



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

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Sunday, August 3, 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Marge & Orville Hennen)

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

Wednesday, August 6

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Joe & Anita VanOverbeke)

7:30 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study Grades 9-12

Thursday, August 7

12:00 pm Convent Mass (John Klotz)

Friday, August 8

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mary Anne Vanleberghe)

Saturday, August 9

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Special Intention for James Cory)

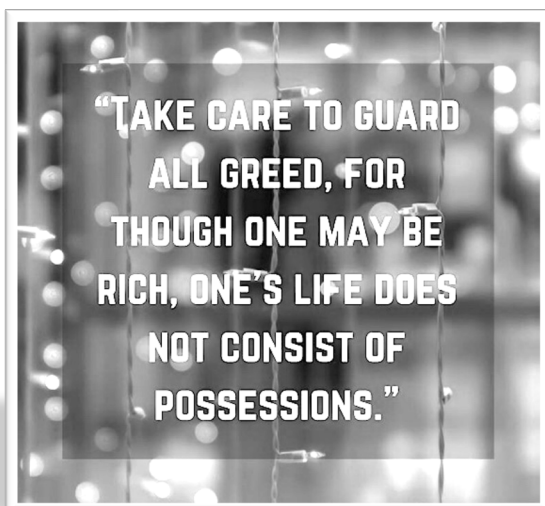
5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (Lincoln Lessman)

Sunday, August 10

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (L. Joe & Betty Claeys)

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Gerard & Mary Nuytten)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the final weeks before the return to school, I hope this summer has offered you moments of rest, renewal, and connection with loved ones.

This past week, I reached a personal milestone: I completed and published my book—*True Mercy Has Teeth*. By the grace of God (and with a little extra time from not having Masses at St. Edward these past two months), I've prepared the book in four formats to meet the preferences of different readers: paperback, hardcover, Kindle, and EPUB. Thankfully, once the paperback and hardcover were set, there was no additional cost to make digital versions available.

Each format requires its own ISBN number, and—oddly enough—it was cheaper to purchase ten ISBNs than two (don't ask me why two cost \$250, while ten cost \$285... I'm still scratching my head). The paperback is available through both Amazon's print service (KDP) and IngramSpark. The hardcover is produced through IngramSpark but also fulfilled through Amazon. The Kindle version is, of course, exclusive to Amazon.

I've ordered 50 paperbacks and 20 hardcovers at cost, some to give away and some to sell directly. However, Amazon fulfills customer orders before author orders, so those shipments are slightly delayed. I also plan to order more copies to share with my brother priests. Any modest royalties from book sales will help cover the ISBN fees and support the website I've launched: www.mercywithteeth.com ...as well as the connected blog: blog.mercywithteeth.com.

Reflecting on the past year, I recall wondering how I'd use the time while St. Edward was under renovation. What began as a small writing project grew into a labor of love rooted in five years of study, ministry, and prayer. This book is truly the fruit of that journey. It is deeply comforting to feel that I am responding to the grace the Lord has given me—and I sincerely believe the message will bring healing and hope to many, especially those who have suffered deeply.

So when someone asks me, "What did you do this summer?" I can now answer—surprisingly and a bit joyfully—"I wrote and published a book."

While I've joked before about writing a book—on weddings, funerals, or even a screenplay of my favorite Scripture passages—I never imagined I'd write something so close to my heart: mercy, healing, and forgiveness. But in hindsight, it makes perfect sense. My M.A. thesis was on mercy, and this book is its pastoral and practical companion—a lived theology.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers throughout this process. I look forward to sharing the fruit of this journey with you.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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August 11 – Workshop week begins for staff of the school
 Thursday, August 14 – Family Fun Fest beginning at 5:00 pm
 with a Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm in the gym.
 Wednesday, August 20 – School begins for Grades 1 – 8
 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	\$	\$1,923	(\$)
Loose plate	\$	\$192	\$
Year-to-Date	\$5,346	\$9,846	(\$4,500)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 10 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh
 Lector: Mike Van Keulen
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
 Offertory Gifts: Lois Noyes
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,913	\$6,654	(\$3,741)
Loose plate	\$117	\$192	(\$75)
Online Giving	\$530	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$7,064		
Year-to-Date	\$29,314	\$23,846	\$5,468

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 9 – 5:30 pm @ St. Eloi

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
 Servers: Audyn & Brisbyn Traen
 Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
 Eucharistic Ministers: Claren Novotny
 Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Cindy & Bruce Novotny

Sunday, August 10 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
 Servers: Ian & Noah Myhre, Elizabeth Garvey
 Lector: Fran Sturm
 Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Van Keulen
 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
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Brenda Vershelde

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

- ✠ For a closer union with Jesus and Mary
- ✠ For increasing faith and peace in the world
- ✠ That all children may have a place where they are treasured, protected, and loved.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED... St. Eloi Court 1081 Anniversary

All are invited to join us, St. Eloi Court 1081, in celebration of our 125th anniversary of our court here in Ghent on August 3! After our 10:30 mass, we will be serving a chicken salad sandwich meal. There will be a short program following the meal.

