



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

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FORMED: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Monday, September 1 – Labor Day – No School

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

### Tuesday, September 2

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Louis J. Claeys)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Jim DeCock)

### Wednesday, September 3

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Carol Vermeesch)

### Thursday, September 4

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Fr. Tony Stubeda)

### Friday, September 5

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(All St. Edward Alumni & Families)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Putts Boerboom)

### Saturday, September 6

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Paula Brewers)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi

(Deceased parents of Ben & Jan Bot)

- 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Tiana Rupp & Ethan Mathys wedding at St. Eloi

### Sunday, September 7

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Harold & Mary Ann Buysse)

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Jack Hennen)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend, it's a fitting time to reflect on the nature of work and rest, labor and recreation. This isn't just an abstract idea—it speaks to the very core of who we are as human beings.

I recently listened to a podcast about company culture where the speaker mentioned that many in China follow a 6-12 schedule—working six days a week, 12 hours a day. I found myself wondering what was left for a social life, exercise, religious practices, or even adequate sleep. If someone works 9 am to 9 pm and has a commute, work consumes nearly every waking hour.

In contrast, our 40-hour workweek seems to provide a healthier balance between work and personal life. But for those whose jobs demand more hours—or for those balancing multiple jobs—it's even more critical to care for emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs.

True rest is essential. It's not just about "vegging out" in front of the TV or simply lounging all day. Leisure—in the true sense—means engaging in activities that restore and re-create us. That's why some people find deep peace in tending a garden (even though it looks like work to others), why others lose themselves in a good book, create a beautiful meal, or are moved by music that refreshes the soul.

In those moments of real rest, we often find clarity, insight, or renewed strength for our work. I hope each of us can identify one or two things that bring that kind of renewal. Labor, prayer, rest, recreation—and repeat—can make for a happier, holier life.

Please also keep our flooring and pew crews in your prayers, that they may finish in time for our parish festival. I'm hopeful we won't need folding chairs for the Masses on September 13–14, and that our church will be ready to welcome everyone home. With only two weeks to go, it will be close!

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

do good  
TO THOSE  
who cannot  
REPAY YOU.  
Luke 14:13&14

## 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

Tuesday, September 2 – Preschool begins  
Friday, September 5 – Alumni Mass of Gratitude at 10:30 am

**God, in your goodness,  
you have made a home  
for the poor.**

*Psalm 117:1, 2*

### 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	\$1,185	\$1,923	(\$738)
Loose plate	\$159	\$192	(\$33)
Year-to-Date	\$11,652	\$19,692	(\$8,040)

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, September 7 – 10:30 am**

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen  
Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey  
Lector: Doug Maeyaert  
Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen  
Offertory Gifts: Donnie & Julie Schuelke  
Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Dan Sik  
Ushers: Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

### ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,808	\$6,654	(\$3,846)
Loose plate	\$117	\$192	(\$75)
Online Giving	\$1,193	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$2,039		
Year-to-Date	\$59,401	\$54,769	\$4,632

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 6 – 5:30 pm @ St. Eloi**

Sacristan: Claren Novotny  
Servers: Jules Gossen, Gabe Ludwikowski  
Lector: Tim Gossen  
Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris  
Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny

**Sunday, September 7 – 8:30 am**

Sacristan: Ruth Bot  
Servers: Jacob & Mariah Loyson  
Lector: Terry Van Keulen  
Eucharistic Ministers: Shannon Evjen  
Ushers: Mike Vlaminck, John Sumerfelt

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to Elaine Marie Cmejla, daughter of Cole & Natalie, born on Thursday, July 24, 2025, and baptized at St. Eloi on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

Ellie – “You are a child of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in His sight. Before God made you, He knew you.”  
Psalm 139:13, 14

Welcome to Myles Joseph Steffl, son of Nick & Allison, born on Saturday, August 16, 2025, and baptized at St. Eloi on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

Myles – “...Let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”  
Acts 2:38

### 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
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Julie Noyes
- (Tim & Betty Gossen's granddaughter)
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Brenda Verschelde
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer

### 2025 ALUMNI MASS OF GRATITUDE

**Celebrating 87 years of Catholic Education**

All alumni of St. Edward School are invited to attend this Mass on Friday, September 5, 2025. Mass will be at 10:30 am, followed by lunch, fellowship with alumni, staff, students, and tours of school.

Honored guests will be alumni from graduating classes of 1950-1960. Invitations have been sent to alumni from classes of 1950-1960 whose contact information we have. If you know of alumni from 1950-1960 who have not received an invitation, please let the school know.

RSVP to [dderynck@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:dderynck@stedscatholicschool.com), or call the school at 507.872.6391.

### DID YOU HEAR???

Did you hear that, you have just been called to teach Religious Education? Classes will be starting Wednesday, September 10. If you are being called to serve your children & parish, we need you. We need catechists for grades 3, 5, 8, & 10.

