



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



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**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord**

**Monday, May 13**

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

**Tuesday, May 14**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Dick Polfliet)

3:00 pm Mass at Madison Ave.

**Wednesday, May 15**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Parents of Grace & Francis Rabaey)

6:00 pm Mass at St. Edward – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass

**Thursday, May 16**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (School Staff & families)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Albert & Margaret Callens)

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

**Friday, May 17**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Gary Nuytten)

**Saturday, May 18**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Delores & Paul DeCock)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Jules & Beth Gossen)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

**Sunday, May 19**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

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

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mothers’ Day! I hope that our mothers, grandmothers, and motherly women are honored, respected, and loved, not only this weekend, but always. As we see so many undermining the meaning of motherhood, women, and femininity on so many sides, such as the ‘transgender’ movement, abortion, and feminism, we should make a bold proclamation of the dignity of women and motherhood. As we honor the mothers around us, perhaps we can do exactly that.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Ascension (transferred from this past Thursday). We recall that 40 days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascended to Heaven. He does not do so to distance Himself from us, but indeed to bring His humanity to the Father, and in doing so, allows us to be united to the Father, too.

Next weekend, we will celebrate Pentecost. Some parishes have a custom where many parishioners wear red, the liturgical color of the day. While this is not common here nor required, there is something uplifting about seeing so many wearing red. Imagine looking around and seeing so much red and reminding us that the Spirit is to be like fire growing in us.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:15-16)



## ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,115.00	\$2,110.00	(\$995.00)
Loose plate	\$111.00	\$146.00	(\$35.00)
Commodity	\$8,481.00		
Year-to-Date	\$113,806.00	\$9,671.00	\$14,136.00

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 19 – 10:30 am – Pentecost – WEAR RED!**

*Sacristan:* Lila Schmidt

*Servers:* Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

*Lector:* Betsy Jo Kack

*Musicians:* John Rabaey Family

*Offertory Gifts:* Barb & Brad Hennen Family

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Mary Jo Bossuyt, Caroline Van Keulen

*Cup:* Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

*Ushers:* Martin Hennen, Corey Kack, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,877.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,953.00)
Loose plate	\$387.00	\$154.00	\$233.00
Online Giving	\$1,090.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$242,334.00	\$232,965.00	\$9,369.00

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 18 – 5:30 pm – Pentecost – WEAR RED!**

*Sacristan:* Claren Novotny

*Servers:* Elena, Sam, & Charlie Myhre

*Lector:* Tim Gossen

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Jeff Buisse, Claren Novotny,  
Margrit Rabaey

*Ushers:* Jackie Laleman, Tom & Paula Sterzinger, Scott Thoof

**Sunday, May 19 – 8:30 am – Pentecost – WEAR RED!**

*Sacristan:* Terry Van Keulen

*Servers:* Naomi & Declan Evjen, Elizabeth Garvey

*Lector:* Joe Callens

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Kevin Swedzinski, Dawn Vlaminck

*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlaminck

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
jgarvey@stedscatholicsschool.com Office: 872.6391

Wednesday, May 15 – 2:00 pm Awards Program  
6:00 pm Graduation Mass

All are welcome to join us.

Thursday, May 16 – Last day of school

### Sponsorship of St. Edward School

May 5 – In honor of Deacon Bruce Bot

## 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)

The greatest glory in living  
lies not in never failing, but  
in rising every time we fail.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

### 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.

★ Jeremy Koelar

★ Marilynn Pagel

★ Etien Laleman

★ Francis Rabaey

★ Bernie Moorese

### ST. EDWARD SCHOOL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BIOGRAPHIES

*These 8th graders will celebrate their graduation from St. Edward School on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:00 pm with a Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Read on to learn more about these St. Edward Graduates.*

My name is Charity Beisler. My mother is Cynthia Moorese, and my father is Edward Moorese. I have been in St. Edward School since 1st grade. My favorite memory from St. Edward is when I was in 6th grade, Elizabeth Garvey had figured out a time when everyone in the class was free to go ice skating. It was so much fun – we stayed until The Red Baron Arena closed.

