



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

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Sunday, September 21, 2025

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Credo videre bona domini in terra viventium”

“I believe that I shall the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 22

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

7:00 pm CCW Meeting in Knights’ Hall

Tuesday, September 23

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

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Bernice Kloos)

Wednesday, September 24

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1 & 2 (Jim DeCock Family)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

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

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, September 25

7:00 am Convent Mass (Michael Kern)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (David Schreiber)

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

Friday, September 26

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Souls in Purgatory)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Eric Hennen)

Saturday, September 27

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Paul Fonteyn)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Joe & Lorraine DeJaegher family – living & deceased)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Tom Swedzinski)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi

(Deceased Members of Bossuyt & Van Keulen Families)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to everyone who helped make our recent festival a success—those who cleaned the Church of St. Edward, volunteered, served, cooked, attended, ate, took part in activities, and simply enjoyed the day.

While we are still finalizing the numbers, we know that the festival is not primarily a fundraiser. Its true value lies in the sense of community, joy, and togetherness it fosters. A well-run festival reminds us of the blessing of belonging to a parish family—and I hope everyone who attended experienced a little of that joy.

The renovation of St. Edward’s Church is also drawing near to completion. I admit that I am overwhelmed by the simple, sacred beauty of our renewed sanctuary. As I walked toward the altar recently, seeing the end so near, I was nearly moved to tears. Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and support throughout this project.

Sadly, while we were celebrating here, we also witnessed a tragic event last week: the assassination of a political activist. It deeply grieves me that civil discourse has deteriorated to the point where some can see such violence as acceptable—or even celebrate it. Even more troubling are those who suggest that more violence should follow.

In my studies, I encountered the phrase “ad fontes” – “to the source” – a guiding principle of the 1920’s liturgical movement. I believe that same spirit is needed today. Too often, we accept secondhand claims or echo the loudest voices online. If we took time to go directly to the source, we might see people and situations more clearly.

In this case, Mr. Kirk was labeled with harsh and hurtful accusations. Yet, for anyone who took the time to actually listen to him, it was evident that he sought dialogue—even when discussing difficult or controversial issues. Nothing he said or believed could ever justify his death.

We must move away from the echo chambers of the internet and back toward real relationships—speaking with others face-to-face, even when we disagree, and seeing in them the shared humanity that unites us. This is not always easy, but it is essential if we are to heal as a society and live out Christ’s call to love our neighbor.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

**You cannot serve
God and wealth.**

Jesus, Luke 16:13

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
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St. Edward School: www.stedscatholicschool.com
St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

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	\$ 410	\$1,923	(\$1,513)
Loose plate	\$ 12	\$192	(\$180)
Commodity	\$2,500		
Year-to-Date	\$23,887	\$27,077	(\$3,190)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 28 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey
Lector: Jennifer Rabaey
Musicians: Sisters
Offertory Gifts: Michael & Julie Speltz Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt
Ushers: Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$6,870	\$6,654	\$216
Loose plate	\$486	\$192	\$294
Online Giving	\$1,381	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$72,858	\$75,308	(\$2,450)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 27 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki
Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Christensen
Ushers: Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thoof, Chuck Vlaminc

Sunday, September 28 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
Servers: RJ & Reed Sorensen
Lector: Lisa Hennen
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Myhre
Ushers: Rick Bot, 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.

- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Julie Noyes
- (Tim & Betty Gossen's granddaughter)
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Brenda Verschelde
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the fall festival dinner committee as well as the carnival committee. These huge undertakings don't happen unless someone is willing to lead.

Everything turned out great and much of the success is due to good leadership – Thank You!

THAT MAN IS YOU – Starting Friday, September 19

Calling all men... On Friday, September 19, the *That Man is You* (TMIY) program started. This is year 7 of the program.

This program is built on becoming better spiritual fathers, sons, grandparents, and husbands. We will meet on Fridays beginning this week at 6:00 am in the Minneota Knights' Hall. There is social time built into each session prior to the meeting and time to get a quick breakfast and coffee. Typically, this is from around 6:30 – 7:00 am but men often arrive earlier.

The program agenda consists of a 30-minute video followed by a group discussion. Mass is usually available after the meeting.

Whether you have attended in the past or not, it is a great time to begin this journey with other men from the Christian community. Please consider joining this group of men to become a brighter light in your home and community.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Joe Garvey at 507.828.0932.

DID YOU HEAR???

Do you hear that, you have just been called to teach Religious Education. Classes started 09/10/25. If you are being called to **serve your children & parish we need you.** We need a catechist for 5th grade. You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained.

VIRTUS training locations & dates are posted on dnu.org site.

To answer this call to serve, contact Religious Ed director Corissa Van Keulen at her email address www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com

Thank you for saying YES!!!

