



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



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Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

“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, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Kate Thoof)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Souls in purgatory)

6:00 pm Education Committee

7:30 pm St. Edward Finance Council

Wednesday, March 18

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 3/4 (Fran Sturm)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Joe Van Keulen)

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

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

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

Thursday, March 19

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (James Novosad)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Gary Nuytten & Family)

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

Friday, March 20

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Remi & Irma Callens)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mary DeSmet)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Edward

Saturday, March 21

12:00 pm Convent Mass (John Brewers)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward

(Deceased family of Jim & Andrea Opdahl)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Apologetics

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi

(Shirley, Frank & Dolores, Richard Sussner)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Laetare! Rejoice! This weekend is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which means we are well over halfway through this penitential season. Our Lenten sacrifices and prayers are meant to help us grow in holiness. And if we feel that we have not grown as much as we hoped, there are still a few weeks left to renew our efforts.

Last weekend I announced at all the Masses that we would begin a fundraising process for the air handler at St. Eloi. The current air handler, which converts the steam heat from the boiler into hot air and circulates it throughout the church, is at least seventy years old. While it is still functioning, it is aging, and the parts needed to maintain it are becoming increasingly rare and expensive. If it were to fail, we could rely on the mini-splits for a short time, but they are not an efficient way to heat the entire church.

We contacted Edi-Dolejs, who assisted with the addition, to provide a proposal. Their estimate for parts and labor is approximately \$210,000.

We have been blessed to receive some very generous gifts, especially from Arnie Bot and Ray Bot. However, the parish council agrees that it would be wise to preserve those bequests for true emergencies. For that reason, we will begin raising funds specifically for the replacement of the air handler. Gifts of any amount are deeply appreciated. If you would like to make a one-time gift or pledge support over the next year or two, please prayerfully consider doing so. We will also try to organize a few additional ways to support this effort, so please watch the bulletin or the entrance of St. Eloi for more information.

At the same time, we will begin discussing a larger campaign at St. Edward as well. We know there are significant issues that need attention in the church basement, especially the floor and the water that seeps in during heavy rain or snowmelt. The kitchen also needs some updates. However, we have been advised that the efflorescence—the bubbling and peeling paint—in the kitchen area should be addressed sooner rather than later. The council will discuss this at our next meeting.

Once again, I am deeply grateful for your generosity. Even as we

face these larger expenses, we must also continue supporting the day-to-day operations of our churches and school. These expenses may not be as visible as major renovations, but they are what allow our parish life to continue and flourish. Without a healthy parish and school community, investing in buildings would make little sense.



As your pastor, I accept your contributions as a sacred trust. You entrust these gifts to the Church in faith, and it is my responsibility to ensure they are used wisely—not frivolously or carelessly, but prudently and always with the awareness that these offerings are your gifts of faith to God. May your trust be honored.

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

St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Sunday, March 15 – PreK & Kindergarten Round-Up

Thursday, March 19 – Early out at 1:00 pm

Saturday, March 21 **Open Gym** 9:00 – 11:00 am

Children (ages 2 – 8) and their favorite adult

Friday, March 20 – No School

Friday, March 27 – Science Fair (Grades 5-6)

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)

ONE THING I KNOW

I was blind, but now

I See.

John 9:25

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,150	\$1,923	(\$773)
Loose plate	\$226	\$192	\$34
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$80,693	\$88,615	(\$7,922)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 22 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Gregory & Xavier Rabaey

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Musicians: Sisters

Offertory Gifts: Dan & Shari Maeyaert

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt

Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Trey Nelson

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$5,675	\$6,654	979)
Loose plate	\$123	\$192	(\$69)
Online Giving	\$835	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$2,000		
Year-to-Date	\$245,959	\$246,462	(\$503)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: William Jones, Charlie Myhre

Lector: Mary Ann Christensen

Eucharistic Ministers: Claren Novotny

Ushers: Don & Luke Gorecki, Jackie Laleman, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, March 22 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre

Servers: Wyatt Guza, Noah Myhre

Lector: Tina Myhre

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Engels

Ushers: Rick Bot, 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.

