



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



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Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday – The Sixth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Brian Timmerman)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments

(Parents of Grace & Francis Rabaey)

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

7:30 pm Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5 & 6 (Jane Hennen)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Tracey Otto)

7:00 pm Choir in St. Edward Choir Loft

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

Thursday, April 17 – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (For all deceased)

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

12:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Eloi

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Edward

Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil

8:45 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Eloi

(For all those celebrating the Sacrament of Initiation)

Sunday, April 20 - Easter

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Eucharistic Revival)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the People)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Holy Week. As we enter this most holy time, we reflect on the fullness of the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal mystery is His life, death, and resurrection that gives us eternal life. It is a term that comes to us from the Hebrew word Pesach, the commemoration of the angel of death, the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt, and the giving of the Law and wandering in the desert.

As our Jewish friends celebrate Pesach (Passover) this weekend (beginning at sundown on April 12), we recall that our Lord was crucified as the perfect Passover lamb on the cross, and He was raised to life, and promises resurrection to us. The Sacred Triduum which commemorates this are the highest days in the Church year. I invite us all to join in the liturgies of these days, and at least to meditate on the events of these days.

Last week at our St. Eloi Administrative Council meeting, we discussed and approved a new budget which is balanced. We also discussed the need to have a mechanical engineer evaluate our heating ducts into the church as they are getting older and the equipment needs replacing. The storm windows will be replaced beginning in July, God willing.

We will be discussing a balanced budget for St. Edward at our next council meeting on Tuesday. We are proposing a balanced budget currently, but to meet it, we need a few things. First, I am putting a hold on the process of the renovation of the Church basement. I know this needs addressing, but we cannot begin a campaign at this time.

We will need to increase our Sunday offerings by \$80,000 a year. You did such a great job raising over \$1,000,000 in about 4 years, to raise a tenth of that a year for the operating budget. In a few months, the sanctuary interior will be beautiful and like new, but without the lights to enjoy it, or the heating and cooling system to enjoy it, we gain nothing.

We have a great school, but without the passionate teachers and staff, our students will fail to thrive. Our normal operating budget is not as visible as the renovations that we have planned, but in a way are more necessary, so I invite you to greater generosity, to see that your offerings, while going to less tangible things, are making an investment that will be seen on the other side of life.

In addition, I would invite us to dream big – if we can, I would like to have the basement renovation funds saved and in the bank for when we are ready to move ahead – no capital campaign, no major push for funds. Just wise investing of the funds that you have contributed which were more than sufficient for our normal needs. Think of the boy who shared his 5 loaves and 2 fish – if we offer it all to the Lord, he can do this.

The good news, too, with the proposed budget is that it is very close to the ideal proportions of funding for our school, with a third each of subsidy, tuition and fees, and fundraising/development. With these proper proportions, we begin to see the symbiotic relationship

between the parish and school, though to write about it as such is wrong as the school is an integral ministry of the Church.

The parish benefits from the school – the youthful joy, the support of our students, and the raising of the issues of faith and helping our parents growing in faith. The school benefits from the parish – the funds (obviously) but more importantly the ministry of the church, the wider faith community, the various vocations and occupations that can inspire our children to respond to God’s call. I have seen it too often, with maybe one exception, of parishes that fail to thrive after the closure of a school. I saw a quick decline in a particular parish that closed its school 25 years ago, could not pay its share of subsidy for the students that attended the neighboring Catholic school 5 years later, and is now closed.

We need to remember that our Church and school thrive together, and I hope with the proposed budget, we will thrive for years to come. As a part of all this, we will be discussing a stewardship campaign of sorts. Please keep this in your prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

Easter Sunday, April 20 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse
Servers: Evan & Elise Hennen, Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke
Lector: Karla Engels
Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
Offertory Gifts: Karla & John Engels
Eucharistic Ministers: Monica & Don Senden
Cup: Beth Brewers, Darla Timmerman
Ushers: Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,000.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,830.00)
Loose plate	\$308.00	\$154.00	\$154.00
Online Giving	\$1,245.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$219,834.00	\$228,861.00	(\$9,027.00)

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
jgarvey@stedscatholicsschool.com Office: 872.6391
Thursday, April 17-Monday, April 21 – Easter Break **NO SCHOOL**
Saturday, April 19, 9:00 – 11:00 am Open gym for kids ages
2-8 with an adult
Wednesday, April 30 – Grandparent’s Day

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)

