



Good Teacher Area Faith Community

St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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Sunday, January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

“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, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Kenneth Paradis)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartment (Paul Fonteyn)

Wednesday, January 7

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Staff (Fran Sturm)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jennifer Craig & deceased family)

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

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

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – church basement

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

Thursday, January 8

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Ben & Lorene Pohlen)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Brandon Eischens)

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

Friday, January 9

6:00 am TMY Knights' Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Germain & Marian Hoffmann)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jack Rehkamp)

Saturday, January 10

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Shirley, Frank, Dolores, & Richard Sussner)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (L. Joe & Betty Claeys)

- 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 11

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Yvonne Boespflug)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – *What Relativism is Covering Up*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Kate Thooft)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

2:00 – 7:30 pm Forgiven Retreat at St. Edward

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Epiphany!

In the United States, the Feast of the Epiphany has been moved from the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas, January 6, to the Sunday that falls between January 2 and 9. While this change has practical reasons, it can unfortunately obscure the meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas, leading some to think they refer to the twelve days before Christmas. In reality, Advent—and even the O Antiphons beginning on December 17—serve as the Church's true countdown to Christmas.

Epiphany marks three great revelations. We most commonly associate it with the arrival of the Wise Men (Magi), but it also includes the Baptism of the Lord (which we celebrate next week) and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, where He turned water into wine. These events are united by the meaning of the word Epiphany, which means revelation.

In these moments:

- Jesus is revealed as King, worthy of gold and homage from the Magi.
- He is revealed as Savior, identifying Himself fully with humanity in His baptism.
- He is revealed as God made man, manifesting His divine power through His first miracle.

Each event proclaims who Jesus truly is.

Still, today we focus especially on the visit of the Wise Men. There is much to ponder here. The star itself proclaims that God set the heavens in motion to announce the birth of the newborn King. The gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—proclaim Jesus as King, God, and a suffering Savior. The Magi, however many they were, recognized that ancient prophecies were being fulfilled and set out to offer Him homage.

They did not remain safely in their libraries or studies; they went in search of Christ. In doing so, they show us what we are called to do as well: to reflect on who this Child born for us truly is—and to ask ourselves what gift we will bring Him.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

**We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.**

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
St. Edward School: www.stedscatholicschool.com
St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School
School resumes – Tuesday, January 6, 2026
Open Gym Saturday, January 10 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)

*'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word
meaning 'to reveal', as when the
babv Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.*

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$455	\$1,923	(\$1,468)
Loose plate	\$143	\$192	(\$49)
Christmas	\$3,843		
Year-to-Date	\$60,114	\$64,000	(\$3,886)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 11 – 10:30 am – Feast of the Epiphany
Sacristan: Arlene Buysse
Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey
Lector: Laura Hennen
Musicians: John Rabaey
Offertory Gifts: Kris & Stacy Fier Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen
Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,864	\$6,654	(\$1,790)
Loose plate	\$337	\$192	\$145
Online Giving	\$655	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Christmas	\$6,064		
Year-to-Date	\$168,883	\$178,000	(\$9,117)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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.

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

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!

DONATIONS RECORD FOR 2025

If you need a copy of your donation record, please contact Caren before January 20, 2026.

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Once again, the Liturgy Committees of both St. Edward and St. Eloi did an outstanding job of decorating our beautiful sanctuaries to honor Christ's birth. Thank you! Decorations will be taken down after the Sunday, January 11, Mass. Any and all help will be appreciated.

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. 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 7 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Jane Mairose

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE – January 22, 2026

There will be a Prayer Service for Life at 10:30 am on January 22, 2026, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. The annual March for Life will take place from 12:00 – 12:30 pm and program from 12:30 – 1:00 pm on the Capitol building steps.

Area CCW and KCs from southwest Minnesota are sponsoring a bus so there is no cost to attend. It will leave from Marshall at 6:30 am, stop in Redwood Falls at 7:15 am, stop in Olivia at 7:45 am and Glencoe at 8:30 am. Contact Lori Timmerman at 507.476.0070 to reserve a spot.

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/>.

