



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



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## Sunday, May 10, 2026 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

*“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*



Alleluia. Christ is Risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!



### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, May 11

7:30 am Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

#### Tuesday, May 12

7:00 am Convent Mass (Maggie Berstrom)

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

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday, May 13

7:00 am Convent Mass (Bob Truwe, Sr.)

10:30 am **No School Mass at St. Edward**

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

#### Thursday, May 14

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

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Mary DeSmet)

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

#### Friday, May 15

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Alice Radtke)

#### Saturday, May 16

8:00 am Convent Mass (Joe Van Keulen)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

#### Sunday, May 17

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Betty Rolling)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Retirement Reception for Dan Sik &

Welcome for Dominik Jennen as custodian at St. Edward

Coffee & rolls outside after Mass at St. Edward

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Beth Brewers)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we are honored to recognize our graduating seniors. My prayer for each of them is that they discern God's will and pursue a path that uses their gifts and talents in a way that best honors Him. True success is not measured by wealth, possessions, or even relationships, but by living in accordance with God's will. Nothing brings greater or more lasting joy. I pray that every graduate finds that joy in the Lord.

We also honor our mothers this weekend. Anna Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe advocated for the establishment of such a day as early as the 1870s, and in 1914 it was officially recognized as a national holiday. Interestingly, the first Mother's Day celebrations had a strong liturgical character, and Anna Jarvis herself later opposed its commercialization. (That said, husbands and children, please do not take that as an excuse not to celebrate your wife or mother!) Mother's Day invites us to recognize the unique and irreplaceable role of mothers—to thank them, to honor them, and to pray for those who have gone before us.

At the same time, we remember the many women who have exercised a kind of spiritual motherhood in our lives. In his apostolic letter *Mulieris Dignitatem*, St. John Paul II beautifully reflects on this reality:

*“Spiritual motherhood takes on many different forms. In the life of consecrated women... it can express itself as concern for people, especially the most needy: the sick, the handicapped, the abandoned and, in general, people on the edges of society. In this way a consecrated woman finds her Spouse... ‘As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me’ (Mt 25:40).”*

Spiritual motherhood is a powerful and often hidden gift—one that reflects Christ's own love poured out for others. Whether in marriage, consecrated life, or daily acts of charity, this maternal love reveals the heart of God. Thank you, mothers of our parishes!

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, May 20 – Last day of school (noon dismissal)  
 Graduation Mass at 6:00 pm

## 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)

*Let all the earth  
 cry out to God with joy.*

## ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,265	\$1,923	(\$2,342)
Loose plate	\$200	\$192	\$8
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$92,233	\$108,308	(\$16,075)

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 17 – 10:30 am – Ascension Sunday**

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse  
 Servers: Xavier Rabaey, Toby Wambeke  
 Lector: Jennifer Rabaey  
 Musicians: John Rabaey  
 Offertory Gifts: Dale & Lila Schmidt  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen  
 Cup: Karla Engels, Shirley Maeyaert  
 Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,270	\$6,654	(\$4,384)
Loose plate	\$165	\$192	(\$27)
Online Giving	\$1,165	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$286,878	\$301,231	(\$14,353)

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 16 – 5:30 pm**

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen  
 Servers: Bryce Gorecki, Jules Gossen  
 Lector: Mary Ann Christensen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris, Claren Novotny,  
 Fred Rabaey  
 Ushers: Rod Abraham, Jerry Kloos, Mike Longtin, Scott Thoof

**Sunday, May 17 – 8:30 am – Ascension Sunday**

Sacristan: Joe Callens  
 Servers: Debbie Beisler, William Jones  
 Lector: Kevin Swedzinski  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Engels, Dylan Evjen  
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Joe Callens, 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
- ★ Mary Coquyt
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Basil Englert
- ★ David Fier
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Jamie Jelen
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Madeline Swedzinski
- ★ Tony Traen
- ★ Brenda Verschelde
- ★ Jean Wambeke

