones, iPads, and laptops as well as other things. Cash is also welcome. Make checks out to Deanery 2 CCW with Care 4 Nigeria on the memo line.

Registration is \$15. Contact Amanda Engels by April 1 and the registration fee will be paid for you. Bring canned goods or pantry items for donation to Safe Avenues.

2026 NUDCCW ANNUAL CONVENTION

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its 65th Annual Convention at the Church of St. Michael in Morgan on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

The theme of the Convention is "Grow in God's Love: His Love Stands Firm Forever". The day will begin with registration and breakfast at 7:30 am followed by a business meeting, keynote speaker, Woman of the Year Award, and Mass.

Lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon speakers, the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will speak on "The Genius of Women", the role of women in the home and in society. The day will conclude with inspiration from the National CCW convention and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 pm. There will be a silent auction, various displays, vendors, religious article suppliers available for shopping.

The keynote speaker is Jessica Bartholomew, founder and Executive Director of ACT United (Anti Child Trafficking). Their mission is to unite communities in prevention and ignite youth leadership in the movement to end online exploitation and trafficking of children and teens.

Join us for a day of prayer, education, and opportunity to socialize with the women of the Diocese of New Ulm. Registration information can be found at www.nudccw.org.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING – Ghent – Post #564

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 pm in the Ghent Town Hall.

BLOOD DRIVE ~ Minneota High School

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the main gym in the Minneota High School, Wednesday, April 8, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm.

Give blood – save a life. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

JACKPOT BINGO – ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, April 12, 2026 St. Leo Church Basement
Warm-up games at 12:30 pm – Jackpot games at 1:30 pm
Lunch starts at noon. Donation: \$15
18 - \$50 games with \$200 and \$300 jackpots
Proceeds will support Catholic education.
Matching grant from Catholic United Financial.

GRIEFSHARE

If you, an adult and have experienced the death of a loved one (spouse, child, friend, family) and are journeying toward grief healing, you are invited to a GriefShare 13-week session.

GriefShare is a nondenominational, Christ-centered DVD seminar, featuring nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion. The first session will be held April 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Area, Marshall.

GriefShare material is designed so that a person can begin attending any week, even if you missed prior sessions. All faith expressions welcome.

For more information, call the parish office, 507.532.5711 or access www.griefshare.org.



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 – **April 18** Diane Hennen 507.401.7556
(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

Apr. 6: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

Apr. 7: In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie, Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard by Allen Battle III

Apr. 8: In memory of Gene Thooft by his family

Apr. 9: In memory Terry Schreiber by David & Diane Hennen

Apr. 10: In memory of Greg Cattoor by Terry Hennen

Apr. 11: In memory of Don Wyffels by Dan Wambeke

Apr. 12: In memory Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by her family

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.

God is Good
ALL THE TIME



all the time
GOD IS GOOD

An Easter Prayer

Christ the Lord is risen
 And, as all the world rejoices,
 Singing of His glory
 With such joyful hearts and voices,
 May you find that Easter brings you
 Peace and faith and hope anew,
 And may these blessings fill your heart
 With joy the whole year through.

Happy Easter

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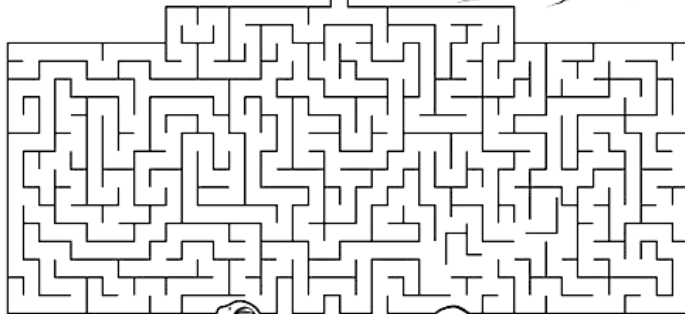
HE IS RISEN WORD SEARCH



- REJOICE
- RESURRECTION
- CALVARY
- ROLLED AWAY
- CRUCIFIXION
- CROWN OF THORNS
- NAILS
- ANGEL
- ALIVE
- LAMB OF GOD
- RISEN INDEED
- NEW LIFE
- JESUS
- FAITH
- GARDEN
- HOPE
- JOY
- MESSIAH
- HE IS RISEN
- EASTER
- CROSS
- TOMB
- STONE
- REDEEMER

HE IS RISEN

Guide the women to the tomb.



START



Jelly Bean Gospel

Red's the blood that Jesus shed,
 White's the perfect life He led,
Black is for my heart of sin,
Green, new life I've found in Him,
Pink, for flowers near His grave,
Blue's the world He came to save,
Purple, temple veil, now torn,
Orange, the sky on Easter morn,
Yellow is my happy grin
 To know that Jesus rose again!

I hope that you'll enjoy this treat
 Of jelly beans, so small and sweet.
 The news they share is short, but true:
 Jesus died, 'cause He loves YOU.
 So empty the bag, and when you do,
 Remember His tomb is empty, too!