



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



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## Sunday, March 8, 2026 The Third Sunday of Lent

*“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, March 9**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 10**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Earl & Lorene Speltz)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Larry Vlaminck)

#### **Wednesday, March 11**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5/6 (Betty Rolling)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Bill & Dorothy Stake)

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, March 12**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Special Intention MT)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Special Intention)

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

#### **Friday, March 13**

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Myron Kloos)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Marlene Lawrence)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Edward

#### **Saturday, March 14**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Raymond Vlaminck)

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

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

#### **Sunday, March 15**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Robert Bottelberghe)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Apologetics

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi

(David & Lorraine Maertens)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

2:00 – 3:30 pm PreK/Kindergarten Round-Up

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who attended and assisted at the Confirmation Mass at St. Eloi last Sunday. We have so much to rejoice. And congratulations again to our newly confirmed!

For the next three Sundays, we celebrate the Scrutiny’s. These are special rites for the adults preparing to enter the Church through Baptism at Easter. Even when we are not in Year A of the lectionary cycle, the Church permits—indeed encourages—the use of the Year A Gospel readings, because they are so closely connected to the Scrutiny’s. In these Sundays, those preparing for Baptism are invited to reflect more deeply on who they believe Jesus to be.

This first Sunday, we hear the account of the woman at the well. She encounters the Lord at noon, in the heat of the day, and through their exchange she begins to grow in faith. At first, she sees Him simply as a Jewish man. As the conversation unfolds, she recognizes Him as a prophet. Eventually, she comes to believe that He is the Messiah. She then returns to her town and invites others to encounter Him.

I find the final verses especially beautiful: “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

This is the goal of all evangelization. When we encounter the Lord, do we have the same courage as the Samaritan woman to share Him with others? And do we allow others the freedom to encounter Him personally? A true disciple always seeks to lead others to the Master, so that they too may become disciples.

The woman’s growing faith becomes a kind of map for our own spiritual journey. Jesus moves, in her understanding, from being merely “a Jew”—someone her people distrusted—to a man, to a prophet, and finally to the Christ.

We can see a similar progression in the world around us. Some deny that Jesus even existed. Others admit He was a good man or wise teacher. Some go further and call Him a prophet. But our faith professes something far greater: Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God, our Savior.

It is this recognition—this personal and lived confession—that makes our faith complete and alive.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd



## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
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 \$8,040 was raised in the Catholic United Financial Raffle!  
 Top sellers: Brisbyn & Audyn Traen – congratulations!  
 Friday, March 13 – Early Out at Noon  
 Sunday, March 15 – PreK & Kindergarten Round-Up

**Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-Up**

**"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie... You'll Want to Start School Here!"**

**March 15th | 2:00 - 2:30 PM: Arrival**  
**2:30 - 3:30 PM: Q&A Time for Parents**  
 Hosted in the Montessori Children's House Classroom

Join us for a sweet afternoon of:

- ✓ Meet the Music Teacher
- ✓ Visit with our Librarian
- ✓ Time with the P.E. Teacher
- ✓ Explore our Montessori Classroom

**Who Should Attend?**  
 Families with children entering:  
 Pre-Kindergarten • Kindergarten

**St. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
 210 W 4th St., Minneota MN 56264  
**507-872-6391**

Individual meetings can be scheduled by appointment for other dates and times.  
 Please contact the school office to arrange a visit.

## 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	\$490	\$1,923	(\$1,433)
Loose plate	\$178	\$192	(\$14)
Commodity	\$800		
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$73,632</b>	<b>\$83,692</b>	<b>(\$10,060)</b>

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 15 – 10:30 am**  
 Sacristan: Arlene Buysse  
 Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke  
 Lector: Doug Maeyaert  
 Musicians: John Rabaey  
 Offertory Gifts: Ann Loyson  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Darla Timmerman  
 Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Trey Nelson

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,750	\$6,654	(\$4,904)
Loose plate	116	\$192	(\$76)
Online Giving	1,035	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$2,326		
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$233,846</b>	<b>\$239,616</b>	<b>(\$5,770)</b>

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, March 14 – 5:30 pm**  
 Sacristan: Claren Novotny  
 Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki  
 Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Nate Welsh  
 Ushers: Don & Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels  
**Sunday, March 15 – 8:30 am**  
 Sacristan: Joe Callens  
 Servers: Naomi & Declan Evjen  
 Lector: Shannon Evjen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: David Vlaminck  
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, 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
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Basil Englert  
 Lisa Hennen's uncle
- ★ David Fier
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Jamie Jelen
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Landon Pohlen
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Madeline Swedzinski
- ★ Tony Traen
- ★ Brenda Verschelde

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

A 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics began in February. Apologetics help us explain and defend the Catholic faith. Deacons Jason & Bruce will lead us.

Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

We will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive from February 21 – April 1. Boxes will be in the back of church for your donations.

There is a need for canned goods – soups, fruits, vegetables, & spaghetti sauce – as well as taco items, mac & cheese, & packaged items. Baking supplies are also needed. Besides food cleaning supplies, toilet paper and other paper products along with hygiene products – male & female – are needed.

Items need to be in original packaging and unopened. Cash is always welcome (checks made out to Marshall Table Food Shelf).

Boxes will be in the back of church so please bring your donations in anytime during the week or at the weekend Masses.

Any questions can be directed to Bonnie Laleman – 507.828.5703.

### **FLOWERS FOR EASTER!**

Please help decorate St. Edward and St. Eloi for the Easter season by donating towards Easter lilies and other spring flowers as a remembrance of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked Easter Flowers on an envelope and place in the collection basket.

### **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 16 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Tony Traen

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

### **POPE LEO'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION**

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

### **LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR**

*Loss of a Spouse* is a 2-hour seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm, at Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Space, Marshall.

The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small group sharing time. You'll learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and how to find the strength to go on.

Those who attend may purchase a \$10 booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

For more information, call Holy Redeemer Parish at 507.532.5711.

Jesus offers us

*Living Water*

## **CCW DEANERY 2 SPRING GATHERING**

### **"HIS KINDNESS GIVES US HOPE"**

*You are seen. You are valued. You are not alone.*



### ***Please join us:***

Deanery 2 Council of Catholic Women (CCW)  
Spring Gathering

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Registration 5:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:15 PM

Mass at 5:30 PM – Meal 6:30

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Murdock, MN

### **Followed by:**

### **Guest Speaker from Safe Avenues**

Willmar, MN

Registration Fee is \$15.00 per person.

All Women are Welcome!!

Please register with your CCW President by April 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Fee may be paid by your CCW)

*Please bring canned goods or pantry items for donation for Safe Avenues  
Supporting strength, courage and recovery.*

### **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 – **March 21** Lisa Hennen 605.391.2748  
(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**

**Mar. 9:** In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their families

**Mar. 10:** In memory of Don Wyffels by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

**Mar. 11:** In memory of Dave Van De Wille by Tony & Ruth Louwagie

**Mar. 12:** In memory of Helen Wambeke by Greg & Karla Goepferich

**Mar. 13:** In memory of Audrey Bakker by her family

**Mar. 14:** In memory of Helen Wambeke by John & Mary Monnet Blake

**Mar. 15:** In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Ardyce Louwagie

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.**