Hi! My name is Niara Gorecki. My parents are Adam and Sara Gorecki. I have been at St. Edward School for 9 years. I have been on the Student Council for 4 years. I have been President for 2 years. Some of my favorite memories at St. Edward's include marathons, Catholic Schools Weeks, penny panic, and being on the St. Edward Student Council. While at St. Edwards, I also enjoyed the opportunities and responsibilities.

My name is Randy James (RJ) Sorensen. My parents are Janice and Richie Sorensen. I have attended St. Edward School for 9 years. My favorite memory is going on long bus rides and talking with friends.

My name is Isaac Speltz and my parents are Michael and Julie Speltz. I have eight siblings and five pets. I have attended St. Edward School for only one year. Some of my favorite memories here are making new friends and having fun at recess.

### THANK YOU FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee of St. Edward Council of Catholic Women (CCW) would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who came to eat Wednesday, May 1, before the St. Edward School spring program.

Your support helps us award scholarships to our St. Edward Parish high school seniors. Congratulations to this year's winners: Brooke DeSmet, Grace Hennen, Faith Myhre and Gavin Welsh!

### UPPER CRUST PIE LADIES NEED RHUBARB

The upper crust pie ladies are looking for rhubarb. If you have some to share, please bring it to the church basement and put it in the walk-in cooler by Tuesday, May 14. Thank you!

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – St. Edward School

For the **2024-25 school year**, we are looking for a part-time music teacher.

#### Music Teacher, PreK-8, Part-time

The holder of this position is responsible for our annual Christmas Pageant/Concert and a Spring Concert and weekly liturgical music planning.

Qualifications: Minimum: Bachelor's Degree

Preferred: Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with Minnesota Licensure.

Interested candidates should include letter of interest, resume, and two references by mail or email to Jaci Garvey, Principal; St. Edward School, 210 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.; Minneota, MN 56264 or [jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com).

### REPAIRS NEEDED FOR ST. ELOI

The Church of St. Eloi needs repairs. We need to remove and replace the storm windows with some minor repairs to the stained glass (slated for next summer), and we need to tuck point the chimney (slated for this spring). We are hoping that we can raise the money without having it come out of our operating budget or savings accounts.

The amounts of these projects are:

Tuck pointing –	\$11,640	
Windows –	\$66,750	Total expense – \$78,390

Contributions to date:

Windows –	\$62,812	
Tuck pointing –	-0-	
Unspecified –	-0-	Total raised – \$62,812

Amount needed:

You may specify which project you want to contribute towards. Please mail or drop it off at the parish offices (408 N. Washington, Minneota) or drop in the collection basket in a separate envelope marked St. Eloi Repairs.

Thank you for your generosity.

### SUMMER CARE – Summer, 2024

St. Edward School will again be offering summer care from 7:15 am – 6:00 pm for children ages 5-12. It will begin Tuesday, May 28, and end on Friday, August 12.

Contact the school to register.

### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Our parish is part of a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers entitled, *Walking with Moms in Need*.

Join us in praying that our efforts will help ensure pregnant women in need know that they can turn to our parish for support and assistance.

We invite all parishioners to join us in *Walking with Moms in Need*. There are purple folders with more information in the back of church; please feel free to pick one up and share with someone who may use this information.

### YEAR OF WINNING

Week 25 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Laurie Laleman (Steve)



### AREA HAPPENINGS

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MAY

For the role of men & women religious & seminarians ~

Let us pray that men & women religious & seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

<https://www.daily-prayers.org/popes-monthly-intentions/pope-francis-2024-monthly-intentions/>

#### LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR

Grieving the death of a spouse? Do you know someone who is? At the "Loss of a Spouse" event, you will learn what

to expect in the weeks and months after your spouse's death and how to survive the loneliness.

Please join us for this encouraging seminar Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, at Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall. If you have questions, please call 507-532-5711.

#### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Ghent – KB's Ballroom

Monday, May 13, 2024, 2:00 – 7:00 pm.

To make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Give Blood, Help Save Lives!

#### MINNESOTA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The implications of this proposed legislation are huge, even for us way out here.

As you may already know, the Equal Rights Amendment is being debated right now in the House. This would add language to the Minnesota State Constitution that includes "gender identity and expression" and "reproductive freedom" as protected classes. Adding this language would enshrine in the state constitution the right to abortion up to the moment of birth and set a standard of rights based on perceived gender identity that harms women and religious liberty.

