



Good Teacher Area Faith Community

St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

“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 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 am Convent Mass (Jackie Dubbledee)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartment (Jim DeCock & family)

Wednesday, January 14

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 7/8 (Marilynn Pagel)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Anthony Callens & living & deceased family)

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 15

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Fran Sturm)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Helen Wambeke)

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

Friday, January 16

6:00 am TMY Knights' Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Pat & Agnes Haas)

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Deceased parents of David & Diane Hennen)

Saturday, January 17

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Tom Swedzinski)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Germain & Marian Hoffmann)

- 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Steve Przymus)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – *What Relativism is Covering Up*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Rustin Gorecki)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday marks the liturgical conclusion of the Christmas season as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord (though in some places the season formally concludes with the Feast of the Presentation on February 2).

We recall that Christ's baptism was not the Sacrament of Baptism as we receive it, but rather His baptism by John sets the model for our own. In entering the waters, Christ sanctifies them, so that through Baptism original sin is washed away and we are restored to a life of grace. In this moment, Christ is revealed as Savior and fully identifies Himself with humanity.

This Sunday afternoon, we are hosting the Diocesan Forgiveness Retreat. Please keep all who are attending and assisting in your prayers. May the Lord help each of us grow in forgiveness and bring healing where it is needed.

I would like to offer a special thank-you to Omer Laleman, who has made a very generous gift to St. Edward. Rather than waiting to make this gift at the time of his passing, he wished to offer it now so that he could see the good that will come from it. After speaking with him, it seems best that we hold this gift for the time being and allow it to serve as a strong beginning for the much-needed renovation of the church basement—a project we will need to begin planning and fundraising for in the not-too-distant future. Thank you, Omer, for your generosity and trust.

I am deeply grateful for both the ordinary and extraordinary stewardship shown by our parishioners. Our regular Sunday contributions are close to where they need to be to remain on budget, and extraordinary gifts—such as those from Omer and Arnie Bot—allow us to invest wisely and be prepared for unexpected or larger expenses. I encourage you to remember the church and school in your wills, or to speak with a tax accountant or financial planner about ways to make a gift that benefits both you and our parish.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

And there came a voice
out of the cloud, saying,
This is my beloved Son:
hear him.

Luke 9:35

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

Open Gym Saturday, January 10 9:00 – 11:00 am
Children (ages 2 – 8) and their favorite adult
Monday, Jan. 19 – No School for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Sunday, Jan. 25 – Catholic Schools Week begins
Saturday, Jan. 31 – Flurry of Fun

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	\$1,110	\$1,923	(\$813)
Loose plate	\$215	\$192	\$23
Commodity	\$1,589		
Christmas	\$2,685		
Year-to-Date	\$63,028	\$66,462	(\$3,434)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 18 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Leo Hennen, Gregory Rabaey
Lector: Doug Maeyaert
Musicians: John Rabaey
Offertory Gifts: Robert & Kathy Gorecki
Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Brewers, Don Senden
Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,970	\$6,654	(\$684)
Loose plate	\$392	\$192	\$200
Online Giving	\$1,125	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Christmas	\$1,485		
Year-to-Date	\$175,917	\$184,846	(\$8,929)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 17 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Sam & Charlie Myhre
Lector: Mary Ann Christensen
Eucharistic Ministers: Nate Welsh
Ushers: Rod Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft

Sunday, January 18 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
Servers: Jacob & Mariah Loyson
Lector: Tina Myhre
Eucharistic Ministers: Seth Myhre
Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszewski, 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	★ Julie Noyes
Charles Bot	★ Angela Schreiber
★ Kay Drown	★ Terry Schreiber
★ Francis DeSmet	★ Doug Sik
★ David Fier	★ Joanne Sturm
★ Harper Gravely	★ Madeline Swedzinski
★ Missy Hennen	★ Brenda Verschelde
★ Jeremy Koelar	★ Parishioner's grandson

THE 2026 ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP!

Envelopes for 2026 are in the church basement. Please pick up your envelopes; and if you see someone else's that you could deliver, please do so. Thank you!

DONATIONS RECORD FOR 2025

If you need a copy of your donation record, please contact Caren before January 20, 2026.

CALENDARS FOR 2026

The church calendars for 2026 are in the back of church. Feel free to pick one up for yourself and a friend.

EXODUS 90 – For all interested men

Men – do you desire to be a better husband, a better father, and a better man for others – check out Exodus 90. Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men based on Christ's roadmap to freedom: prayer, self-denial, and fraternity. It starts on January 5, 2026, and ends on April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday.

You can check it out for yourself at Exodus90.com. If interested or for more information contact, Joseph Callens at 507.828.2894 or joseph.callens67@gmail.com.

FORGIVEN RETREAT ~ This Sunday at St. Edward

Are you desiring to encounter the Lord's love, mercy, and healing in a deeper way? This half-day retreat is an opportunity to renew our understanding and love for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession).

Over time, this Sacrament can come to seem like an obligation or only needed for very big sins. The reality is that the Lord desires to meet us regularly with His mercy and healing and does this in an unparalleled way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Join us on **Sunday, January 11, at St. Edward's in Minneota from 2:00 – 7:30 pm** to be renewed in this gift and to receive deeper healing. The day will include presentations, shared meals, small groups, Q&A with a priest, and an opportunity to go to Confession and receive prayer with prayer teams during a Eucharistic Holy Hour.

