



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



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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 25

8:00 am Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

### Tuesday, August 26

12:00 pm **No Convent Mass**

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Bob Mack)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

### Wednesday, August 27

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 7 & 8 (Audrey Jerzak)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm **No Convent Mass**

### Thursday, August 28

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Orville & Marge Hennen M)

**No Convent Mass**

### Friday, August 29

12:00 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Walt, Delores, & Paul DeCock)

**No Convent Mass**

### Saturday, August 30

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi

(Herman, Carrie, David, & Jim Vershelde)

- 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

### Sunday, August 31

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Mary DeSmet)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful to share that I have finally received a shipment of my book. After giving some copies away, I now have a limited number available for direct purchase: about 10 hardcover editions and 20 paperback editions.

The paperback will be available for \$15, and the hardcover for \$20. Because of the higher cost, I do not plan to order additional hardcovers once these are gone, but I will continue to purchase more paperbacks as needed.

It is also my intention to provide a copy for every priest of the Diocese. One of the printers I am working with allows me to include a personalized page for special orders, which I plan to take advantage of. With the sales that have already come in, along with the books I have on hand, I expect to essentially break even after covering expenses such as ISBNs (four were needed—for paperback, hardcover, Kindle, and EPUB), the website, and other publishing costs.

I did not write this book to raise money. I wrote it because I deeply believe the message is needed today—that mercy and justice are not opposed, that forgiveness is essential, and that healing is possible in Christ. These truths are often misunderstood, and my prayer is that this book will help bring clarity and hope. I may never see all the fruits of this work, but I entrust it to God, asking Him to use it for His good purposes.

Thanks be to God, the renovation project at St. Edward's is nearing completion. On Sunday, September 14, Bishop Zielinski will celebrate Mass with us at 9:30 am, as we formally return to the church from the basement.

I am hopeful the refinished pews will be in place, but because of the Festival that weekend, we will celebrate in the church even if we must use folding chairs. To accommodate Bishop's schedule, I will also offer an earlier Mass at St. Eloi at 7:30 am that morning.

Please be sure to note the time and location changes on your calendars.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd



## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391  
 St. Edward School: [www.stedscatholicschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com)  
 St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Wednesday, August 27 – School begins for kindergarten  
 Tuesday, September 2 – Preschool begins  
 Friday, September 5 – Alumni Mass of Gratitude at 10:30 am

## 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	\$1,485	\$1,923	(\$1,198)
Loose plate	\$248	\$192	(\$53)
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$10,218</b>	<b>\$17,231</b>	<b>(\$7,013)</b>

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 31 – 10:30 am**

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman  
 Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke  
 Lector: Karla Engels  
 Musicians: John Rabaey  
 Offertory Gifts: Dale & Lila Schmidt  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Ron Sussner  
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,994	\$6,654	(\$1,660)
Loose plate	\$216	\$192	\$24
Online Giving	\$1,506	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$996		
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$49,844</b>	<b>\$41,731</b>	<b>\$8,113</b>

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 30 – 5:30 pm @ St. Eloi**

Sacristan: Claren Novotny  
 Servers: Jules Gossen, Gabe Ludwikowski  
 Lector: Tim Gossen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris  
 Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny

**Sunday, August 31 – 8:30 am**

Sacristan: Ruth Bot  
 Servers: Jacob & Mariah Loyson  
 Lector: Terry Van Keulen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Shannon Evjen  
 Ushers: Mike Vlaminck, 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
- ★ Harper Gravely (Tim & Betty Gossen's granddaughter)
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Brenda Vershelde

### 2025 ALUMNI MASS OF GRATITUDE

**Celebrating 87 years of Catholic Education**

All alumni of St. Edward School are invited to attend this Mass on Friday, September 5, 2025. Mass will be at 10:30 am, followed by lunch, fellowship with alumni, staff, students, and tours of school.

Honored guests will be alumni from graduating classes of 1950-1960. Invitations have been sent to alumni from classes of 1950-1960 whose contact information we have. If you know of alumni from 1950-1960 who have not received an invitation, please let the school know.

RSVP to [dderynck@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:dderynck@stedscatholicschool.com), or call the school at 507.872.6391.

### DID YOU HEAR???

Did you hear that, you have just been called to teach Religious Education?

Classes will be starting Wednesday, September 10 (just a month from this weekend). **If you are being called to serve your children & parish**, we need you. We need catechists for several grades.

You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained. VIRTUS training locations & dates are posted on [dnu.org](http://dnu.org) site. **To answer this call to serve**, contact Religious Ed director Corissa Van Keulen at her email address [www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com](mailto:www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com)

Thank You for saying YES!!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –

Woodworkers and craftsmen and women: We are looking for some individuals who would be willing to custom build a couple cabinets and shelves for the Sacristy. Ideally, we would have



them installed as soon as the flooring is complete in a few weeks.

Also, we are looking for someone to paint the metal cabinet that is used to hold the charcoal and incense and other flammable goods.

Please contact Fr. Todd if you are interested in both. Materials and time will be reimbursed.

### FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Sunday, September 14

Serving from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Carnival: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Silent Auction ❖ Cake Walk ❖ Country Store

### FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Adam & Sara Gorecki (Sara: 507.828.2626)

Jared & Nicole Longtin (Nicole: 507.530.7266)

Jerik & Shannon Gossen (Shannon: 605.310.9920)

If you have questions, contact one of these people.