The proposed language fails to include "religion" as protected from discrimination. The insufficient protections against religious discrimination and the free exercise of religion pose a serious threat to religious liberty in Minnesota.

Below is a list of potential outcomes that could happen if the ERA is passed by the legislature and is approved by voters at the ballot box. Note how many could impact Catholic schools:

- The loss of parental rights to care for a child when the child asserts a new gender identity
- An inability for Catholic schools to teach what they believe such as that we were created male and female
- Faith-based organizations and schools may be forced to hire transgender individuals or those who are not living according to Church teaching
- Expansive abortion access with little room for sensible safeguards such as waiting periods, parental notification, or necessary ultrasounds
- The forced compliance of medical professionals to perform abortions and gender surgery
- The decline of women's sports
- Mandated pronoun usage that attacks freedom of speech
- Potentially increased legal action against faith communities and schools that reject gender ideology and abortion, including the loss of state funding
- The shutdown of faith-based shelters for women

Below are some links with more information about the ERA, including an events page for the rally:

- [Rally to Oppose the Erosion of Rights Amendment \(S.F. 38, ERA\) \(mncatholic.org\)](https://www.mncatholic.org/rally-to-oppose-the-erosion-of-rights-amendment-s.f.38-era)
- [Bishop Barron on Religious Freedom and Gender Ideology in Minnesota - Minnesota Catholic Conference \(mncatholic.org\)](https://www.mncatholic.org/bishop-barron-on-religious-freedom-and-gender-ideology-in-minnesota-minnesota-catholic-conference)
- [Equal Rights Amendment - Minnesota Catholic Conference \(mncatholic.org\)](https://www.mncatholic.org/equal-rights-amendment-minnesota-catholic-conference)

Stop focusing on how stressed you are and remember how blessed you are.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...**

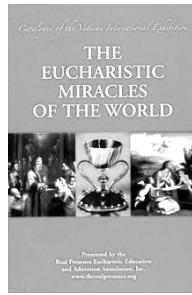
You can purchase "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World" book for only \$29.95 through the EWTN Religious Online Catalog.

This contains over 100 accounts of Eucharistic miracles from around the world.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book there is the possibility of a bulk order if you contact Caren in the office before Thursday, May 30.

Here is the link to order it on your own:

<https://www.ewtnreligiouscatalogue.com/the-eucharistic-miracles-of-the-world/p/BKEUC01028>



"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

PROVERBS 16:3



**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 18** 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

**Radio Rosary**

- May 13: In memory of Richard Doom by Tony & Ruth Louwagie
- May 14: For the intentions of Lorraine Weverka sponsored by the St. Clotilde Choir
- May 15: In memory of Frances Matthys by Bernie & Duane Louwagie
- May 16: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- May 17: In memory of Oscar G. Louwagie by Alice & family
- May 18: In memory of Leonard Bossuyt by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners
- May 19: In memory of Shirley Smith by Rosemary & Larry Demuth

To schedule a radio rosary, call Ruth Louwagie at 507.337.3040 or send it to Ruth at 2894 310<sup>th</sup> St. Marshall, MN 56258

**PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS**

- Monday, May 13**  
 Fr. Brian Mandel  
 Fr. Gerry Meidl  
 Dcn. Tony Grack  
 Noah U'Ren (Sem.)
- Wednesday, May 15**  
 Fr. John Nordick  
 Fr. Brian Oestreich  
 David Rabaey (Sem.)
- Friday, May 17**  
 Fr. Todd Petersen  
 Fr. John Pearson  
 Dcn. Mark Kober  
 Noah U'Ren (Sem.)
- Sunday, May 19**  
 Msgr. John Richter  
 Fr. Brendan Rolling  
 Dcn. Mike McKeown  
 David Rabaey (Sem.)

- Tuesday, May 14**  
 Fr. Andy Michels  
 Fr. Robert Mraz  
 Dcn. John Hansen  
 Matt Wood (Sem.)
- Thursday, May 16**  
 Fr. Jerome Paulson  
 Fr. Sam Perez  
 Brent Sundve (Sem.)
- Saturday, May 18**  
 Fr. Zach Peterson  
 Fr. Shawn Polman  
 Fr. Germain Rademacher  
 Matt Wood (Sem.)