### St. Edward Eighth Grade Graduates – who are they?

*My name is Deborah Beisler. My parents are Cynthia and Edward Moorse. I have attended St. Edward's School for nine years. My favorite memory was last year on the 8th graders' last day because the entire day, everybody was just goofing around and having so much fun without a care in the world.*

*In my years going to St. Edward's, I have grown not only physically but also mentally. Because of the people around me, I have grown not just in my learning but also in my faith and creativity. I would never choose to change the way I grew up in this school, and I am so proud of who we as 8th graders have become.*

*My name is Emmalee Jones, but everyone calls me Emma. My parents are Nathan and Kacie Jones. I have gone to St. Ed's for 6 years off and on. My favorite memory from school is the last day of school last year. Because Debbie and I were the only ones there out of 5th-8th grade, and we got to clean Mrs. Horner's and Ms. Novotny's classrooms all day.*

*Over the years, I have progressed in school, getting higher grades in classes I might not have been doing so well in the year before. I've also grown in my faith. With the help of all my teachers and my parents, I have been able to grow closer to God and the people around me.*

*My name is Reed Sorensen, and my parents are Janice and Richie Sorensen. One of my favorite memories here at St. Edward's is my 3rd grade lunch table. I have attended St. Edward's since Kindergarten, so for nine years. My favorite year at St. Ed's was definitely my 5th grade year. It was my first year in middle school. There were only 16 kids in 5-8th grade, so I was involved in everything like Mardi Gras, the Stations of the Cross, etc. We had gym with all the grades, and overall, it was the most fun year at St. Edward's.*

*If I hadn't gone to St. Ed's I would not have my relationship that I have with God, so I am very thankful. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who have helped me through my journey.*

### RETIREMENT & WELCOME RECEPTION

After serving as the custodian at St. Edward School & Church for a number of years Dan Sik is retiring at the end of May. Please join in thanking him for his service on Sunday, May 17, after Mass outside at St. Edward. Also, please welcome Dominik Jennen as Dan's replacement.

### TOTUS TUUS BACK IN SUMMER OF 2026!

We are hosting Totus Tuus June 27 – July 3, 2026. If you are able to help or have questions, please contact RE Director Corissa Van Keulen at [www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com](mailto:www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com).

### **CCW HANDOUT ~ Please take one and read it**

After Mass on May 10 the CCW will be sharing a free pamphlet regarding "the hidden graces you miss at every Mass." Thank you for taking one of these pamphlets. It is a list of 20 gifts we are given at Mass. Read it with your family and rediscover the miracles that we may miss in our routines and distractions at the next Mass.

### **2026 SUMMER CARE**

Summer care for your 5-12 year old children. The cost is \$36 per day. Meals & snacks are included. Staff will walk your children to summer recreation events in Minneota. This will be held at St. Edward School from Monday, June 1 – Friday, August 14, from 7:15 am – 6:00 pm. For more information call the school at 507.872.6391 or email [info@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:info@stedscatholicschool.com).

### **CHOICES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

St. Edward CCW is working with Choices Pregnancy Center for their Baby Bottle Drive. Fill a baby bottle with change or grab a baby bottle bookmark that has a QR code to donate online.

Baby bottles and bookmarks will be available to pick up after the 5:30 Mass Saturday, May 9, and the 8:30 Mass Sunday, May 10. Fill with your extra change and when full you can deliver them to Choices Pregnancy Center located at 1212 East College Drive, Suite 2, Marshall MN. They can be delivered between Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Every moment counts when a woman goes looking for solutions to her unexpected pregnancy. Help make sure she finds Choices Pregnancy Center, now open in Redwood Falls and Marshall MN. She will receive:

- Free ultrasound so she can see the baby she carries.
- Factual information on all of her options.
- Connection to the resources she has available.