Please join us for food and fellowship!

SACRED HEART PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Program features an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus icon will be on display at St. Eloi in Ghent from July 24 – 30. Please take the time to visit this display.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 37 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Tim Gossen



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 GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief.

Through this 13-week session, you'll discover to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

The session begins Monday, August 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Holy Redeemer Gathering Space.

Any questions, call Pat at 507.829.0240 or the Holy Redeemer Church Office at 507.532.5711.

Stewardship Prayer to Christ the Good Teacher

O Christ, our Good Teacher,
You who taught us the way of love and sacrifice,

we turn to You with grateful hearts.

Guide us to be wise stewards of the gifts
You've given –

our time, our talents, and our treasure.

Teach us to give generously, as You gave al
for us, and to trust in Your abundant
providence.

Bless our offerings, O Lord, that they may
strengthen our parish, proclaim Your Gospel
and reflect the lessons of Your boundless
Sacred Heart.

We ask this in Your holy Name.

Amen

Radio Rosary

Aug. 4: In memory of David Schreiber by his family

Aug. 5: In memory of Laurence Louwagie by Ardyce

Aug. 6: In memory of Joe Van Keulen by Rosemary & family
by Diane Christopherson

Aug. 7: In memory of Dorothy & Al Lozinski
by Diane Christopherson

Aug. 8: In memory of Mary Ann Alcorn by her family

Aug. 9: For Greg & Diane Louwagie as they celebrate their
50th anniversary

Aug. 10: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends

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 – **August 9** 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

SAVE THE DATE for the Back-to-School Fun Fest

Kick Off to 87 years of Catholic Education

Meal prepared by Knights of Columbus: hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade french fries, rootbeer floats.

Free will donation.

All are welcome.

**ST. EDWARD
SCHOOL FUN
FEST**

**KICKOFF TO 87 YEARS OF
CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**AUGUST 14,
2025**

**5:30PM-7:30PM
SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

FREE WILL DONATION

**TOUR CLASSROOMS, MEET
STAFF, 6:00PM PARENT
MEETING, MEAL PREPARED BY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN US
FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD,
FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP**

C.O.F.F.E.E

Christ
Offers
Forgiveness
For
Everyone
Everywhere



Church is Fun

Word Search



Bible Word Scramble Puzzle

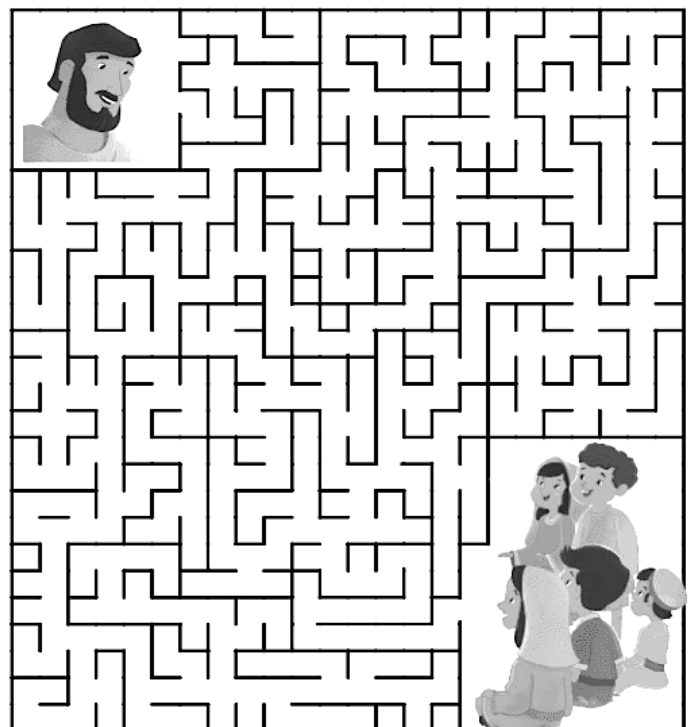
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Belief	Eternal	God	Hope	Patience
Blessings	Faith	Grace	Jesus	Peace
Christ	Faithfulness	Guidance	Joy	Salvation
Church	Forgiveness	Healing	Love	Spirit
Compassion	Friendship	Heaven	Mercy	Truth
Courage	Giving	Holy	Obedience	Wisdom

Jesus and the Children Maze

Help connect Jesus and the children.



peace

BE WITH YOU