*"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15*

**The Ascension of Jesus**

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)  
 Based on Luke 24:44-53



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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
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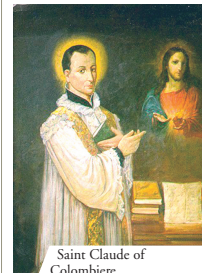
The Twelve Promises Linked to the Devotion to  
**THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

FRANCE, 17TH CENTURY

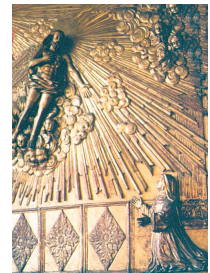
The message received by the nun, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque of Paray-le-Monial, contains the “Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart,” in which Jesus reveals the graces linked to this devotion. Love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus is directly tied to that of love for the Eucharist. As the great apostle of this devotion, the Jesuit priest Henri Ramiere wrote, “It is in the Eucharist that we truly find the Heart of Jesus nearest to us; it is in the Eucharist that He unites himself in a most intimate way to us, and we to Him.”



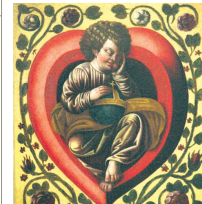
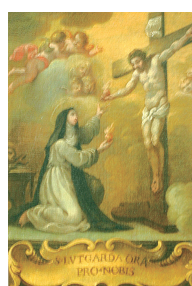
“The Church, true minister of the Blood of Redemption, was born from the pierced Heart of the Redeemer, and from that same Heart comes also the grace of the Sacraments in gushing overabundance, which instills eternal life in the children of the Church.” Pope Pius XII



Saint Claude of Colombiere



A design executed by Saint Margaret



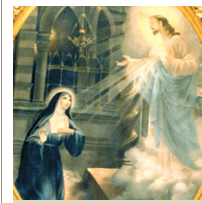
The Child Jesus is pictured in an iconograph in the style of the Spanish Counter Reformation, atop a globe of the earth studded with stars of gold. The Child holds His Heart in His hand. From the collection of the Hieron Museum in Paray-le-Monial



“We desire that all of the people who struggle actively to establish the Kingdom of Jesus in the world, take the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as their banner. [...] Ardently wishing to offer a secure barrier against the impious plottings of the enemies of God and of the Church, and to have families and nations return to the love of God, we do not hesitate to propose devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the most efficacious school of divine charity, on which charity it is necessary to construct the Kingdom of God in the souls of individuals, in the domestic society and in nations.” (Pope Pius XII, *Haurietis aquas*, 82-83)



“Jesus is found in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, in which love keeps Him tied like a victim, always ready to be sacrificed for the glory of His Father, and for our salvation. His life is totally hidden from the eyes of the world, which succeed in seeing only the poor and humble appearances of bread and wine. [...] Jesus is always alone in the Blessed Sacrament. Try to never miss any Communion, lest we give great joy to our enemy the devil!” ST. MARGARET MARY ALAQUOQUE



“The Church wishes to incite the faithful even more to draw near with confidence to this Holy Mystery and to consume ever more hearts in the flames of that divine love with which the Sacred Heart burned when, in His infinite love, he instituted the Most Holy Eucharist.” POPE BENEDICT XV



**S**aint Margaret received many mystical gifts and some revelations from Jesus. We list here below the “Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart” which the Lord revealed to the saint:

1. To those devoted to My Sacred Heart, I will give all the graces and helps necessary to their state of life (Letter #141).
2. I will establish and safeguard peace in their families (Letter #35).
3. I will console them in all their afflictions (Letter #141).
4. I will be their sure refuge in life, and above all, at the hour of death (Letter #141).
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all of their labors and undertakings (Letter #141).
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an inexhaustible source of mercy (Letter #132).

7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent with the practice of this devotion (Letter #132).
8. Fervent souls will ascend rapidly to a higher perfection (Letter #132).
9. My blessing will remain in those places in which the image of the Sacred Heart will be displayed and venerated (Letter #35).
10. To all those who labor for the salvation of souls, I will give the grace to be able to convert the hardest hearts (Letter #141).
11. Persons who spread this devotion will have their names written forever in My Heart (Letter #141).
12. To all people who receive Communion on the first Fridays of nine consecutive months, I will give the grace of endless perseverance and of eternal salvation (Letter #86).