



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

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Sunday, October 18, 2026

The Twenty-ninth 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, October 19 – No School at St. Edward

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

Tuesday, October 20

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donna Maeyaert)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (M S Timm)

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

7:30 pm Finance Council Meeting – St. Edward

Wednesday, October 21

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5 & 6 (Sr. Angela Schreiber)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Joe & Kay Rabaey)

5:30 – 6:15 pm Religious Ed for Grades 1 – 5

6:30 – 7:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 6 – 11

5:30 pm Women's Bible Study – church basement

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

Thursday, October 22

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward

(Joe, Jeanette, Bob & Tom Bretschneider)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Renee Neiber)

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

Friday, October 23

6:00 am TMIIY – Knights' Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Omer Laleman)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Bill Drown)

Saturday, October 24

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Larry DeSmet)

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

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, October 25

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(Germain & Marian Hoffmann)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Cardinal Virtues - Fortitude*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi

(For the People)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

A special welcome to my relatives who are joining us this weekend as we gather for a family reunion following the 10:30 Mass at St. Eloi. We have had several funerals since our last real celebration together, so it is especially good to gather again and celebrate the gift of family.

Recently, I finished reading *Exorcising Halloween* by Charlie Fraune. It was a fascinating read, particularly because his central argument is that Halloween is, at its heart, a profoundly Catholic holiday. There are many attempts to portray Halloween as having purely pagan origins, but Fraune argues that the historical connections are often tenuous and that much of what is presented as ancient pagan tradition is based on speculation or more recent reconstructions. Many modern pagan movements, including Wicca and various neo-Druid traditions, draw upon fragments of ancient history, sometimes filling in the gaps with practices that cannot be reliably traced to antiquity.

We see a similar tendency when people try to explain Christmas and Easter primarily through pagan origins, sometimes overlooking or dismissing their deep roots in the Christian faith and the Church's liturgical life. It is worth examining these claims carefully rather than simply accepting the assumption that our Catholic celebrations borrowed their meaning from paganism.

At the same time, Fraune makes an interesting point about our willingness to engage with the macabre—that is, images and reminders of death. For Catholics, remembering death need not be morbid or something to fear. It can remind us of our own mortality and the importance of preparing for eternity. We can even mock death, not because it is insignificant, but because Christ has conquered it. Death is not the final word for those who belong to Him. At the same time, we are called to reject evil and pursue holiness.

Viewed in this light, Halloween, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day form a beautiful three-day observance. Halloween prepares us for the solemnity of All Saints' Day, when we celebrate those who have attained the fullness of life with God. All Souls' Day then turns our attention to those who have died and for whom we pray, especially the souls undergoing purification in purgatory. Together,

these days invite us to examine our own lives, seek conversion, celebrate the saints who show us the way, and pray for those who have gone before us.

As we approach these days, we will soon have our Book of the Dead available for you to write the names of loved ones for whom we will pray in a special way during the coming weeks. What a beautiful expression of our faith and of the communion we share with those

"SHINE LIKE LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD,
AS YOU HOLD ON
TO THE WORD OF LIFE."

who have died! As we enter our churches and see these names, let us remember them in prayer and ask the Lord to bring them into the fullness of His heavenly kingdom.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
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St. Edward School: www.stedscatholicsschool.com

St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Monday, Oct. 19 – No School; Staff Faith Formation

Friday, Oct. 23 – Noon dismissal – End of Quarter

Thursday, Oct. 29 – Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15 – 7:00 pm

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon)

Call 507.829.4785 to verify Mass time.

Vespers: 5:45 pm (Monday – Friday) 6:00 pm (Sunday)

Eucharistic Adoration: 6:15 – 8:15 pm (Monday – Friday)

5:00 – 6:00 pm (Sunday)

7:00 am – 8:30 pm (Saturday)

*So that people may know from
the rising to the setting of the sun
that there is no one besides Me.
I am the Lord, and there is no one else,
Isaiah 45:6*

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$680	\$1,923	(\$1,243)
Loose plate	\$137	\$192	(\$55)
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$23,300	\$37,500	(\$14,200)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 25 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Elise Hennen, Trent Welsh

Lector: Brad Hennen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Travis & Jessica Welsh Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Karla Engels, Shirley Maeyaert

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,135	\$6,731	(\$3,596)
Loose plate	\$232	231	\$1
Online Giving	\$1,155	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$1,609		
Year-to-Date	\$87,465	\$104,423	(\$16,958)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlaminck

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Rabaey

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Mike Longtin, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, October 25 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Naomi & Declan Evjen

Lector: Cynthia Moorse

Eucharistic Ministers: Neal Bot

Ushers: Rick Bot, Charlie Callens, Richie Sorensen, 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.

★ Joel Bill

Son-in-law of Pat Hebrank

★ Matt Coequyt

★ Dawson Doyscher

Nephew of Carey Doyscher

★ John & Pat Drown

★ Don Duis

Relative of Jeanette DeCock

★ Brihanna

Becky Engels' great niece

★ Chris Kronabetter

Nephew of Brenda Verschelde

★ Lori Nuytten

Daughter-in-law of Sandy

★ Stacey Rubertus

Niece of Julie Janiszewski

★ Madeline Swedzinski

★ Tony Traen

★ Jean Wambeke

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

✠ For an increase in vocations.

✠ For renewed faith and hope for those who feel lost or distant from God.

✠ For an increase in the virtues of faith and Christian witness in daily life.