Register online for free at dnu.org/worship. Please prayerfully consider who in your life you could invite to come with you! Questions? Contact the Office of Worship at worship@dnu.org or 507.233.5320.



KITCHEN ANGELS FOR ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

We would like to create a group called "Kitchen Angels." The purpose of this roster is to be contacted should we need to prepare donated produce for the school lunch program or do a little extra cleaning in the food preparation area. Our School Head Cook, Cynthia Moose, will be supervising these activities.

Enrolling in the Kitchen Angel roster does not mean you're obligated to take each case or peel each vegetable. You would be contacted by e-mail or called, when produce is donated and helpers needed, and if you're interested/available, you would respond back to volunteer for a couple of hours.

Please let Cynthia or the school (872.6391) know if you have any questions and/or if you're interested in joining this roster!

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

We meet Sundays from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota. Video links and schedule can be found on goodteacherafc.com under "Religious Education — Sunday FIRE" if you're not able to join us.

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 8 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Dan Sik

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>

MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE – January 22, 2026

There will be a Prayer Service for Life at 10:30 am on January 22, 2026, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. The annual March for Life will take place from 12:00 – 12:30 pm and program from 12:30 – 1:00 pm on the Capitol building steps.

Area CCW and KCs from southwest Minnesota are sponsoring a bus so there is no cost to attend. It will leave from Marshall at 6:30 am, stop in Redwood Falls at 7:15 am, stop in Olivia at 7:45 am and Glencoe at 8:30 am. Contact Lori Timmerman at 507.476.0070 to reserve a spot.

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](#).

Dress4ACause

Wondering what to do with those prom dresses hanging in your daughter's closet? Dress4ACause is a prom and party dress donation and consignment fundraiser benefiting Marshall Food4Kids, helping provide nutritious weekend snacks to local children.

Gently used dresses may be donated (no fee) or consigned, with a public dress sale beginning Saturday, January 17, 2026. Drop-offs are happening now in Marshall, with expanded hours and a new location starting in January. For event updates and details, join the Dress4ACause Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/14SNQVoB3gg/>.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR ROOTED IN FAITH

Let your New Year soundtrack be Real Presence Radio, connecting you to Christ and your Catholic community. *Tune in to 89.5 FM in Montevideo.*



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 – **January 24** Travis Welsh 507.829.0986
(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. 12: In memory of Mary Mamer
by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Jan. 13: In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie
by Tony & Ruth Louwagie

Jan. 14: In memory of Eric Hennen
by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Jan. 15: In memory of Robert Bottelberghe by Terry Hennen

Jan. 16: In memory of John & Marie Anton & deceased family by Clem & Alice Anton

Jan. 17: In memory of Gordy & Carolyn Boerboom
by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Jan. 18: For deceased members of the Lawrence Steffes family by Diane Christopherson

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.**

The Baptism of Jesus Christ

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

BAPTIZED	JESUS	PLEASED
DOVE	JOHN	SON
FULFILL	JORDAN	SPIRIT
GALILEE	LOVE	VOICE
HEAVEN	OPENED	WATER

The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Complete the activity.

1. A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus came from Galilee to the _____ river to be baptized by _____ . At first, John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be _____ by you," he said.

But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize _____ .

After his baptism, Jesus came up out of the _____. The _____ opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a _____ and settling on him. A _____ from heaven said, "This is my _____, whom I love; with him I am _____."

Matthew 3:13-17 (Paraphrased)

Son	heavens	voice	well-pleased	John
Jesus	baptized	Jordan	water	dove



Holy God,
you sent your Son to be **baptized among sinners**,
to seek and save the lost.
May we, who have been baptized in his name,
never turn away from the world,
but **reach out in love** to rescue the wayward;
by the **mercy** of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the **Holy Spirit**,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.



The Surrender Novena: History, Meaning, and an Invitation to Trust

The Surrender Novena is a beautiful and consoling prayer rooted in the spirituality of Don Dolindo Ruotolo, a holy priest from Naples, Italy. Living from 1882 to 1970, Don Dolindo's life was marked by profound suffering—misunderstandings, unjust accusations, physical illness, and long periods of isolation. Yet through every trial, he clung to a radical trust in Jesus, teaching that true peace is found not in control, but in complete surrender to God's loving will.

This message of surrender is especially timely for the faithful today, and it offers particular encouragement to all of us striving to live their vocation with faith, generosity, and hope amid the responsibilities of daily life.

The Origin of the Surrender Novena

The Surrender Novena comes from interior words Don Dolindo received during prayer, which he understood as coming directly from Jesus. In these words, Jesus gently but firmly invites souls to stop worrying, stop planning outcomes, and stop carrying burdens that belong to Him alone. Instead, He asks for trust...simple, childlike trust.

Each day of the novena returns to the same refrain: "**O Jesus, I surrender myself to You; take care of everything.**"

This prayer expresses the heart of Christian discipleship. Surrender is not weakness or passivity; it is a courageous act of faith that allows God to work freely and powerfully in our lives.

Why Pray the Surrender Novena?

The Surrender Novena is a remedy for anxious hearts. It speaks directly to those who feel overwhelmed by family responsibilities, work, health concerns, relationships, or the future. Jesus' words in this novena remind us that worry closes the door to peace, while surrender opens the soul to grace.

You will find the Surrender Novena on the following page – use this as a guide for the next 9 days.

