



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

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Catholic Charities: 1.866.670.5163

FORMED: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **Monday, May 12**

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

### **Tuesday, May 13**

7:00 am Convent Mass (Albert & Margaret Callens)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Bernie Moorse)

### **Wednesday, May 14**

7:00 am Convent Mass (Brian Timmerman)

6:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates)

### **Thursday, May 15**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Kate Thooft)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

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

### **Friday, May 16**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward κ (Safe summer for all)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Fr. Tony Stubeda)

### **Saturday, May 17**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Richard & Phyllis Bot)

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

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

### **Sunday, May 18**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Bob Tilleman)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Gary Nuytten)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day! I hope that all Mothers and Grandmothers are well honored and doted on this day especially, and year-round.

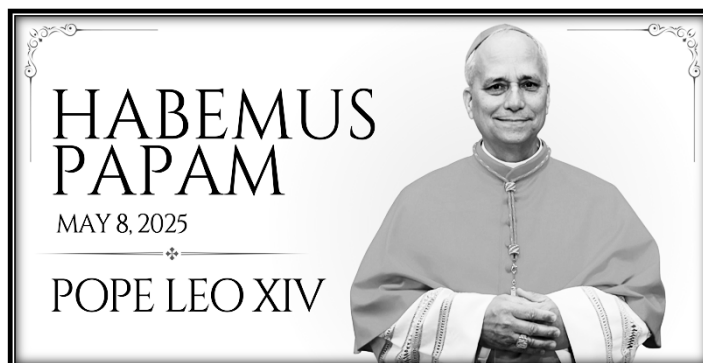
Our society is devolving, but thankfully that seems to be slowing down. We see the gender confusion to the point of absurdity. Recently, I read a story of a well-known transgender athlete state that he was born a woman, lived as a woman, and is a woman. If a male who self-identifies as a woman can make such a statement, then the question must be asked, "What is woman?"

The Church has had a clear answer to that, one that is based in reason (science) and faith. A woman is a human with the capacity to produce eggs with the requisite body parts to allow for the conception, implantation and development of the newly conceived life. Some women may lack the ability to ovulate – either due to disfunction or disease, but their gender is not a matter of self-identification. It is rooted in the DNA – they have XY chromosomes – and in the body. Self-identification is important, but it cannot change reality.

That is why a holiday like Mother's Day is so important. It declares that there is something unique about mothers. They are the ones that bear and nurture children, in their wombs and continuing well outside of the womb. While we might thank God for the motherly women in our life (and I do thank God for all of them in my life), a mother is irreplaceable. The same is true of fathers – they too are unique, and I thank God for them, too. This weekend is a stark reminder to our culture of the unique role of women.

At the time of my writing this, we are still within the conclave. No matter, I have a prayer: My hope and prayer for the newly elected Pope is that he would have a strong, clear voice for reason and faith, helping to encourage the faith and lead society to truth. May the Holy Spirit guide and encourage him. May he hold on to the best of our recent popes and speak with a bold clarity the faith that we send to the peripheries to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd



## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391  
St. Edward School: [www.stedscatholicschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com)  
St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Wednesday, May 14 – Graduation Mass at 6:00 pm  
Friday, May 16 – Last day of school at St. Edward  
Tuesday, May 27 – Summer Care Begins – Register your child with Trudy in the office if you're interested

## 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 – Thursday)  
6:15 – 7:30 pm (Friday) Rosary: 7:15 pm (Friday)  
Eucharistic Adoration: 5:00 – 8:15 pm (Sunday)



## ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,255.00	\$2,110.00	\$3,145.00
Loose plate	\$148.00	\$146.00	\$3.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$94,522.00	\$107,556.00	(\$13,034.00)

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 18 – 10:30 am**

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse  
Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey  
Lector: Steve Van Keulen  
Musicians: Sisters  
Offertory Gifts: Kris & Stacy Fier Family  
Eucharistic Ministers: Monica & Don Senden  
Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,712.00	\$4,830.00	(\$3,118.00)
Loose plate	\$327.00	\$154.00	\$173.00
Online Giving	\$1,025.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$234,443.00	\$245,208.00	(\$10,765.00)

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 17 – 5:30 pm**

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey  
Servers: Eli Faris, Gabe Ludwikowski  
Lector: Nate Welsh  
Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris  
Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Jerry Kloos, Jackie Laleman, Scott Thoof

**Sunday, May 18 – 8:30 am**

Sacristan: Ruth Bot  
Servers: Wyatt Guza, Ian & Noah Myhre  
Lector: Kevin Swedzinski  
Eucharistic Ministers: Seth Myhre  
Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszski, 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.