Dress4A Cause

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



BEGIN THE NEW YEAR ROOTED IN FAITH

Let your New Year soundtrack be Real Presence Radio, connecting you to Christ and your Catholic community. *Tune in to 89.5 FM in Montevideo.*



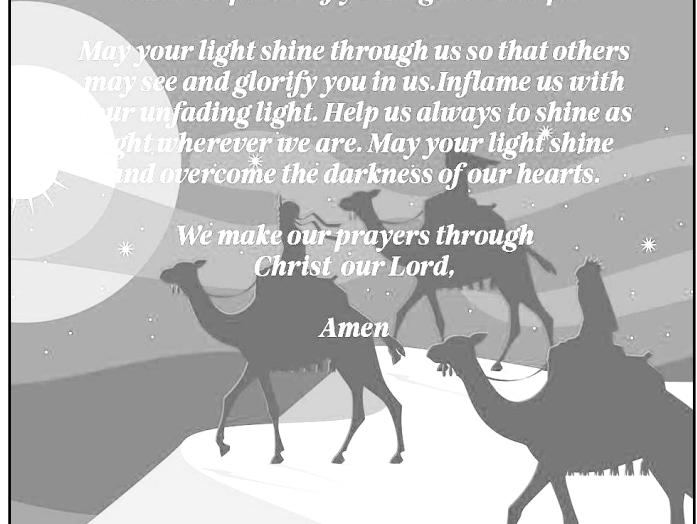
Prayer for the EPIPHANY

God our Father, we thank you for sending your Son to be our light. Help us to recognise the darkness that invades our lives and defeat it with the power of your light and hope.

May your light shine through us so that others may see and glorify you in us. Inflame us with your unfading light. Help us always to shine as light wherever we are. May your light shine and overcome the darkness of our hearts.

We make our prayers through Christ our Lord,

Amen



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 – **January 10** 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

Jan. 5: In memory of Harriet Tholen by Ruth & Tony Louwagie

Jan. 6: In memory of Putts Boerboom by Terry Hennen

*Jan. 7: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom
by their family*

*Jan. 8: In memory of Oscar & Mary Louwagie
by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners*

*Jan. 9: In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie,
Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard
by Allen Battle III*

Jan. 10: For an end to abortion by Marj Anderson

Jan. 11: In memory of Jack Rehkamp by David & Diane 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.

Epiphany Word Search



Baby	Feast	Herod	Magi	Star
Balthazar	First Miracle	Holiday	Melchior	Sunday
Baptism	Frankincense	Hope	Myrrh	Caspar
Bethlehem	Three Kings	January	Revelation	Gold
Wise Men	Twelfth Day	Jesus	Sixth	Christian
Epiphany				

The Twelve Days of Christmas

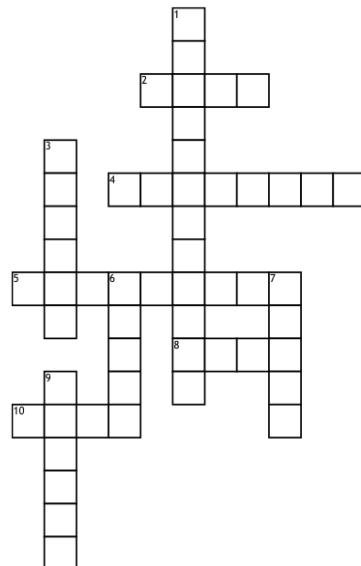
It has been suggested that this old French Christmas Carol was written to help teach children the catechism. There is no historical evidence that this is true, and the Catholic Church does not believe it to be true.

Supposedly, the “True Love” refers to God and “me” is every Christian. Each verse was thought to symbolize Christian beliefs. They are listed below:

The Song's Allegorical Meaning

- **1 Partridge in a Pear Tree:** Jesus Christ.
- **2 Turtle Doves:** Old & New Testaments.
- **3 French Hens:** Faith, Hope, Charity.
- **4 Calling Birds:** Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John).
- **5 Golden Rings:** First Five Books of the Old Testament (Pentateuch).
- **6 Geese A-laying:** Six Days of Creation.
- **7 Swans A-swimming:** Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of God)
- **8 Maids A-milking:** The Eight Beatitudes.
- **9 Ladies Dancing:** Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit. (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control)
- **10 Lords A-leaping:** Ten Commandments.
- **11 Pipers Piping:** Eleven Faithful Apostles.
- **12 Drummers Drumming:** Twelve Points of the Apostle's Creed.

Epiphany



Across

2. The gift of the
4. The 12th day of Christmas celebrating the visit of the 3 kings to the Holy Family.
5. What little town was baby Jesus born?
6. The jealous king who ordered all first born sons to be killed when Jesus was born.
7. Oil from a small spiny tree used for incense and perfume. (One of the gifts from the wise men)
8. What was in the sky that led the wise men and shepherds to where baby Jesus was?
9. Wise men came to baby to Jesus to pay him

Down

1. Aromatic gum resin. (One of the 3 gifts of the wise men.)
3. Because there was no room in the Inn, where did Mary and Joseph go to give birth to Jesus?
5. The gift of the
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9. The gift of the