



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

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Sunday, August 9, 2026

The Nineteenth 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, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

11:00 am Convent Mass

(Shirley, Frank, Dolores, & Richard Sussner)

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

Wednesday, August 12

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jerry Langsweirdt)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (John Brewers)

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

Thursday, August 13

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Ernie & Kate Thooft)

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

7:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (KC Members) *Time Change

Friday, August 14

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mary DeSmet)

Saturday, August 15

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Rosary Society)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Brian & Bruce Gossen)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, August 16

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Germain & Marian Hoffmann)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Doug & Shirley Maeyaert)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago, I was contacted by the team at Hallow, the Catholic prayer and meditation app, to see whether our parishes would be interested in becoming a parish partner. Before our meeting, I spent some time reviewing the app and its content and found it to be excellent. To minimize distractions, most of the prayers and reflections are presented with audio and a still screen. The app includes the daily Mass readings, the saint of the day, the Rosary, various chaplets, guided meditations, and many other resources. I was genuinely intrigued by the possibility of partnering with them.

Then I learned the cost. The proposed partnership required a four-year commitment of \$4,500 per year. It would have provided unlimited premium access for fifty designated parishioners, with limited access for everyone else. It also included the ability to host five parish-wide campaigns each year, such as Advent and Lenten prayer series, novenas, or other spiritual programs.

After consulting with the parish council, the consensus was that the cost was simply too great for our parishes, even if it were shared between St. Edward and St. Eloi. I therefore declined the offer. I did, however, let Hallow know that I would be happy to recommend the app. Should there be sufficient interest in the future—and if someone wished to underwrite the cost of a parish partnership—I would certainly be willing to revisit the conversation.

If you have not yet explored Hallow, I encourage you to do so. It is available through your phone's app store. The free version includes many excellent resources, including the daily Mass readings, the Rosary, the saint of the day, and other basic prayer materials. A premium subscription unlocks a much larger library of content, but I believe many people will find the free version more than adequate. Whether you are looking to establish a daily prayer routine or simply want something edifying to listen to while driving, Hallow is a wonderful resource.

You can even search for our parishes within the app. St. Edward and St. Eloi already have several parishioners connected through Hallow, and if we ever decide to establish a parish partnership, those already connected will be among the first to benefit.

This Saturday, August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because the solemnity falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. Nevertheless, it remains one of the Church's great Marian feasts, celebrating Our Lady's being assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. I invite you to join us for Mass at noon in the convent chapel as we honor our Blessed Mother and ask for her continued intercession for our families, our parishes, and our nation.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd

Immediately Jesus spoke to them



Have courage

It is I

Don't be afraid

Matthew 14:27

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

July Calendar Sponsorship

July 14 Audrey Jerzak In Memory
July 18 Jane Afdem In Memory

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)

Be humble, or
you'll stumble.

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$	\$1,923	\$
Loose plate	\$	\$192	\$
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$3,962	\$12,500	(\$8,538)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 16 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse
Servers: Elise Hennen, Gregory Rabaey
Lector: Mike Van Keulen
Musicians: John Rabaey
Offertory Gifts: Tom & Cindy Welsh
Eucharistic Ministers: Karla Engels, Shirley Maeyaert
Cup: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt
Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,435	\$6,731	(\$4,296)
Loose plate	\$386	231	\$155
Online Giving	\$1,360	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$27,109	\$34,808	(\$7,699)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 15 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey
Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki
Lector: Shannon Gossen
Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris, Nate Welsh
Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman

Sunday, August 16 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Debbie Beisler, William Jones
Lector: Cynthia Moorse
Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Engels, Jo Coover
Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszski, 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	★ Missy Hennen
★ Mary Coquyt	★ Jeremy Koelar
★ Chris DeSutter	★ Fr. Dunston Moorse
★ Steve DeSutter	★ Julie Noyes
★ Francis DeSmet	★ Sr. Angela Schreiber
★ Dawson Doyscher Nephew of Carey Doyscher	★ Madeline Swedzinski
★ Mike Halverson	★ Tony Traen
	★ Jean Wambeke

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

- ✠ For a safe harvest season.
- ✠ For an increase in confidence in Jesus's intercession and the Mary may guide our hearts toward love and peace.
- ✠ That our world will grow in compassion and our leaders are led by the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ For all parents, caregivers, and teachers navigating transitions, that they may have patience and peace.

KICK OFF TO 88 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION!

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Root Beer Floats
Free Will Offering

August 20 5:30 – 7:00 pm School/Church Parking Lot

FALL FESTIVAL ~ Sunday, September 20

It's not too early to be thinking about the Fall Festival are looking for one more couple to volunteer to help coordinate and plan our Fall Festival Dinner by becoming part of the Dinner Committee.

Whether you enjoy cooking, coordinating, serving, cleanup, your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Nicole Longtin at 507.530.7266.

FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Sunday, September 20
Serving from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Carnival: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Silent Auction ❖ Cake Walk ❖ Country Store

PRODUCE NEEDED for FALL FESTIVAL

Cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and cabbage are needed for the Fall Festival meal. These produce items can be delivered to the church from Wednesday, September 16, through Friday, September 18, by 2:00 pm.