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. Each weekend the winner will be announced in the bulletin. 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 16. The first drawing will be Sunday, November 23. Let's make this raffle a huge success!

LOOKING FOR PART-TIME ASSISTANTS

We are looking for helpers for our afterschool program. Our enrollment numbers continue to rise in our afterschool program, which means we need more helpers. This is a part time position, from 3 – 6 pm, approximately three days per week. Anyone who loves to hang out with children while they play, make things and do homework is encouraged to apply. Please reach out to jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com if you are interested.

CCW MEETING

There will be a St. Edward CCW meeting on September 22, at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Hall. Sandy Jerzak from St. John Cantius, Wilno will be speaking at the meeting.

SACRISTANS NEEDED AT ST. EDWARD

If you would like to assist at the Masses, consider being a sacristan. A sacristan helps the priest by setting up for Mass. It takes about 10 minutes before and after Mass. A brief training will be held for anyone interested. Let Caren know and she will connect you with one of the present sacristans.

SCHOENSTATT GIRLS' GROUP

The Schoenstatt Girls' Group will start again on September 29! This group is for girls aged 6-18 who want to deepen their faith and learn more about Mary. Meetings will be held on the last Monday of every month from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Knights Hall. To sign up, contact Jean Callens at 507.828.3472 or jcallens91@aol.com.

EARLY FAMILY CATHOLIC LIFE PROGRAM

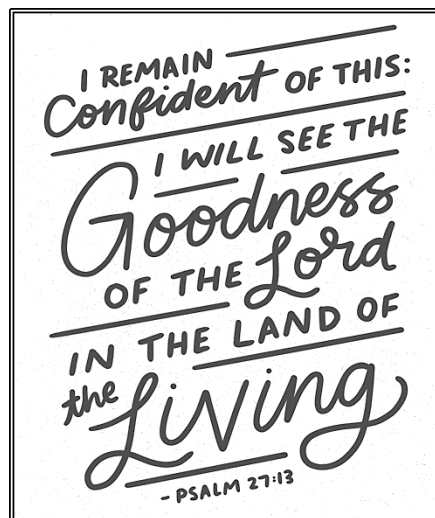
There is interest at the school for an Early Family Life program to be started in our parish. Someone would need to lead this. It is similar to ECFE but has a Catholic theme. The purpose is to build strong Catholic families. If you (and a friend) are interested, please contact Jaci Garvey at the school.

LOST & FOUND

There is a black soft style back brace on the top of the coat rack. It will be donated to the thrift store if it's not claimed.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 44 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Nate Welsh



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – September

For our relationship with all of creation ~
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.
<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

IN ILLO UNO UNUM
“In the One, we are one.”

~ The Motto of Pope Leo XIV

DON'T MISS THE WOMAN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

This fall's Woman's Emmaus Retreat will be held at the Lake Shetek Retreat Center from Friday evening, October 24 through Sunday afternoon, October 26. All women from our surrounding area are invited. It is sponsored by Holy Redeemer. The cost is \$150 which includes all meals. For more information contact Lisa Meyer at 507.865.4616 or visit www.holy-redeemer.com, Education tab, then Faith Formation, Adult Formation, then Emmaus.

AREA FALL FESTIVALS

Wabasso, Church of St. Anne ~ Sunday, September 28
10:00 am Mass
Turkey dinner with all the trimmings
(Cold Stone Ice Cream Cups for dessert)
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In
Adults - \$15; Kids (4-11) - \$8; Kids (3 & under) – Free
Take-outs - \$15

NEW VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

There has been a Virtus training session added on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm. It will be held in Canby at Korner Stone Kravings. The address is 229 1st St W. Please make sure teachers and catechists are trained before the school year starts or soon after. There are several other classes also scheduled.

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 4** Andrea Opdahl 507.829.8040

(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

Sept. 22: For Henry & Florence Braun & deceased family members by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Sept. 23: In memory of Irene Labat by Mike & Lorraine Weverka

Sept. 24: In memory of Dick Christopherson by Diane

Sept. 25: In memory of Clarence & Margie Lipinski by their family

Sept. 26: In memory of Jane Fischer by Terry Hennen

Sept. 27: In memory of Joe Van Keulen by Rosemary & family

Sept. 28: In memory of Robert Fawarecki by Mike & Lorraine Weverka

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.

