



# Good Teacher Area Faith Community

## St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**The Third 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, January 26

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

#### Tuesday, January 27

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Emma Van Moorlehem)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Myron & Bernice Kloos)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 28

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Alice Bot)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

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, January 29

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Audrey Jerzak)

8:00 am Convent Mass (Orville & Marge Hennen)

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

#### Friday, January 30

6:00 am TMY Knights' Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Michael Kern)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (John Brewers)

#### Saturday, January 31

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Putts Boerboom)

4:30 pm **Mass at St. Eloi** (Bob Tillemans)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

5:30 pm Flurry of Fun at KB's in Ghent

#### Sunday, February 1

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Alice Bot)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Apologetics with Dcn. Jason

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (George DeSutter)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

#### Happy Catholic Schools Week!

This week is a celebration not only of **St. Edward's Catholic School**, but of Catholic schools throughout our Diocese, our state, and our country. As we celebrate, it is worth pausing to reflect on what truly distinguishes a Catholic school—what defines it as different.

It is not simply that we are a private school, or that we charge tuition, though both are true. It is not only our smaller class sizes, or the fact that the school is owned and operated by the parish and the Church, though that brings us closer. The essential difference is our **Catholic identity**. We teach the Catholic faith not merely during religion class, nor only through weekly Mass and other communal prayer experiences. Rather, the Catholic faith permeates the entire school—its curriculum, ethics and morals, expectations for behavior, and even the ways in which behavior is shaped and corrected.

Our faith inspires and informs what our teachers and staff teach, how we interact with one another, and how we reach out to the wider community. When appropriate, the faith is integrated into all academic disciplines. We hold fast to the truth as revealed in Jesus Christ and handed on through His Church.

Our school is an investment. Parents and grandparents, alumni, and supporters make real sacrifices so that our children can be here, and those sacrifices testify that faith and a solid education truly matter. Because of this generosity, our students are formed in faith, morality, and a worldview that will serve them well throughout their lives.

The students especially love Catholic Schools Week, and this year we will celebrate in a unique way, as the **Missoula Children's Theatre** will be with us, preparing our students for a performance of *The Jungle Book*. This may be seen as a small gift of gratitude to all who so faithfully support our school.

We will conclude Catholic Schools Week with our **Flurry of Fun on January 31**, with proceeds supporting Catholic education both at our school and in our Religious Education program. This year the event will be held at **KB's**, and with the change of venue comes a chance to “reset” and truly celebrate. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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

Sunday, Jan. 25 – *Catholic Schools Week begins*  
Monday, Jan. 26 – *Career/Vocations Day*  
    Welcome from Fr. Todd  
    8<sup>th</sup> Grade Takeover  
Tuesday, Jan. 27 – *Tropical vs. Cowboy Day* – Open House –  
    for potential families – RSVP required  
Wednesday, Jan. 28 – *Dress Your Best Day*  
Thursday, Jan. 29 – *Decades Day*  
Friday, Jan. 30 – *Jungle Book Day* – Open House all day  
    7:15 – 8:15 am Family Breakfast w/Pancake Bar  
    1:00 pm & 6:30 pm *The Jungle Book* presented by the  
    Missoula Children's Theatre &  
    St. Ed's students  
Saturday, Jan. 31 – *Flurry of Fun* –  
    5:30 pm "Carnival"  
        KB's in Ghent



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

## 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	\$ 590	\$1,923	(\$1,333)
Loose plate	\$ 446	\$192	\$ 254
Commodity	\$1,165		
Year-to-Date	\$66,305	\$71,385	(\$5,080)

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, February 1 – 10:30 am**  
Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen  
Servers: Elise Hennen, Leo Hennen  
Lector: Steve Van Keulen  
Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen  
Offertory Gifts: Rob & Caroline Hennen Family  
Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Schmidt, Darla Timmerman  
Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,400	\$6,654	(\$5,254)
Loose plate	\$ 172	\$192	(\$ 20)
Online Giving	\$1,413	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$183,065	\$198,539	(\$15,474)

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 31 – 5:30 pm**

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey  
Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki  
Lector: Claren Novotny  
Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris  
Ushers: Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft

**Sunday, February 1 – 8:30 am**

Sacristan: Ruth Bot  
Servers: Debbie Beisler, William Jones  
Lector: Julie Janiszewski  
Eucharistic Ministers: Shannon Evjen  
Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, 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.

★ Marissa Bauer	★ Vincent Laleman
Sister-in-law of Charles Bot	★ Julie Noyes
★ Mary Coquyt	★ Angela Schreiber
★ Kay Drown	★ Terry Schreiber
★ Francis DeSmet	★ Doug Sik
★ Eileen Differding	★ Joanne Sturm
★ David Fier	★ Madeline Swedzinski
★ Harper Gravely	★ Tony Traen
★ Missy Hennen	★ Brenda Verschelde
★ Jeremy Koelar	★ Parishioner's grandson

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – January 25

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a "made-to-order" omelette and hash brown breakfast to kick off Catholic Schools Week. It will be in the St. Edward basement from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. All are invited!