You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained. VIRTUS training locations & dates are posted on [dnu.org](http://dnu.org) site.

A VIRTUS training session has been added on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm at the Korner Stone Kravings – the address is 220 1<sup>st</sup> St. W. Canby, MN.

To answer this call to serve, contact Religious Ed director Corissa Van Keulen at her email address [www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com](mailto:www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com)

## FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Sunday, September 14  
Serving from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm  
~ Roast Pork with all the trimmings ~  
Carnival: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Silent Auction ❖ Cake Walk ❖ Country Store

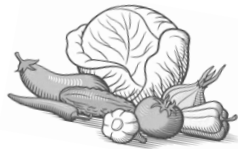
### FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Adam & Sara Gorecki (Sara: 507.828.2626)  
Jared & Nicole Longtin (Nicole: 507.530.7266)  
Jerik & Shannon Gossen (Shannon: 605.310.9920)  
If you have questions, contact one of these people.

**PRODUCE NEEDED:** Cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and cabbage are needed for the Fall Festival meal. These produce items can be delivered to the church from Wednesday, September 10 through Friday, September 12, by 2:00 pm.

If you have these items to donate, please contact Nicole Longtin at 507.530.7266. We have been short cucumbers & cabbage the past few years, so by contacting us, we will know how much we need in addition to the donations.

Thank you so much!



### 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.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Once again there will be a cash raffle this year with weekly drawings throughout the year.



Tickets cost \$50 with a limited number available (400). You may buy one or more tickets. If your ticket is drawn for a particular Sunday, it will be placed back in the drawing for an opportunity to win more than once.

Each weekend the winner will be announced in the bulletin. The winnings will be \$100 per week with special winnings on Christmas and Easter of \$1,000 and \$250 on Mother's and Father's Day.

Tickets will be on sale at the SCRIP table after Mass each week as well as at the church office through November 16. The first drawing will be Sunday, November 23.

Let's make this raffle a huge success!

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 10

We're excited to invite you to join our weekly Bible study, a special time to dive into God's Word, share meaningful insights, and grow deeper in faith together. It is entitled *Walking with Purpose: Touching the Divine* and it is centered on the Gospel of John.

The study will begin September 10, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. The book can be purchased on Walking With a Purpose website:

<https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/products/touching-the-divine-bible-study-second-edition>

Please order your book soon so you have it for the first night. Also, let Nikki Traen (507.828.2912) or Sara Gorecki (507.828.2626) know if you are going to attend so plans can be made for the correct number of women.

### CCW MEETING

There will be a St. Edward CCW meeting on September 22, at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Hall.

The Deanery 2 meeting will be held on Monday, September 15. Watch for more details.

### 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.

### MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP 2027

All students currently enrolled at Minneota Public School in grades 8 – 12 are eligible to attend the next mission trip in June of 2027.

We fundraise for two years prior to our trip so we have begun to fundraise for the 2027 trip. If you or your child are interested in attending the 2027 trip reach out to Emily Hennen, emhaugland@hotmail.com or 507.828.6797.

### YEAR OF WINNING

Week 41– Congratulations! The winner is ... Stephanie Sweden



## 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>

*God loves us,  
God loves you all,  
and evil will not prevail.*

~ Pope Leo XIV

### AREA FALL FESTIVAL

Cottonwood, Church of St. Mary ~ Sunday, September 7

9:30 am Mass with special music

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings

(Cold Stone Ice Cream Cups for dessert)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In; No deliveries

Adults - \$15; Kids (5-12) - \$10; Kids (4 & under) – Free  
Take-outs - \$15

## NEW VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

There has been a Virtus training session added on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm. It will be held in Canby at Korner Stone Kravings. The address is 229 1st St W.

Please make sure teachers and catechists are trained before the school year starts or soon after. There are several other classes also scheduled. Fall coaches should be trained before they start coaching.

## REAL PRESENCE RADIO – Our Fall Live Drive is Here!

Join us September 9 – 11, from 7 am – 7 pm each day, for *Real Stories, Real People, and Real Faith* on your local Catholic radio station.

Support Real Presence Radio by tuning in at **89.5 FM** or calling **877-795-0122**.



## 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 – **September 6** 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

*Sept. 1:* In memory of George & Audrey Bakker by their family

*Sept. 2:* In memory of Sylvester Gawarecki by Mike & Lorraine Weverka

*Sept. 3:* In memory of Bill Deutz by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

*Sept. 4:* In memory of Kate Thooft by Terry Hennen

*Sept. 5:* In memory of Bob Tillemans by Dave & Diane Hennen

*Sept. 6:* For the deceased members of the Lawrence Steffes family by Diane Christopherson

*Sept. 7:* In memory of Joe Van Keulen by Rosemary & 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.**

God of Healing, I pray you will stir something deep within me and others to stand up to violence and hatred whenever we encounter it. Empower me and others to speak out and remain firmly in the gap for the weak and the oppressed.