Luke 16:1 - 13

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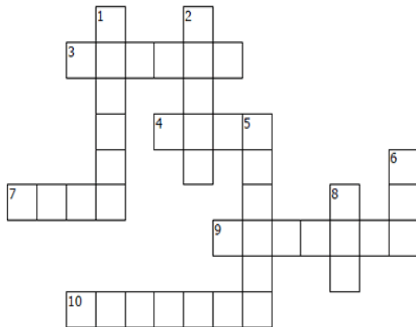
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Strong
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Wheat

The Dishonest Manager

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
4. A very large amount
7. To like something very much
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something
10. A person who performs duties around the home of a master

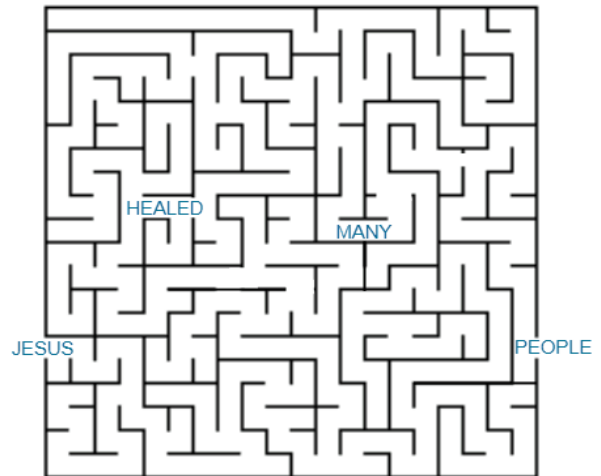
DOWN

1. A very small amount
2. The Son of God
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
8. To make a hole in the ground with a shovel

dig	Jesus	little	much	servant
despise	owe	honest	riches	love

Jesus Healed Many People Word Maze

Find your way through the maze to connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.



Answer: Jesus Healed Many People

Luke 7:21b HCSB

peace
BE WITH YOU

*Good Teacher Area Faith Community
Church of St. Edward, Minneota, MN
Church of St. Eloi, Ghent MN*

Dear Parishioners,

On the back of this letter, you will find a summary of our year-end financial reports for the recently completed fiscal year, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

A few general notes about these reports:

The new diocesan-mandated software requires that all capital income and expenses be reported as part of the year's income and expenses. This means that money raised in previous years for future renovations or improvements is reported as income in the year it was received, while the expenses are recorded in the year they are incurred. It was raised and recorded in previous years.

Both St. Eloi and St. Edward had significant capital expenses this past year:

- St. Eloi paid a \$33,500 down payment for the replacement of storm windows, with the balance to be paid in this current fiscal year.
- St. Edward had \$115,361 in capital campaign income last year, with \$309,379 in expenses for renovations. On paper, this shows a deficit of about \$194,018 just considering the campaign and projects. However, these expenses were fully covered by the Capital Campaign funds raised for that purpose. We have a separate report for the Capital Campaign moneys as we are starting to come to a close.

To help make things clearer, I have included additional notes following the reports, and will summarize them here, to explain the financial activity of each parish more specifically.

St. Edward:

When we adjust for the Capital Campaign income and renovation expenses, as well as the interest generated by our Church and School Endowments, you will see that we ended the year with a net operating deficit of \$84,275. To cover this, we were required to draw interest from our endowment funds.

As I shared in May and June, much of this deficit came from underbudgeting medical insurance and utilities. There were substantial increases in the parish's share of medical insurance premiums that were higher than expected.

Looking ahead, we have created a much more realistic and solid budget for the new fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). We will still have about \$330,000 in remaining renovation expenses as projects are completed. This money is already in our Campaign account, but, as before, it will appear as expenses in this year's reports.

While last year closed with a deficit, we are confident that this year's improved budgeting will place St. Edward in a much stronger position. Our hope is to allow the endowment funds to grow, rather than relying on interest withdrawals to cover expenses.

St. Eloi

St. Eloi's financial reports also reflect the storm window project. The funds for this project were given and reported in the 2023–2024 fiscal year, while the actual expense appeared in the 2024–2025 fiscal year as we made an initial down payment.

When you look at the bottom line, St. Eloi shows a larger net profit than the report alone might initially suggest, once this timing difference is taken into account. We know that we have some other substantial repairs, so this surplus is very much helpful.

I want to thank you for your continued support of both of our parishes. Your generosity makes it possible for us to grow and serve our communities.

As we move forward, I invite you to continue to give generously. May the Lord inspire each of us to greater generosity and deeper service, as we answer His call to build up His Church.