## KNIGHTS FREE THROW CONTEST

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held for boys/girls, ages 9-14, at Minneota Public School on Sunday, February 1. Sign up is at 12:30 pm and shooting will begin at 1:00 pm in the competition gym. There will be candy for all participants and plaques for the winners. Please come and shoot.

Contact Wayne Hennen with (605.391.3145) questions.

## SUNDAY F.I.R.E. (Families Involved in Religious Education – Adult & Older Teen Faith Formation)

Starting February 1, Deacon Jason will be teaching a 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics, which is how to explain and defend the Catholic faith. Deacon Bruce will also be leading some faith formation dates. The schedule is on the Good Teacher AFC website listed at the top of the bulletin.

We will continue to offer a light breakfast with time for fellowship, have the lesson and then have time for open group discussion. We meet Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

## CCW MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Plan to attend the St. Edward CCW Meeting on Monday, January 26, at 6:00 pm in the Knights' Hall.

We will have a report on events and collections done in the past few months as well as plan for future activities.

## **BUS DRIVERS WANTED!**

The school is looking for a few part-time bus drivers to take students to Dawson & Clarkfield each day and to drive for occasional field trips.

If you are interested in helping out or know someone who would, please contact Jaci Garvey.

## **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 10 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Becky Laleman



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

### **PRAY WITH THE POPE'S JANUARY INTENTION**

The Pope's January intention, which launches the project for Pope Leo, urges Christians to rediscover the "spiritual power of Sacred Scripture as a privileged place to encounter Christ."

"May our faith grow in the encounter with You [God] through Your Word," stated the Pope, "moving us from the heart to reach out to others, to serve the most vulnerable, to forgive, build bridges, and proclaim life." <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-01/pope-leo-xiv-january-prayer-intention-pray-with-pope.html>

### **MALL OF AMERICA EXHIBIT ~ VATICAN UNVEILED**

This month, from **January 10 through February 1**, the Mall of America is hosting a special exhibit featuring the largest collection of saint and papal artifacts outside of Rome.

Presented by the Archdiocese of St. Paul–Minneapolis for its 175th anniversary, the exhibit includes historical Papal Bulls, personal belongings of St. Teresa of Calcutta, Swiss Guard artifacts, and more.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn Church history, grow in faith, and experience the Catholic tradition in a public space. Learn more [HERE](#).

### **MARSHALL FOOD4KIDS**

Marshall Food4Kids, a non-profit weekend backpack food program, was founded in 2013 by members of area churches to help alleviate childhood hunger in Marshall. About 780 children participate on a weekly basis. Examples of non-perishable foods the program provides are granola bars, cereal, crackers, juice, raisins, and fruit cups.

They are sponsoring an area-wide fundraiser on *Sunday, February 1*. Please support them by attending. It will be a loaded baked potato bar at Living Word Lutheran Church. Build your perfect potato with toppings like bacon, broccoli, butter, cheese, chili, onions, peppers, salsa, & sour cream.

Serving from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm with suggested donation of \$10 – adults, \$5 – ages 5-12, and free – 4 & under.



## **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 – **February 7** 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. 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**

*Jan. 26: In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie*

*Jan. 27: In memory of Wanda Arends by Bob Buysse*

*Jan. 28: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family*

*Jan. 29: For an end to abortion by Marj Anderson*

*Jan. 30: In memory of Joanne Lanners by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners*

*Jan. 31: In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie, Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard by Allen Battle III*

*Feb. 1: In memory of Helen Marotzke by her family*

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.**

## **Fishing for People**

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

John  
Kingdom  
Andrew  
Good

News  
Boat  
Repent  
Come

Casting  
Galilee  
Sea  
Follow

Fishermen  
Nets  
Brother  
James

Simon  
Believe  
Father  
Luke

# 2025 USCCB Special Pastoral Message on Immigration



As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27).

As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

*To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!*

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs.

We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)*

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

The USCCB Special Pastoral Message on Immigration was issued on November 12, 2025, at the Fall Plenary Assembly of Bishops in Baltimore. It was approved by the general membership of bishops and released for immediate distribution.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/USCCB%20Special%20Message%20on%20Immigration.pdf>



## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Let us embrace this divine calling to unity, not as an abstract ideal but as a vital expression of our faith. In a world where the Body of Christ is wounded by divisions within and between traditions and confessions, the Apostle's call to unity is addressed to each of us, not only as separated church communities, but also as individuals within our communities.

By living in unity, we not only witness to the love and power of our Lord Jesus Christ but also embody the essence of His teachings. As we support one another and celebrate our diverse gifts and talents, let us reflect the heart of Christ and further His work on earth.

<https://www.dnu.org/localnews/2026/1/16/jan-18-25-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