- ★ Marissa Bauer
- Sister-in-law of Charles Bot
- ★ Mary Coquyt
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Basil Englert
- Lisa Hennen's uncle
- ★ David Fier
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Jamie Jelen
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Landon Pohlen
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Madeline Swedzinski
- ★ Tony Traen
- ★ Brenda Verschelde
- ★ Jean Wambeke

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

March 15 2:00 – 2:30 pm – Arrival

2:30 – 3:30 pm – Q & A time for parents

If you have a child entering pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, you may want to attend this round-up. You will meet the Music Teacher, the Librarian, the PE Teacher, and explore the Montessori classroom along with visiting with Principal, Jaci Garvey.

For more information, contact the school at 507.872.6391.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd **materials making** day from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Saturday, March 21.

Enter through door #3. The ladies will be in the Level III Atrium next to the library. We welcome anyone who wants to learn about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or simply wants to help us with this mission of the school.

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

A 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics continues.

Apologetics help us explain and defend the Catholic faith. Deacons Jason & Bruce will lead us.

Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

HOLY WEEK MESSAGE FOR ST. ELOI PARISHIONERS

We need six volunteers to take part in the "washing of the feet" during the Holy Thursday Service. If you would be willing to volunteer, please let me know!

Thanks! Mary Jo

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The St. Edward Knights of Columbus are hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 27, at St. Edward Church.

Serving will be from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

Adults: \$15 Kids (ages 4-12): \$10 Kids (3 & under): Free
Proceeds will go to the St Edward's School.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

We will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive from February 21 – April 1. Boxes will be in the back of church for your donations.

There is a need for canned goods – soups, fruits, vegetables, & spaghetti sauce – as well as taco items, mac & cheese, & packaged items. Baking supplies are also needed.

Besides food cleaning supplies, toilet paper and other paper products along with hygiene products – male & female – are needed.

Items need to be in original packaging and unopened.

Cash is always welcome (checks made out to Marshall Table Food Shelf).

Boxes will be in the back of church so please bring your donations in anytime during the week or at the weekend Masses.

Any questions can be directed to Bonnie Laleman – 507.828.5703.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER!

Please help decorate St. Edward and St. Eloi for the Easter season by donating towards Easter lilies and other spring flowers as a remembrance of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked Easter Flowers on an envelope and place in the collection basket.

ONLINE GIVING REMINDER

Parishioners of St. Edward – remember you can give your church donations online!

It's a simple process to set up. If you're interested in this easy way to donate, contact Caren at the church office.



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 17 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Sue Pohlen



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR

Loss of a Spouse is a 2-hour seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm, at Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Space, Marshall.

The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small group sharing time. You'll learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and how to find the strength to go on.

For more information, call Holy Redeemer Parish at 507.532.5711.

Ladies Evening of Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday, March 22, the St. Peter CCW will be having a salad supper and Deacon Jason Myhre will speak on the sacraments of healing: reconciliation & anointing of the sick.

This will be held in the St. Peter Social Hall in Canby from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. There will be a free will offering as well as a time for Q & A after the talk.

CCW DEANERY 2 SPRING GATHERING

**"HIS KINDNESS
GIVES US HOPE"**

You are seen. You are valued. You are not alone.



Please join us:

Deanery 2 Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Spring Gathering

April 7th, 2026 - Registration 5:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:15 PM

Mass at 5:30 PM – Meal 6:30

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Murdock, MN

Followed by:

Guest Speaker from

Safe Avenues

Willmar, MN

Registration Fee is \$15.00 per person.

All Women are Welcome!!

Please register with your CCW President by April 1st
(Fee may be paid by your CCW)

Please bring canned goods or pantry items for donation for Safe Avenues

Supporting strength, courage and recovery.

2026 NUDCCW ANNUAL CONVENTION

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its 65th Annual Convention at the Church of St. Michael in Morgan on April 25, 2026.

The theme of the Convention is "Grow in God's Love: His Love Stands Firm Forever". The day will begin with registration and breakfast at 7:30 am followed by a business meeting, keynote speaker, Women of the year award, and the Holy Mass.

Lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon speakers, the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will speak on "The Genius of Women", the role of women in the home and in society. The day will conclude with some inspiration from the National CCW convention and with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 pm. There will be a silent auction, various displays, vendors, religious article suppliers, available for shopping.

The keynote speaker in the morning is Jessica Bartholomew, founder and Executive Director of ACT United (Anti Child Trafficking). Their mission is to unite communities in prevention and ignite youth leadership in the movement to end online exploitation and trafficking of children and teens. She will share how their outreach and mission teams reach kids, teens and communities to reduce risk factors and increase health and safety.

Join us for a day of prayer, education, and opportunity to socialize with the women of the Diocese of New Ulm. Registration information can be found at www.nudccw.org.

PORK LOIN DINNER

Milroy, Church of St. Michael ~ Sunday, March 22

Pork loin dinner with all the trimmings
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In
or call 507.828.2171 for takeout



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 – **March 21** Lisa Hennen 605.391.2748
(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

- Mar. 16:* In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie, Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard by Allen Battle III
- Mar. 17:* In memory of Don Maeyaert by Dan & Shari
- Mar. 18:* In memory of Dorothy & Bill Stake by Madeline Swedzinski
- Mar. 19:* In memory of Greg Cattoor by David & Diane Hennen
- Mar. 20:* In memory of Gary & Jason Timmerman by Pat
- Mar. 21:* In memory of Don Wyffels by Angie
- Mar. 22:* In memory of Clarence Lipinski by his 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.**

THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Holy Week Schedule of Services

- March 28 & 29, Palm Sunday – Regular Weekend Schedule**
- April 2, Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm St. Eloi**
- April 3, Good Friday – 12:00 pm St. Eloi**
3:00 pm St. Edward
- April 4, Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm St. Edward**
- April 5, Easter Sunday – Regular Sunday Schedule**

Family Lenten Activities

1. Have an additional meatless day one day this week (not just Friday).
2. Volunteer some of your time to help at church, school, or home.
3. Clean up a mess that somebody else made (without complaining).
4. Memorize a prayer that you don't already know by heart.



**Forgive, O God,
the offences of your people,
that through your goodness
we may be freed
from the bonds of the sins
which in our frailty we have committed;
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

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

Blind	Eyes	Spit	Pool	Wash
World	Sinned	Sight	Night	Born
Home	Mud	Life	Opened	Light
Siloam	Parents	Received	Birth	Ground

St. Eloi Liturgical Schedule for April & May ~ 2026

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

If a Deacon is present for Mass, the Eucharistic Minister will not be needed.

APRIL – 2026

Holy Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 pm

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey

Lector: Brad Hennen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Mike & Angie Monnet Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

Good Friday, April 3 – 12:00 pm

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Mike Van Keulen

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Monica Senden

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 4 – 8:30 pm

Mass will be at St. Edward

Lectors: Bernie DeCock & Steve Hennen

Easter Sunday, April 5 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey

Lector: Doug Maeyaert

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Mark & Cindy Nelson

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt

Cup: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

Sunday, April 12 – 10:30 am – First Communion

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Monica Senden

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: First Communion Students

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

Cup: Karla Engels, Shirley Maeyaert

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

Sunday, April 19 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse

Servers: Xavier & Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Bernie DeCock

Musicians: Sisters

Offertory Gifts: Lois Noyes

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

Sunday, April 26 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Xavier Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Betsy Jo Kack

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Sandy Nuytten

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

MAY – 2026

Sunday, May 3 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Karla Engels

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: John & Jennifer Rabey Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

Sunday, May 10 – 10:30 am – Baccalaureate

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Gregory & Xavier Rabaey

Lector: Doug Maeyaert

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Graduates

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

Sunday, May 17 – 10:30 am - Ascension

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

Sunday, May 24 – 10:30 am – Pentecost

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Steve Van Keulen

Musicians: Sisters

Offertory Gifts: Donnie & Julie Schuelke

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

Cup: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

Monday, May 25 – 9:00 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Xavier Rabaey, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Monica Senden

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: American Legion Members

Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Sussner, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

Sunday, May 31 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Xavier & Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Brad Hennen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Dan & Deb Sik

Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Sussner, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