I know I can't change anyone, Lord, only you can do that. Awaken people and open their eyes to what is happening and be unsettled about it. Bring strength for people to combat violence and hatred with peace and accountability. We can do nothing without you, O God, so we pray for you to do your work in us, and through us.

I pray this in the Almighty name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## The Great Feast (Luke 14:16-24)

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

Apologies  
Parable  
Feast  
Roads  
Room

Crippled  
Servant  
Field  
Full

Excuses  
Dinner  
House  
Lame

Invited  
Master  
Lanes  
Oxen

Married  
Blind  
Order  
Poor



*peace*  
BE WITH YOU

## St. Edward Liturgical Schedule for September & October ~ 2025

*Reminder to please find your own replacement if you can't make your scheduled date.*

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### ***Saturday, September 6 – 5:30 pm – at St. Eloi***

*Sacristan:* Margrit Rabaey  
*Servers:* Audyn & Brisbyn Traen  
*Lector:* Shannon Gossen  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Jeff Buysse  
*Ushers:* Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlaminc

#### ***Sunday, September 7 – 8:30 am – Church basement***

*Sacristan:* Joe Callens  
*Servers:* Charity & Debbie Beisler, William Jones  
*Lector:* Shannon Evjen  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Dylan Evjen  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

#### ***Saturday, September 13 – 5:30 pm***

*Sacristan:* Claren Novotny  
*Servers:* Violet Vlaminc, Eva Skorczewski  
*Lector:* Eriann Faris  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Fred & Margrit Rabaey  
*Ushers:* Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlaminc

#### ***Sunday, September 14 – 8:30 am – Fall Festival***

*Sacristan:* Ruth Bot  
*Servers:* Naomi & Declan Evjen, Wyatt Guza  
*Lector:* Dylan Evjen  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Neal Bot, Seth Myhre  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

#### ***Saturday, September 20 – 5:30 pm***

*Sacristan:* Mary Ann Christensen  
*Servers:* Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki, Jules Gossen  
*Lector:* Mary Ann Christensen  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Ann Longtin  
*Ushers:* Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlaminc

#### ***Sunday, September 21 – 8:30 am***

*Sacristan:* Terry Van Keulen  
*Servers:* Elizabeth Garvey, Ian & Noah Myhre  
*Lector:* Teresa Myhre  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Becky Engels  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

#### ***Saturday, September 27 – 5:30 pm***

*Sacristan:* Cindy Novotny  
*Servers:* Niara & Stella Gorecki  
*Lector:* Hilary DeVlaeminck  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Mary Ann Christensen  
*Ushers:* Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlaminc

#### ***Sunday, September 28 – 8:30 am***

*Sacristan:* Fran Sturm  
*Servers:* RJ & Reed Sorensen  
*Lector:* Lisa Hennen  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Mary Myhre  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

### **OCTOBER**

#### ***Saturday, October 4 – 5:30 pm***

*Sacristan:* Margrit Rabaey  
*Servers:* Gabe Ludwikowski, Sam Myhre  
*Lector:* Nate Welsh  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Claren Novotny  
*Ushers:* Rod & Ross Abraham, Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman

#### ***Sunday, October 5 – 8:30 am***

*Sacristan:* Joe Callens  
*Servers:* Mariah & Jacob Loyson  
*Lector:* Fran Sturm  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Fran Sturm  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

#### ***Saturday, October 11 – 5:30 pm – at St. Eloi***

*Sacristan:* Claren Novotny  
*Servers:* Jules Gossen, Charlie Myhre, Eva Skorczewski  
*Lector:* Fred Rabaey  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Deb Thooft, Nate Welsh  
*Ushers:* Rod & Ross Abraham, Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman

#### ***Sunday, October 12 – 8:30 am***

*Sacristan:* Ruth Bot  
*Servers:* Charity & Debbie Beisler, William Jones  
*Lector:* Kevin Swedzinski  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Kevin Swedzinski, Terry Van Keulen  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

#### ***Saturday, October 18 – 5:00 pm***

*Sacristan:* Mary Ann Christensen  
*Servers:* Audyn & Brisbyn Traen  
*Lector:* Claren Novotny  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Eriann Faris  
*Ushers:* Rod & Ross Abraham, Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman

#### ***Sunday, October 19 – 5:30 pm***

*Sacristan:* Terry Van Keulen  
*Servers:* Naomi & Declan Evjen, Wyatt Guza  
*Lector:* Joe Callens  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Dawn Vlaminc  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

#### ***Saturday, October 25 – 8:30 am***

*Sacristan:* Margrit Rabaey  
*Servers:* Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki, Violet Vlaminc  
*Lector:* Tim Gossen  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Jeff Buysse  
*Usher:* Rod & Ross Abraham, Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman

#### ***Sunday, October 26 – 5:30 pm***

*Sacristan:* Fran Sturm  
*Servers:* Elizabeth Garvey, Ian & Noah Myhre  
*Lector:* Cynthia Moore  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Joe Callens  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