Your spare change can bring her Choices sooner!  
If you cannot make it to Marshall to drop off your baby bottle, please contact Mary Myhre at 507.828.2521.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for your incredible support during my cancer journey this past year. I am so grateful for your many prayers, visits, cards, and words of encouragement. It's hard to express how blessed I feel.

God is great! Brenda Verschelde

### **SUMMER HOURS**

The parish office summer hours will begin on Friday, May 22. Caren will be out of the office on Fridays for June, July, & part of August.

### **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 25 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Jenny Buysse

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

#### **POPE LEO'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION**

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

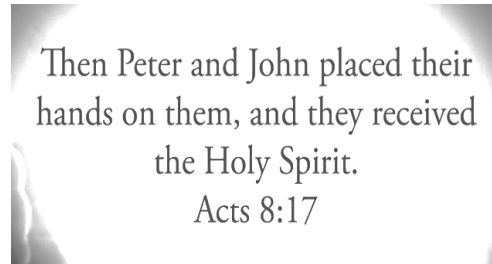
### **INVITATION FROM HOLY REDEEMER**

#### **– Mary Mother of God Area Faith Community**

A program entitled "Healing Hidden Wounds" will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026, with a 5:30 pm Mass followed by a light supper with guest speaker, Melissa Neumann, at 6:45 pm.

Melissa is a Catholic convert who will share her powerful journey from childhood abuse, trauma, and abandonment to discovering joy and identity as a daughter of God. She speaks about how Jesus healed hidden wounds through confession and how Mary led her closer to Him in the Eucharist.

Free event at Carlin Hall – all are welcome!



#### **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 – **May 16** Margrit Rabaey 507.828.1756

(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**

*May 11:* In memory of Frank DeSleer by Dan & Arlene Markell

*May 12:* In memory Helen Wambeke by Terry Hennen

*May 13:* In memory of Fran Viene by Jerold & Catherine Drager

*May 14:* In memory Gene Thooft by his family

*May 15:* For the living & deceased members of the George & Audrey Bakker family by the family

*May 16:* In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Wade & Rosa Seiffert

*May 17:* In memory of Oscar G. & Alice Louwagie by their 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.

*May we be at peace in our hearts.*

*May we be at peace in our homes.*

*May we be at peace  
with one another.*

*May we imagine, and pray,  
for peace in our world.*

# Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14: 16

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

Father Ask Forever      Show Love Accept      World Command Orphans      Obey Live Myself      Counselor Spirit Truth

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 Unscramble the letters and write the word correctly in the space provided.



John 14:16

1. OBYE \_\_\_\_\_
2. LVOE \_\_\_\_\_
3. ISPTRI \_\_\_\_\_
4. SWHO \_\_\_\_\_
5. UESSJ \_\_\_\_\_
6. OWRDL \_\_\_\_\_
7. TRUHT \_\_\_\_\_
8. RTAFEH \_\_\_\_\_

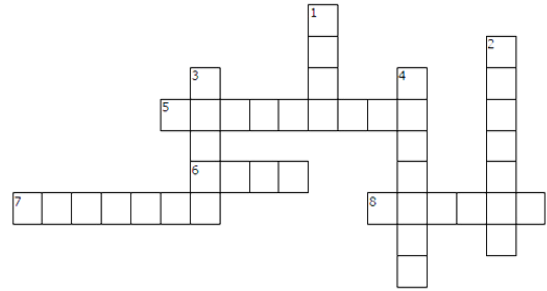
FATHER	OBEY	JESUS	TRUTH
WORLD	SHOW	SPIRIT	LOVE

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 This puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV)



John 14:16



### ACROSS

5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOWN

1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

FATHER	FOREVER	WORLD	LOVE
COUNSELOR	LIVE	COMMAND	ORPHANS



O God,  
 from whom all good things come,  
 grant that, by your inspiration,  
 we may discern what is right,  
 and by your merciful guiding may do it;  
 through Jesus Christ  
 who is alive with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
 Amen.

COLLECT - EASTER 6

Shalom aleichem

*Peace be upon you*