



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

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Sunday, October 11, 2026

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“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, October 12 – No Convent Mass

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

Tuesday, October 13 – No Convent Mass

2:30 pm **No Mass at the Apartments**

Wednesday, October 14 – No School

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

5:00 Convent Mass (Archie & Madeline Timmerman)

Thursday, October 15 – No School

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Don Sargent)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Myron & Bernice Kloos)

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

Friday, October 16 – No School

6:00 am TMIY – Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Audrey Sik)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Leon Tauer)

Saturday, October 17

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Evelyn Reyne)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Deceased Polejewski Family)

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, October 18

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

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE Cardinal Virtues - Prudence

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (David & Lorraine Maertens)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

or eternal separation from Him.

Too often, however, we think of heaven as an eternal version of earthly happiness: a tropical vacation, family and friends gathered around us, or some other earthly joy that we particularly enjoy. But heaven is so much more. Heaven is being with God, our Father and Creator, and worshiping Him together with all the saints. It is the fulfillment for which we were created.

We are invited even now to learn to let go of our earthly joys as well as our sorrows and to cling more completely to the Lord. But this letting go is not always easy. There may also be times when we have sinned and, although God forgives our sins, there remains something that needs to be healed or repaired as a result of our sin. This is where the mercy of Purgatory enters.

Purgatory is not a second chance for forgiveness. Our eternal destiny is determined at the moment of death. Rather, Purgatory is the final purification of those who die in God’s friendship but still need to be purified of the attachments to sin and the world that remain in them. It is a place—or better, a process—of being prepared to enter fully into the presence of God. In this way, even Purgatory is an expression of God’s mercy.

We who are still alive have a profound role in praying for those who have gone before us. We can pray that they may be purified and freed from every attachment that keeps them from the fullness of communion with God. Most especially, we can offer Masses for them.

The grace offered to us in every Holy Mass is inexhaustible, and we can offer our participation in the Mass for a particular person or intention. We can also request that a Mass be offered for a specific intention by me or another priest. There is typically a suggested offering of \$10 for these Mass intentions. We schedule these intentions, and most are announced in the Schedule section of the bulletin.

The offerings for Mass intentions are kept completely separate from the parish operating fund. The stipend goes to the priest who offers the Mass. If it is a second Mass intention on a given day, is forwarded to the Diocese of New Ulm for the Seminary Burse Fund. We cannot always guarantee a particular date because there may already be an intention scheduled or there may not be a Mass celebrated that day. If you have intentions you would like to have offered, please contact Caren at the Parish Offices.

As we watch the harvest being gathered, may it remind us that our own harvest will one day come. May we use the time God has given us to grow in holiness, to repair what needs to be repaired, and to learn even now to cling more completely to Him.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

Dear Parishioners,

As we see the harvest coming in, it is a good reminder that our time on earth is limited, too. In a few weeks, we will celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day, days when we are reminded that our ultimate destiny is not simply life on earth as we know it, but eternal life with God for those who know, love, and serve Him—

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- **“For many are called, but few are chosen”**
 - Those initially invited were called
 - Those good and bad were called
 - But only those prepared for the feast were chosen
- Those who give God glory are chosen

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
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 St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Monday, October 12 – City Hall Marathon Fundraiser

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday – Friday, October 14 – 16 No School; MEA Break

Monday, October, 19 – No School; Staff Faith Formation

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon)

Call 507.829.4785 to verify Mass time.

Vespers: 5:45 pm (Monday – Friday) 6:00 pm (Sunday)

Eucharistic Adoration: 6:15 – 8:15 pm (Monday – Friday)

5:00 – 6:00 pm (Sunday)

7:00 am – 8:30 pm (Saturday)

*My God will supply
 every need of yours
 according to his riches
 in glory in Christ Jesus
 Philippians 4:19*

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$720	\$1,923	(\$1,203)
Loose plate	\$765	\$192	\$573
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$20,228	\$35,000	(\$14,772)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 18 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Steve Van Keulen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Tom & Cindy Welsh

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica & Don Senden

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,990	\$6,731	(\$1,741)
Loose plate	\$321	231	\$90
Online Giving	\$1,010	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$2,992		
Year-to-Date	\$82,489	\$97,461	(\$14,972)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 17 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny

Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki

Lector: Shannon Gossen

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Longtin

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Mike Longtin, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, October 18 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre

Servers: Wyatt Guza, Noah Myhre, Teddy Thomsen

Lector: Joe Callens

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Engels

Ushers: Rick Bot, Charlie Callens, 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.