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,930.00	\$2,110.00	(\$180.00)
Loose plate	\$141.00	\$146.00	(\$5.00)
Commodity	\$2,940.00		
Year-to-Date	\$84,084.00	\$97,778.00	(\$13,694.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Good Friday, April 18 – 12:00 pm
Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Evan Hennen, Leo Hennen, & Toby Wambeke
Lector: Steve Hennen
Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
Ushers: Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

Saturday, April 19, Easter Vigil – 8:45 pm
Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Xavier, Mark, & Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh
Lectors: Bernie DeCock, Doug Maeyaert
Musicians: John Rabaey Family
Offertory Gifts: Mike & Bonnie DeSutter
Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Sussner
Ushers: Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 17 – 5:30 pm
Sacristan: Volunteer
Servers: Volunteer
Lector: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteers

Good Friday, April 18 – 5:30 pm
Sacristan: Volunteer
Servers: Volunteer
Lector: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteer

Easter Sunday, April 20 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Volunteer
Servers: Volunteer
Lector: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers
Ushers: Rick Bot, 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. 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.

- ★ Brent Buysse
- ★ Mary DeSmet
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Linda Oftedahl
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Gene Thoof

ST. ELOI FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST

St. Eloi will have rolls, coffee, and juice after the 10:30 Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13. Please join us down in the St. Eloi church basement. ALL are invited to come and join in fellowship! This is hosted by the St. Eloi Catholic Order of Foresters.

ST. ELOI PARISHIONERS ~ Volunteers Needed

If you would be willing to volunteer for the "Washing of the Feet" during the Holy Thursday Service, please contact me. We need 6 volunteers from St. Eloi parish!
Thanks—Mary Jo Bossuyt

EASTER FLOWERS

It's the time of year the churches of St. Edward and St. Eloi will be decorated for Easter. Please consider helping out by donating the cost of an Easter lily as a remembrance or in honor of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked Easter Flowers on an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL – CUF RAFFLE RESULTS

It took six weeks of hard work by the students and staff of St. Edward School, and the hard work paid off. Now, school leaders thank the local community for helping them raise \$7,780 through the Catholic United Financial Raffle. Thank you for your generosity.

CCW MEETING – April 21, 2025

The next CCW meeting will be on Monday, April 21, at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Hall.

This is for all women who are part of CCW. We would love to have you join us! The meetings are not very long, and it is a good way to meet other women of our parish.

ATTENTION 2025 SENIORS OF ST. EDWARD PARISH

Please keep an eye out in the mail for the CCW Scholarship information and application. You should have received it in the mail.

It is due on or before April 23. If you have any questions, please contact Trudy Banks at 507-829-3075 or tbanks@stedscatholicschool.com.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL ~ Employment Opportunities

Part-Time Physical Education/Health Teacher

We are looking for a passionate and dynamic Physical Education/Health Teacher to serve students in grades PreK–8. This part-time position begins Fall 2025.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education, Health, or a related field. (Preferred) Valid MN teaching license in Physical Education (710) and Health (080), or
- Eligible experience working with children
- Willingness to integrate Catholic values into teaching
- CPR/First Aid certified or willing to obtain

Full-Time Montessori Children's House or Assistant

We are seeking a caring, energetic individual to join our Montessori Children's House for the 2025–2026 school year. This full-time role supports children ages 33 months – Kindergarten in a hands-on, faith-based Montessori environment.

Qualifications (Must meet at least one of these)

- Associate's Degree in Early Childhood + 6 months experience
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood or related field
- Montessori Certification (AMI/AMS or equivalent)
Applicants near qualification may qualify for a DHS variance.

For each of these positions we offer the following:

- Health, retirement, and life insurance
- Free lunch daily
- Paid time off
- Tuition discount options for children of staff
- Supportive and faith-filled school community
- Professional development opportunities

Apply by sending your cover letter, resume, and license info to: jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com

Questions? Call us at 507-872-6391 or visit www.stedscatholicschool.com

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 21 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Joyce Eischens



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – APRIL

For use of new technologies ~

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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

PALM SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble and peaceful king," Pope Francis said in brief remarks after celebrating Palm Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square (Palm Sunday – 2024). He prayed that the faithful would open their hearts to the Lord because He alone "can deliver us from animosity, hatred, violence, because He is mercy and the forgiveness of sins."

NEW ULM DIOCESAN CCW

64TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 64th Annual New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Church of St. Mary in Tracy, MN.