**PRODUCE NEEDED:** Cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and cabbage are needed for the Fall Festival meal. These produce items can be delivered to the church from Wednesday, September 10 through Friday, September 12, by 2:00 pm.

If you have these items to donate, please contact Nicole Longtin at 507.530.7266. We have been short cucumbers & cabbage the past few years, so by contacting us, we will know how much we need in addition to the donations.

Thank you so much!



### FALL FESTIVAL CARNIVAL

The Fall Festival and carnival is quickly approaching. Punch cards will be available for purchase to allow the youth to play many of the games as unlimited play. They will then earn tickets to put into buckets for drawings for prizes.

We need donations of prizes for youth \$10-\$25 to use for these drawings. Please take your donations to the church office in the Knights' Hall. Money to be used to purchase prizes is also welcome. Place it in the collection basket marked "Carnival."

The cakewalk and wishing well will continue to be separate from the punch card games.

If you have any questions, please call Faith Oakland at 507.829.6751.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

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



Tickets will 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!

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 10

We're excited to invite you to join our weekly Bible study, a special time to dive into God's Word, share meaningful insights, and grow deeper in faith together. It is entitled *Walking with Purpose: Touching the Divine* and it is centered on the Gospel of John.

The study will begin September 10, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. The book can be purchased on Walking With a Purpose website:

<https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/products/touching-the-divine-bible-study-second-edition>

Please order your book soon so you have it for the first night. Also, let Nikki Traen (507.828.2912) or Sara Gorecki (507.828.2626) know if you are going to attend so plans can be made for the correct number of women. If you would like to save on shipping by placing a group order for your book, contact Ruth Bot by this coming Wednesday, August 27. Call or text 507.829.0514. The order will be placed on Thursday, August 28.

### 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.

### YEAR OF WINNING

Week 40 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Ruth Bot



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

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – August

For mutual coexistence ~

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

*A great flame of faith and love must  
once again spread across the world,  
lighting the way  
for all people of good will.*

~ Pope Leo XIV

### AREA FALL FESTIVAL

Cottonwood, Church of St. Mary ~ Sunday, September 7

9:30 am Mass with special music

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings

(Cold Stone Ice Cream Cups for dessert)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In; No deliveries

Adults - \$15; Kids (5-12) - \$10; Kids (4 & under) – Free

Take-outs - \$15

**PREACH THE WORD**

**REAL PRESENCE RADIO – Our Fall Live Drive is Here!**

Join us September 9 – 11, from 7 am – 7 pm each day, for *Real Stories, Real People, and Real Faith* on your local Catholic radio station.

Support Real Presence Radio by tuning in at **89.5 FM** or calling **877-795-0122**.

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**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 – **September 6** Travis Welsh 507.829.0986  
(Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)

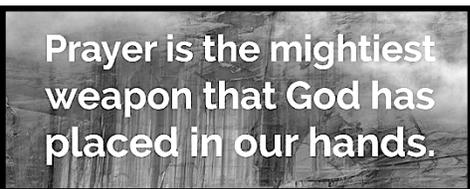
**Baptism Prep:** To set up a baptism date, call Caren at the office. Check the church website for Godparent requirements.

**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**

- Aug. 25: In memory of Jack Hennen by Tony & Ruth Louwagie
- Aug. 26: In memory of Bill Deutz by David & Diane Hennen
- Aug. 27: In memory of Marty Rossini by Kathy Devereaux
- Aug. 28: In memory of Mary Ann Alcorn by Ron & Nancy Maddock & family
- Aug. 29: In memory of Joe & Rachel Minnehan by their sons
- Aug. 30: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- Aug. 31: In memory of Mary Ann Alcorn by her children

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.



**I Am the Way**

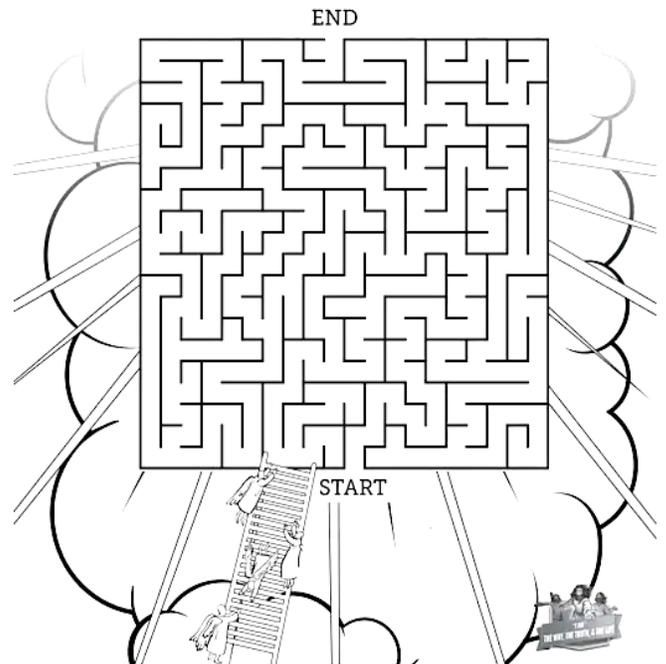
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

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House Truth Way	Place Rooms Many	Father Troubled Prepare	Hearts Trust Life
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**"I AM"  
THE WAY, TRUTH, & THE LIFE**

Guide the angels to heaven.



*peace*  
BE WITH YOU