If you have these items to donate, please contact Nicole Longtin at 507.530.7266.



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.

WORKSHOP AVAILABLE ON PLANNING FOR END OF LIFE WITH PURPOSE AND PEACE OF MIND

There will be a workshop entitled "Planning for End of Life with Purpose and Peace of Mind" on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 11 am. It will be held here at St. Edward.

As Catholics, we have a hope beyond the end of our earthly lives, but many practical questions remain about caring for ourselves and our loved ones as we move through this life stage. Typical questions include: What is Church teaching about end-of-life medical treatment? Is cremation or burial preferred? How do I make a health care directive that honors my Catholic beliefs?

Father Todd Petersen will address these questions and others during this workshop.

John Tetzloff, Director of Sales for Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end-of-life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more.

This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and hosted by Sr. Advisor Brian Zitzmann and Sr. Advisor David Schonhardt. To save your seat call 1.800.441.9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org, or contact the parish office.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 38 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Chrissy Olson



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

The last page of this week's bulletin is a letter from Bishop Chad regarding the primary election on Tuesday, August 11, and looking forward to the November election.

Please take time to read it.

REAL PRESENCE RADIO

Continue building your faith throughout the week with Catholic programming you can trust. Tune in to Real Presence Radio at 89.5 FM (Montevideo) or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com.



Shalom aleichem

Peace be upon 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 – **August 22** 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

Aug. 10: In memory of Rita Verly by Ralph & Jenny Dieken

Aug. 11: In memory of Randy Stassen by Alan & Julie Macht

Aug. 12: In memory of Bill Rubendall by Lorraine & Cletus Lanners

Aug. 13: In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Angie Wyffels

Aug. 14: In memory of Frank & Elly Swedzinski by Madeline

Aug. 15: In memory of Laurence Louwagie by Ardyce

Aug. 16: In memory of Tom Louwagie by Dean & Linda 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.

Jesus Walks on Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.
Matthew 14:25

G E V E N I N G R P B C Y P O
S S C P Q N T S D U R O O A W
C I V D O U B T K O X A A M C
U D N W A L K I N G F F Y T E
O N E K G A X B Y A U Y S U O
S J D U K L A W C F Q N I T M
D L V H O Q L B O G A M Y P H
D Z O E I C O J U W Q N B L Z
D J Y F M M N O R V A J W N W
T K V W L I E A A D X T O Q A
I A W I N D M F G P V R E F V
F P S A V E U R E W S B A R E
V L A K E D Y A S P K Y Y S S
C Y O X H E Z I T U Z U A I K
R H A N D A N D Q Y N H W X H

Evening
Courage
Lake
Pray

Hand
Afraid
Walking
Come

Doubt
Save
Boat
Water

Waves
Sink
Wind
Alone



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July 21, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2026 is a consequential election year for Minnesota, with every U.S. House seat, one U.S. Senate seat, the governor's office, and all members of the Minnesota Legislature on the ballot. In a moment like this, faithful citizens are called to shape their consciences through the principles of Catholic social teaching and to become well informed by understanding the issues, studying proposed policies, and learning the candidates' positions.

The upcoming primary elections on August 11 will determine which candidates will represent their political parties on the November ballot. In many cases, the outcomes of these intra-party primaries will determine who steps into office. Voting is not only a right; it is a responsibility we carry as faithful citizens. As Catholics, our participation is vital in shaping a state that reflects our values, strengthens the common good, and upholds human dignity.

Thanks to the engagement of faithful citizens like you, this year, we have seen notable successes, some of which have garnered bipartisan support! The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC)—the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota—applauds the overwhelming passage of the Stop Harms from Addictive Social Media Act. This landmark legislation addresses social media addiction among youth by requiring parental consent for children under 16 to create social media accounts and prohibiting platform features that are known to be particularly addictive for children.

Working together, citizens and advocates helped to protect life and uphold human dignity by blocking bills such as the IVF Insurance Mandate, Physician-Assisted Suicide, Online Sports Gambling, and the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, which would have further entrenched abortion rights and imposed gender ideology on Minnesotans.

However, our work is not done. Maintaining an active relationship with our elected officials is an important part of faithful citizenship. County fairs, city festivals, and other community events offer excellent opportunities to meet candidates, ask where they stand on the issues that matter most to you, and encourage them to support policies that uphold human dignity and serve the common good.

MCC provides a helpful resource, Questions to Ask Candidates, highlighting important policy areas facing leaders at both the state and federal levels in 2027. Visit <https://www.mncatholic.org/election2026> to explore these questions along with additional election resources, including parish political guidelines. You can also learn more about candidate positions through their official websites and social media accounts.

As Election Day approaches, I ask you to pray, become informed, participate in both the primary and general elections, and remain engaged in the civic life of our state. Let us engage the public square with clarity, charity, and conviction. Together, may we continue to be faithful witnesses to Christ in both our Church and our communities.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Chad W. Zielinski
Bishop of New Ulm