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| ★ Brent Buysse | ★ Jeremy Koelar     |
| ★ Mary DeSmet  | ★ Joanne Sturm      |
| ★ Kay Drown    | ★ Brenda Verschelde |
| ★ Missy Hennen |                     |

### ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR MAY

- ✚ For all mothers & more devotion to the Blessed Mother
- ✚ For the growth of faith and the unity of the Church
- ✚ For Mary's intercession for your personal needs as well as the needs of the world

### INFORMATION REGARDING SCHEDULING DURING THE ST. EDWARD RENOVATION

The Mass schedule will change during the St. Edward renovation. **This will begin on Monday, May 19.**  
All weekday Masses will be at the convent. Watch the bulletin for time changes but they will usually be at 12:00 pm. There will be NO weekday Masses at St. Ed's.  
The Saturday 5:30 pm Masses will be held at St. Eloi. The scheduled liturgists from St. Ed's will be covering all liturgy positions. Again, if you cannot be at the Mass where you're scheduled with a duty, please find your replacement.

The Sunday 8:30 am Masses will be held in the St. Edward basement. Again, the scheduled liturgist's will be responsible for being there. You will begin in the sacristy and receive directions from Father and the Deacon at that time.

The pews will be removed from the sanctuary and taken away to be refinished. The flooring will be replaced with tile so all carpet and current tile will be removed. The ceiling will be patched, and the walls and ceiling will be painted.

Over the arch the words, "Credo videre bona Domini in terra viventium" will be painted in Latin. This means "I hope to see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living." This is a verse from Psalm 26:13 and is thought to be one of the last words of St. Edward the Confessor, our patron saint.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION

Thank you to the dedicated teachers at St. Edward School; we appreciate all you do for our students.

The Board of Education asked the teachers to put together these Amazon Wish Lists. Check out these links/lists, thanks for considering a contribution to these teachers as a show of appreciation for all they do.

**Miss Novotny:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SK9O23LAFE5N?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SK9O23LAFE5N?ref=wl_share)

**Mrs. Doom:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ANKYDOW2GKUZ?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_uck8PIhCc3VDI](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ANKYDOW2GKUZ?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_uck8PIhCc3VDI)

**Miss Cherri:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1FJSUL0MJX16?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_TzLW](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1FJSUL0MJX16?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_TzLW)

**Mrs. Blake:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZE38XZ9UIVOR?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZE38XZ9UIVOR?ref=wl_share)

**Mrs. Nkansah:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QRHYY56JTV1A?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QRHYY56JTV1A?ref=wl_share)

**Mrs. Horner:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18M4PN8JDGDD5?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_dx7XaZ1DCUnwg](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18M4PN8JDGDD5?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_dx7XaZ1DCUnwg)

**Mrs. Evjen:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/34HAK67VGTMTV?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/34HAK67VGTMTV?ref=wl_share)

**Mrs. Rabaey:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/113DCW9LN8PW1?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/113DCW9LN8PW1?ref=wl_share)

**Trudy Banks:**

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### **ST. EDWARD SCHOOL ~ Employment Opportunities** **Part-Time Physical Education/Health Teacher**

We are looking for a passionate and dynamic Physical Education/Health Teacher to serve students in grades PreK–8. This part-time position begins Fall 2025.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education, Health, or a related field. (Preferred) Valid MN teaching license in Physical Education (710) and Health (080), or
- Eligible experience working with children
- Willingness to integrate Catholic values into teaching
- CPR/First Aid certified or willing to obtain

#### **Full-Time Montessori Children's House or Assistant**

We are seeking a caring, energetic individual to join our Montessori Children's House for the 2025–2026 school year. This full-time role supports children ages 33 months – Kindergarten in a hands-on, faith-based Montessori environment.

Qualifications (Must meet at least one of these)

- Associate's Degree in Early Childhood + 6 months experience
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood or related field
- Montessori Certification (AMI/AMS or equivalent)  
*Applicants near qualification may qualify for a DHS variance.*

*For each of these positions we offer the following:*

- Health, retirement, and life insurance
- Free lunch daily
- Paid time off
- Tuition discount options for children of staff
- Supportive and faith-filled school community
- Professional development opportunities

Apply by sending your cover letter, resume, and license info to: [jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com)

Questions? Call us at 507-872-6391 or visit [www.stedscatholicschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com)

### **ST. EDWARD SCHOOL ~ Summer Employment**

Join our summer program team as a summer care program assistant! We are looking for enthusiastic, caring individuals to help lead the Summer Care Program. This could be full- or part-time and it runs from May 27 – August 15.