If you have any questions about the reports, please don't hesitate to reach out.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

Year End Reports

St. Edward

Year End Statement of Activities

June 30, 2025

	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	2025-2026 Budget
Income			
Parish General and Administrative including Interest	598,279.21	383,250.00	467,500.00
Faith Formation	3,876.98	6,850.00	2,500.00
Buidling and Grounds (Including Campaign Income)	115,361.01	0.00	
School General and Administrative	372,770.22	529,670.00	443,835.00
Income total	1,090,287.42	919,770.00	913,835.00
Expense			
Parish General and Administrative	189,222.94	218,942.20	133,466.25
Liturgy	8,388.62	8,300.00	8,600.00
Faith Formation	19,265.03	13,375.00	21,100.00
Parish Building and Grounds (Including Renovations)	399,654.47	94,164.00	81,485.00
Rectory totals	5,248.16	4,500.00	5,950.00
School General and administrative	556,697.76	490,825.00	575,838.75
School Building and Grounds	103,850.37	85,680.00	90,180.00
Expense totals	1,282,327.35	915,786.20	916,620.00
Income - Expense	-192,039.93	3,983.80	-2,785.00

Note that the above includes Campaign and Endowment Interest

Campaign Income	115,361.01	This was money that came in this year
Renovation Expense	309,379.00	(This was the use of previous campaign
Campaign Income - Renovoation Expense	-194,017.99	money from previous years)
Adjusted Total income - Expense removing Campaign	1,978.06	
Endowment Interest	86,253.41	
Adjusted Net for Church without Campaign or endowment	-84,275.35	(we borrowed from our Endowment)

St. Eloi

Year End Statement of Activities

June 30, 2025

	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	2025-2026 Budget
Income			
Parish General and Administrative including Interest	175,924.65	138,394.00	149,900.00
Income total	175,924.65	138,394.00	149,900.00
Expense			
Parish General and Administrative	62,034.46	43,278.93	69,510.00
Liturgy	6,435.05	0.00	5,000.00
Parish Building and Grounds (Including Windows)	71,031.87	0.00	41,260.00
Rectory totals	10,116.99	0.00	10,050.00
School Building and Grounds	18,151.32	0.00	22,500.00
Expense totals	167,769.69	43,278.93	148,320.00
Income - Expense	8,154.96	95,115.07	1,580.00

Note that the above includes Down Payment for the Windows

Windows Expense (in Parish Building)	33,500.00
Adjusted Total income - Expense removing Campaign	41,654.96

St. Edward Campaign Report as of September 18, 2025

	<i>Projected</i> or Actual	Estimated	Completed or planned
Resurface parking lot	48,709.00	\$50,000	Completed Summer 2020
Repair rectory roof	3,725.70	\$29,000	Roof complete Summer 2020
Repair rectory windows	\$12,398.80		windows Complete Summer 2021
Repair leaks in the school/add gabled roof	23,950.00	\$65,000	Completed Fall 2020
Replace downspouts/gutters - original school building		\$30,000	Completed Fall 2021
Repair church roof and replace gutters	203,540.00	\$161,000	Completed Summer 2021
Replace Louvers around Church Steeple	40,000.00		Completed Spring 2022
Tuckpoint/repair church steps	7,800.00	\$8,000	Completed Fall 2021
Tuckpoint around Church front	8,800.60		Completed Fall 2021
Update Knights Hall exterior	3,805.81	\$11,000	Completed Spring 2021
Insulate school attic		\$7,500	Delayed to assess need
Air condition the church	47,276.00	\$80,000	Completed Spring/Summer 2022
Replace sacristy windows	5,221.28	\$5,000	Completed Summer 2023
Repair exterior window trim of Church Obrien Windows	69,876.00	\$15,000	Completed November 2023 - Total below
Repair exterior window trim of Church - lift	16,730.25		86,606.25
Sidewalks	11,394.00		Completed Fall 2023
Refurbish front exterior school doors		\$18,000	Paid by School Grant
Update school security		\$3,000	Paid by School Grant
Replace siding - east side of the middle school wing	<i>5,000.00</i>	\$5,000	
Sacristy Floor and Painting	15,071.00		Near complete Summer of 2025 - 3 Month project
Refinish the church pews and repair kneelers	102,036.00	\$15,000	\$686,000
<i>Replace Church floor</i>	56,844.00		Original Estimate for pews and painting above
<i>Repair plaster and paint the Church interior</i>	411,284.00	\$671,000	Project total Including unpaid last payment Below
<i>Altar Furniture</i>	23,925.00		625,505.00
Move the organ baffles	<i>4,000.00</i>	\$4,000	
Create a ramp to the school entrance	<i>40,000.00</i>	\$40,000	
Landscape church and school campus	9,883.96	\$25,000	Complete Fall 2024
TOTAL OF All PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS	1,171,271.40	\$1,242,500	
Campaign costs	31,242.56	\$30,000	
Bells (separate but run through Capital Campaign)	16,000.00		
		\$124,250	Contingency
Proposed Expenses total	1,218,513.96	\$1,396,750	
Actual Expenses Paid	1,169,513.96	1637511.56	
Funds contributed	1,276,013.00		
Funds available	106,499.04		
Projects committed (Final Payment for Floor)	16,345.00		
Funds left	90,154.04		
Restricted gift: Ramp	35,044.00		
Restricted gift: Organ Baffles	4,022.00		
Restricted gift: Elevator	1,000.00		
unrestricted funds left:	50,088.04		