★ Joel Bill

Son-in-law of Pat Hebrank

★ Matt Coequyt

★ Dawson Doyscher

Nephew of Carey Doyscher

★ John & Pat Drown

★ Don Duis

Relative of Jeanette DeCock

★ Brihanna

Becky Engels' great niece

★ Chris Kronabetter

Nephew of Brenda Verschelde

★ Lori Nuytten

Daughter-in-law of Sandy

★ Stacey Rubertus

Niece of Julie Janiszeski

★ Madeline Swedzinski

★ Tony Traen

★ Jean Wambeke

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

✚ For an increase in vocations.

✚ For renewed faith and hope for those who feel lost or distant from God.

✚ For an increase in the virtues of faith and Christian witness in daily life.

✚ For the protection of human life and for openness to the Gospel.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Do you hear that?! You have just been called to be a substitute catechist for Religious Education! You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained. There are several trainings available on the dnu.org site.

To answer this call to serve, contact RE Director Corissa Van Keulen www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com.

Thank You for Saying YES!!

SUNDAY FIRE ~ Began October 11

Families Involved in Religious Education

Adults (15 & up) are invited to join us for faith formation which started Sunday, October 11, from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Knights' Hall. After a light breakfast, we will watch an episode on Formed.org from the 6-part series titled, "The Art of Living - The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love" with Dr. Edward Sri.

The Pursuit of Virtue – "Often in our lives, many skills and lessons are passed down to us from generation to generation. What may not be passed down to us is the art of practicing virtue. This blocks us from living friendships well, dealing with conflict, and embracing all that life has to offer. We have lost the art of living. The four cardinal virtues of prudence, fortitude, temperance, and justice work together to strengthen our ability to live life the way it was intended to be lived, fully and authentically."

To see the Sunday FIRE schedule and video links, visit <https://www.goodteacherafcre.com/fire>. Questions? Contact Deacon Jason or Tina Myhre in person or email tinamyhre@hotmail.com.

PARISH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Our registration page for the Parish Directory is up and ready! You can register at UCdir.com using the Church Code "mn695" and Church Password "member695."

Photo appointments are 10-minute slots with the photographer. If you are a family of six or more, would like to have intergenerational photographs taken, or simply want a little more time for your photos, you are encouraged to register for two consecutive slots.

Photo days will be November 17–19 at St. Edward in KC Hall and November 20–21 at St. Eloi, either in the gathering space or the basement. You may register for photos at either parish. Good-quality photographs may also be submitted for a \$15 fee. Those who submit a family photograph will receive a directory as well.

THE BOOK OF THE DEAD

Parishes have a custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which members of the parish, community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief. This book is for anyone who wishes to add the names of their deceased loved ones.

The Book of the Dead will be displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Remembering these men and women who have gone before us, “marked with the sign of faith,” helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ our risen Lord who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

At this time The Book of the Dead will be placed in the back of the church and then will be placed at the front of the church during the month of November. During the All Souls Day Mass and the Masses in November, we will pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Once again there will be a cash raffle this year with weekly drawings throughout the year.

Tickets cost \$50 with a limited number available (400). You may buy one or more tickets. If your ticket is drawn for a particular Sunday, it will be placed back in the drawing for an opportunity to win more than once.

The winnings will be \$100 per week with special winnings on Christmas and Easter of \$1,000 and \$250 on Mother’s and Father’s Day.

Tickets will be on sale at the SCRIP table after Mass each week as well as at the church office through November 22. The first drawing will be Sunday, November 29.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is Respect for Life Month. During the month of October St. Edward CCW will be holding a collection for items that Choices Pregnancy Center can use to support the mother and child. Those items include: Diapers - newborn and sizes 4, 5 & 6 as well as new winter and fall clothes from newborn up to 12 months for both boys and girls. You can also make a monetary donation as well. There will be a box located in the back of the church.

When facing an unexpected pregnancy, Choices Pregnancy Center empowers women to make confident decisions by accessing their free services that include pregnancy testing, early-pregnancy ultrasounds, and complete, medically accurate information on their options, all with the caring support of their advocates.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters will be handing out Gummi Bears after 5:30 mass next Saturday, October 17. Free will donation. All proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.

Holy Spirit
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

BOXES OF JOY

It is once again it is time for the Box of Joy collection. We will be collecting until Friday, November 6. The shoebox gifts will be for children around the world that have never received a gift before.

Gift ideas could be: small balls, mini puzzles, harmonicas, jump ropes, yo-yos, little stuffed animals, small cute dolls, craft kit (bracelet, beads...) , jewelry, small cross or rosary, hair accessories, hair brushes and combs, sunglasses, pencils, hand-held pencil sharpeners, erasers, small pouches, pencil cases, markers, colored pencils, water colors, small hand-held notebooks, socks, T-shirts, flip-flops , hats, LED flashlights , toothbrushes, washcloths, and/or bars of soap.

Please remember everything must fit into a shoebox. The boxes will be sent to countries that are hot or warm. We cannot send anything liquid, or war related nor chocolate or Jolly Ranchers.