Job Responsibilities:

- Supervising and interacting with children ages 5 – 12
- Assist with games, crafts, activities, and field trips
- Support the Summer Program Director
- Maintain a clean, welcoming classroom/playground

Qualifications:

- Experience working with kids (preferred)
- Communications skills
- Willingness to obtain CPR/First Aid training (we can help)
- Must be 15 or older

We offer:

- Starting at \$11.13 per hour
- Flexible schedule
- Monday – Friday (no nights or weekends)
- Free lunch available during shift

Applications accepted until filled. Send a cover letter and resume to [jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com).

### **BLOOD DRIVE ~ KB'S BALLROOM**

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at KB's in Ghent on Monday, May 12, from 2:00 – 7:00 pm.

Donors between May 1 and May 18 will receive a \$20 e gift card to a merchant of your choice.

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

### **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 25 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Tom Sterzinger

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

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MAY**

For working conditions ~

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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

### **AMERICAN LEGION MEETING – Ghent – Post #564**

There will be a meeting on May 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm

### **CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307**

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will hold a meeting in the St. John Cantius Church Basement on Friday, June 6, 2025, following the 9:00 am Mass.

### **SCHOENSTATT SUMMER GIRLS CAMPS – 2025**

Holy Pilgrimage Site

Schoenstatt on the Lake, Sleep Eye, MN

June 26 – 29 High School – Enkindle

July 6 – 9 Middle School – Living Crown

July 13 – 16 Middle School – Living Crown

Spaces still open – Register today

[www.schoenstattmn.com](http://www.schoenstattmn.com)

For more information call or text: 262.933.0058

Sponsored by Schoenstatt girls & young women MN

Give thanks

*to the Lord.*

for he is good;

*his love endures forever.*

Psalm 107:1

### Radio Rosary

May 12: In memory of Jean Neisius by Leon & family  
 May 13: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends  
 May 14: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom  
 by their family  
 May 15: In memory of Michael Callens  
 by his nieces & nephews  
 May 16: In memory of Marilyn Pagel by Jack & Terry Hennen  
 May 17: In memory of Jane Fischer  
 by Jerry & Carolyn Van Keulen  
 May 18: In memory of Leonard Bossuyt  
 by Lorraine & Cletus Lanners

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 – **May 17** Jason Myhre 507.829.2829  
 (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

### The Shepherd and His Sheep

His sheep follow him because they know his voice.  
 John 10:4b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV).



John 10:1-10

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

LEADS	ROBBER	PEN	WATCHMAN	TRUTH
FOLLOW	DESTROY	THIEF	STRANGER	GATE
VOICE	STEAL	SHEPHERD	NAME	SHEEP

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE,  
 AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY

## FOLLOW ME

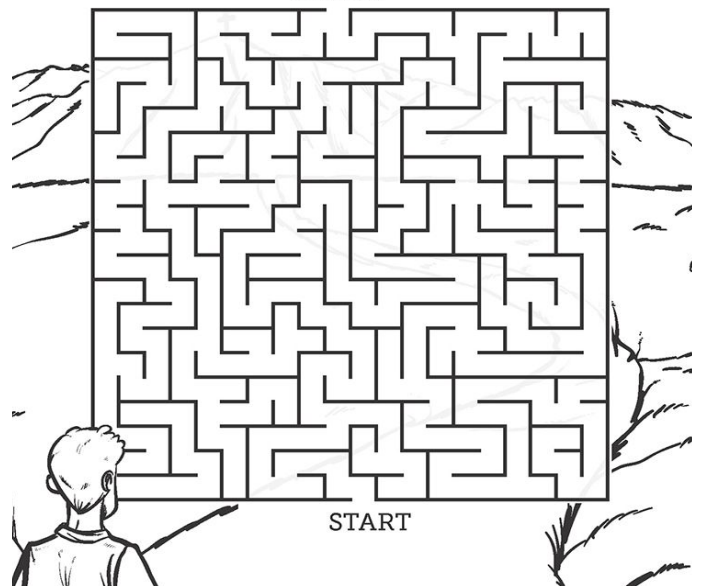
JOHN 10:27



### SALVATION

Guide the man down the narrow path.

FINISH



START

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the opportunity to serve and honor You through farming. Please bless this year's crops and let them flourish. Let the weather be favorable. Give me the strength, Oh Lord, to persevere through all farming challenges and teach me to seek You in all things. Keep me safe and mentally strong.

Watch over my family. Thank You in advance for all of the blessings and for a bountiful harvest. Remind me that I can do all things with You by my side. Great are You, Lord! May I praise You each day for You are the Holy One. Amen.



peace

BE WITH YOU