The theme for the day is "Be Bold Believers" with a focus on pro-life actions. The keynote speaker in the morning is Camille Pauley, founder of Healing the Culture. In the afternoon, we have breakout sessions with Congressman Brad Finstad on getting involved in the political process, and by our Resource & Development Team, Shirley Nowak and Chris Heiderscheidt on CCW resources.

Early bird registration deadline is April 15. Registration forms are available from our parish CCW president Mary Myhre (507.828.2521) or on our New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women website at nudccw.org. Grow in your faith and connect with other faith filled women from the diocese!

All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Schoenstatt on the Lake ~ Employment Opportunity

The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary are looking for a cook for their Retreat Center at Schoenstatt on the Lake in Sleepy Eye, MN. Hours would be flexible, include weekends, and would range from part to full time, depending on scheduled retreats and events.

Starting wage: \$14 – \$16/hour.

For more information, please contact Julie Turvold, Retreat Center Director, 507.794.7727 or schoenstattmndirector@gmail.com.

INFORMATION FROM THE NEW ULM DIOCESE

Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse by a priest or another person involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local

law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported.

A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan Web site at <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>.

Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.

Toda persona que haya sido víctima de abuso sexual por parte de un miembro del clero u otra persona en el ministerio de la Iglesia debe reportar dicha mala conducta a las autoridades policiales inmediatamente, independientemente de cuando haya sucedido, si aún no ha sido reportado.

Un listado de todas las entidades policiales y los servicios de protección al menor dentro de los quince condados de la Diócesis de New Ulm se encuentra en nuestra página de internet, <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>.

También se exhorta a las víctimas y sobrevivientes de abuso por parte del clero ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de asistencia para víctimas o el delegado del Obispo en cuestiones sobre el mal comportamiento sexual 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, o al 507-233-5313 para consejería u otra ayuda de sanación.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES (and all of us)

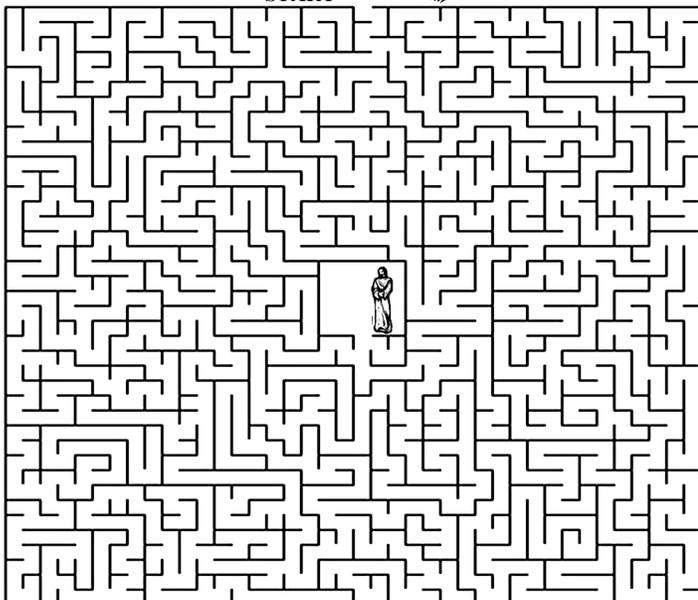
- ✧ Clear your mind of other things & sit quietly with God.
- ✧ Attend a Holy Week Mass
- ✧ Use your own money for giving to the church.
- ✧ Pray for someone who needs to know Jesus.
- ✧ Let go of a hurt from someone else.



Palm Sunday Maze



START



Radio Rosary

- Apr. 14: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Ardyce Louwagie
- Apr. 15: In memory of Brian Timmerman by Leonard & Marian Louwagie
- Apr. 16: In memory of Roger Boerboom by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie
- Apr. 17: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Curt & Coreen Boerboom
- Apr. 18: In memory of Jean Neisius by Leon Neisius & family
- Apr. 19: In memory of Tom Swedzinski by Madeline & family
- Apr. 20: In memory of Mark Menning by Jack & Terry 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.

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 – **April 26** Diane Hennen 507.401.7556

(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

Palm Sunday Word Search

N	S	M	E	J	K	A	C	O	L	T	S	S	H
L	K	E	P	T	N	E	R	D	L	I	H	C	S
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A	S	S	P	E	E	S	B	R	A	N	C	H	R

Praise
Christ
Remember
Colt
Hope
Expected

Savior
Saves
Children
Stones
Pharisees
Jerusalem

John
Hosanna
Luke
Disciples
Passover
Jesus

Mark
King
Bethany
Lord
Crowd
Branch