Also, each box will need \$9.00 for shipping and handling. You can put money into a labelled envelope into the collection basket. A box will be set up in the back of church for the collection or you can drop of your items in the church office.

Thank you for your generosity & love for these children.

If you have any questions, ask Margrit Rabaey.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - CCW

Please remember to send in your \$40 check for annual dues by October 10. It can be dropped in the collection basket with a note saying it’s for CCW dues. Checks should be made out to St. Edward CCW.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 47 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Dan Sik

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO’S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

PRO-LIFE BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 25, in Holy Redeemer Church basement, Marshall, sponsored by Choices Pregnancy Center of Marshall. Pancakes, eggs, and sausage will be served along with a beverage.

Volunteers are needed; please call Cindy 507.828.4529.

Thank you!

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 – **October 17** 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

Oct. 12: In memory Tom Louwagie by Ardyce Louwagie
 Oct. 13: In memory of Helen Wambeke by David & Diane Hennen
 Oct. 14: For the souls in purgatory by Bob Buysse
 Oct. 15: In memory of George DeSutter by Tom & Cindy Welsh
 Oct. 16: In memory of Oscar G. & Alice Louwagie by their family
 Oct. 17: In memory of Monie Buysse by Terry Hennen
 Oct. 18: In memory of Raf Room by Marvin & Jeanne 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.

RADIO ROSARY REQUESTS

Please consider supporting the Radio Rosary. We need sponsors to help continue broadcasting this valuable prayer program on the radio. Your support will help us keep the Rosary available to listeners in our community and beyond.

Any contribution or sponsorship is greatly appreciated. Please send your intentions to 2787 County Road 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229. Cost: \$25 per broadcast.

Please include your e-mail or phone number when requesting a radio rosary. Thank you for helping us continue this important ministry.

You are loved

The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

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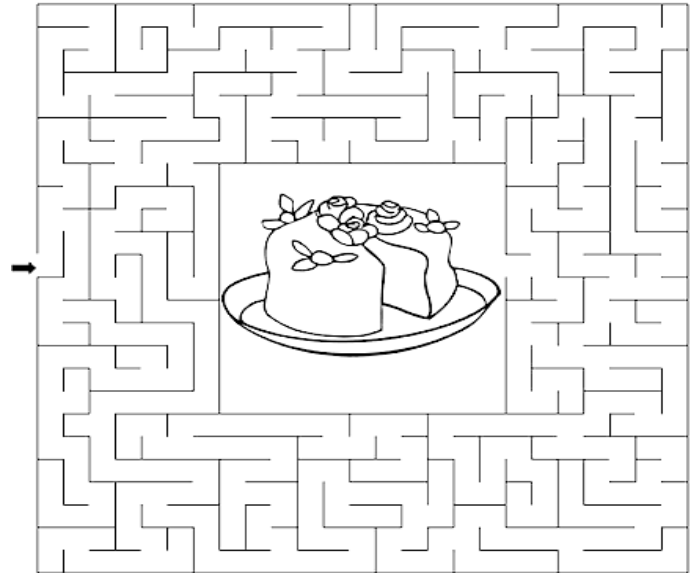
Invited
Kingdom
Come
Wedding

Banquet
Corners
Oxen
Dinner

*One thing I ask of the Lord,
that I may dwell
in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

Psalms 27:4

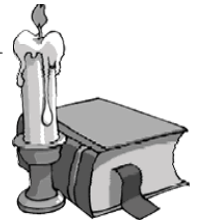
The Wedding Banquet Maze



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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
P	R	V	G	K	W	S	T	L	X	Q	E	A	D	H	F	B	N	C	O	U	I	J	Y	M	Z

- 4-21-12-7-8-7 _____
- 22-18-3-22-8-12-14 _____
- 14-22-18-18-12-2 _____
- 1-13-2-13-17-9-12 _____
- 6-12-14-14-22-18-4 _____
- 7-12-2-3-13-18-8-7 _____
- 17-13-18-11-21-12-8 _____
- 2-12-16-21-7-12-14 _____

INVITED
SERVANTS

WEDDING
GUESTS

BANQUET
PARABLE

DINNER
REFUSED

Shalom aleichem

Peace be upon you



Dear Church Family,
It's time for a New Directory!

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

~ Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

~ Every sitting photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

~ Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and framing options for the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to your family and friends.

Set your appointment with
Universal today at ucdir.com!

Gathering families, Connecting generations.



Celebrating faith.

Connecting families.

Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

St. Edward KC Hall (Church A)

Nov. 17 - 19 2-8:30

St. Eloi Gathering Area or Basement TBD (Church B)

Nov. 20 2-8:30 and Nov. 21 10 am-4 pm

To register for your photo session, go to UCDir.com
Church Code: **mn695** Church Password: **member695**