✠ For the protection of human life and for openness to the Gospel.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Do you hear that?! You have just been called to be a substitute catechist for Religious Education! You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained. There are several trainings available on the dnu.org site.

To answer this call to serve, contact RE Director Corissa Van Keulen www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com.

Thanks for saying YES!

SUNDAY FIRE ~

Families Involved in Religious Education

Next week will be episode #3 where Dr. Sri will teach the Cardinal Virtue of Fortitude. We meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Knights' Hall. Please join us for any of the lessons, no registration or commitment required. The video links are also on the AFC website if you can't make it.

To see the Sunday FIRE schedule and video links, visit <https://www.goodteacherafcre.com/fire>.

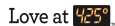
PARISH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Our registration page for the Parish Directory is up and ready! You can register at UCdir.com using the Church Code "mn695" and Church Password "member695."

Photo appointments are 10-minute slots with the photographer. If you are a family of six or more, would like to have intergenerational photographs taken, or simply want a little more time for your photos, you are encouraged to register for two consecutive slots.

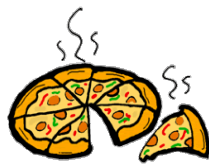
Photo days will be November 17–19 at St. Edward in KC Hall and November 20–21 at St. Eloi, either in the gathering space or the basement. You may register for photos at either parish. Good-quality photographs may also be submitted for a \$15 fee. Those who submit a family photograph will receive a directory as well.

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If you have any questions, please contact;
Jessica Welsh at 507.828.8404

**SUPPORT
ST. EDWARD
WITH FAMILY
DINNER**



- ★ Pepperoni ~ \$19
- ★ Cowboy ~ \$22
- ★ Chicken Garlic ~ \$22
- ★ Papa's All Meat ~ \$22
- ★ Papa's Favorite (Pepperoni, Sausage, Gr. Beef, Mushrooms, Onions, Green Peppers, Black Olives) ~ \$22
- ★ Herb Chicken Mediterranean (Thin) ~ \$22
- ★ Chicken Bacon Artichoke ~ \$22
- ★ Hawaiian ~ \$20
- ★ Cheese ~ \$18
- ★ Chicken Garlic ~ \$22
- ★ Garden Veggie (Red Sauce) ~ \$22
- ★ Gourmet Veggie (White Sauce) ~ \$22
- ★ Kids Favorite (Half Pepper/Half Cheese) ~ \$19
- ★ Pumpkin Shaped Pepperoni ~ \$13
- ★ 5 Cheese Bread ~ \$7
- ★ Garlic Knots w/sauce ~ \$8
- ★ Cinnamon Wheel w/frosting ~ \$7
- ★ Gluten Free Medium - Cheese ~ \$15
- ★ Gluten Free Medium - Cowboy ~ \$19

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Pizza Selection	Quantity	Price	Subtotal
		TOTAL	

*If you need more space to add to order, put it on the back of the form and indicate, "More on back."

If you have some to share, please bring them to the church basement and put them in the walk-in cooler as soon as you can. Or, call Jo Coover (507.530.4103). Thank you!

Count Your Blessings



For more than 100 years, CCW has given women a place to grow closer to Christ, discover their gifts, and make a real difference in their parish and community. Each of our

meetings begins with prayer, and as Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, our Diocesan CCW Spiritual Advisor, reminds us, prayer draws women more closely into union with Christ. Whether it's serving a funeral lunch, supporting our Catholic school and religious education students, standing up for life, or simply sharing coffee and conversation after Mass, CCW is where faith turns into action and friendships turn into sisterhood. From helping with parish events and fundraisers to reaching out to those in need, the women of CCW support St. Edward in countless ways, big and small.

There's a place for you here! Whether you're a young mom, a busy professional, a newcomer to the parish, or a longtime member looking for a new way to serve, you don't need special skills or lots of free time, just a willing heart.

CCW offers opportunities in spirituality, service, leadership, respect for life, support for our school and religious education programs, and more, so you can get involved in whatever way fits your life and your gifts. Come see what it's all about! **Join us at our next meeting on Monday, November 16, at 6:30 pm in the Knights' Hall,** or reach out to Deb Thoof at 507.530.1231 or sjthoof@mvtvwireless.com to learn more. Bring a friend, too. You might be surprised how much you'll gain by giving.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 48 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Steve Laleman

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

PRO-LIFE BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 25, in Holy Redeemer Church basement, Marshall, sponsored by Choices Pregnancy Center of Marshall. Pancakes, eggs, and sausage will be served along with a beverage.

Free will offering. Serving from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Enjoy!

Autumn Harvest Prayer

**Dear Lord of the Harvest,
Thank you for the beauty of fall
And the joy of the harvest.
Open our eyes to the spiritual
harvest around us
So we can faithfully gather many
Into your Kingdom of love and
grace.**

Shalom aleichem

Peace be upon you

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 – **October 31** Janell Laleman 507.828.9351
(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

Oct. 19: In memory Beatrice Weverka

by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

Oct. 20: In memory of Steve Geary by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

Oct. 21: In memory of Tom Louwagie by Dan & Donna Hoffman

Oct. 22: In memory of Francis & Dorothy DeMuth

by Larry & Rosemary DeMuth

Oct. 23: In memory of the George & Audrey Bakker Family

by their Children & grandchildren

Oct. 24: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot

by their family

Oct. 25: For the families of Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

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.

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."
Matthew 22:21

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

Words
Taxes
Plans
Teacher

Disciples
Amazed
Give
Integrity

Opinion
Replied
Trap
Truth