



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



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## Sunday, February 22, 2026 The First 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, February 23**

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

#### **Tuesday, February 24**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jane Louise)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Special Intention)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

#### **Wednesday, February 25**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward κ (Campbel Polejewski)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Myron & Bernice Kloos)

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

#### **Thursday, February 26**

7:00 am Mass at Convent

(Shirley, Frank & Dolores, Richard Sussner)

7:00 am **No Mass at St. Edward**

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

#### **Friday, February 27**

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

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

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

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

#### **Saturday, February 28**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Duane & Marian Sarbaum)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Jules & Beth Gossen)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

#### **Sunday, March 1**

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

(Putts Boerboom)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

We begin this First Sunday of Lent with the account of the Lord’s temptation in the wilderness. After His baptism, Jesus entered the desert for forty days of fasting and prayer. The length of time is not accidental—it echoes the forty years the Israelites wandered in the desert. For a full generation they struggled to leave behind their longing for Egypt—its “flesh pots” and comforts—and to learn obedience and trust in the Lord.

Christ enters the desert not to be purified from sin or sinful attachment—He is without sin—but to prepare more fully for His public ministry of preaching and healing, and ultimately to walk the path to the Cross, where He would die and rise for our sake.

At the end of those forty days, Satan comes to tempt Him with very human temptations. Jesus must have been hungry, yet Satan urges Him to turn stones into bread. Jesus is destined to draw crowds, yet Satan tempts Him to gain fame by throwing Himself from the parapet of the Temple. Finally, from a high mountain—traditionally associated with the cliffs overlooking ancient Jericho—Satan promises Him all the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship.

Our Lord resists every temptation by clinging to the truth of Scripture. As the Son of God, He was not internally divided or drawn toward sin; the temptations remained external. Yet He shows us how to respond—with clarity, truth, and fidelity.

We, on the other hand, experience temptation both externally and internally. The way we respond often depends on its source. When temptation is external, we can remind ourselves of the truth—just as Jesus quoted Scripture—and, when necessary, remove ourselves from the people, places, or situations that lead us toward sin.

When temptation is internal, the remedy is deeper intimacy with the Lord: faithful prayer, regular Confession, worthy reception of Holy Communion, and surrounding ourselves with people who strive for virtue. We must also remember that temptation itself is not sin. It becomes sin when we deliberately entertain it, feed it, or consent to it.

This Lent, let us work to remove the sources of temptation in our lives, seek growth in virtue, and rely confidently on the grace that the Lord freely gives.

Fr. Todd

In Christ,



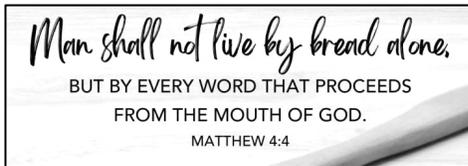
## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
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 St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

**Open Gym** Saturday, February 21 9:00 – 11:00 am  
 Children (ages 2 – 8) and their favorite adult  
 Monday, Feb. 23 – Catholic United Raffle Tickets final turn-in day  
 Wednesday, Feb. 25 – Early out at noon – State Wrestling  
 Thursday, Feb. 26 – No School – State Wrestling

## 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               | \$980           | \$1,923         | (\$943)          |
| Loose plate         | \$167           | \$192           | (\$25)           |
| Commodity           | \$800           |                 |                  |
| <b>Year-to-Date</b> | <b>\$72,001</b> | <b>\$81,231</b> | <b>(\$9,230)</b> |

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 1 – 10:30 am**  
 Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen  
 Servers: Elise Hennen, Leo Hennen  
 Lector: Bernie DeCock  
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen  
 Offertory Gifts: Confirmation Students  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Sussner, Darla Timmerman  
 Cup: Dan Sik, Corissa Van Keulen  
 Ushers: Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Trey Nelson

## ST. EDWARD

| Weekly              | ACTUAL           | BUDGETED                           | DIFFERENCE     |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Adult               | \$3,653          | \$6,654                            | (\$3,001)      |
| Loose plate         | \$280            | \$192                              | \$88           |
| Online Giving       | \$1,541          | *Added to the adult envelope total |                |
| Commodity           | \$7,164          |                                    |                |
| <b>Year-to-Date</b> | <b>\$225,469</b> | <b>\$225,923</b>                   | <b>(\$454)</b> |

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, February 28 – 5:30 pm**  
 Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey  
 Servers: Jules Gossen, Violet Vlaminck  
 Lector: Shannon Gossen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Longtin  
 Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

## Sunday, March 1 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot  
 Servers: Debbie Beisler, Wyatt Guza, William Jones  
 Lector: Lisa Hennen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Van Keulen  
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, 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
- ★ Missy Hennen
- Sister-in-law of Charles Bot
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Mary Coquyt
- ★ Jamie Jelen
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Eileen Differding
- ★ Landon Pohlen
- ★ Basil Englert
- ★ Doug Sik
- Lisa Hennen's uncle
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ David Fier
- ★ Madeline Swedzinski
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Tony Traen
- ★ Brenda Verschelde

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

A 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics began in February. 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.

### 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.

### ARE YOUR CUPBOARDS LOOKING BARE? ~ LAST CHANCE ~

There are a multitude of containers down in the basement that need to be picked up by their owners. That might be you!

Please check the basement to see if any of those containers belong to you. Anything that is left will be donated to the Thrift Store next week.

### SCHOENSTATT GIRLS GROUP

There will be a Schoenstatt Girls Meeting on Monday, February 23, from 3:00 – 4:15 pm in the Knights' Hall.

## WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT – Feb. 27 - Mar. 1

“Lent – Finding Hope in Suffering”

Though we cannot avoid suffering, we are called to live with hope. When we take up our cross and follow Jesus, God can bring good from it. 1 Peter 5:10 promises God will restore, strengthen, and establish us after we have suffered for a little while.

Join us this Lenten season so discover a deeper understanding of suffering—and to be transformed by God’s grace. Fr. Joe Vogel will be the spiritual director. Dcn. Mike McKeown and Sr. Maria Johanna are presenters.

Begins Friday, February 27, with supper at 6:00 pm and concludes Sunday, March 1 at noon.

Mark your calendars with the date of the Lenten Retreat.

Register [HERE](#) or call 605.398.9200 or email:

[events@abbeyofthehills.org](mailto:events@abbeyofthehills.org)

For more information contact Lisa Hennen (605) 391-2748 or Dawn Vlaminck (507) 530.4287.

### 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 14 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Steve Laleman



## HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

### POPE LEO'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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

### FFA WAFFLE FEED – FEBRUARY 22

The Minneota High School FFA will be hosting their annual waffle feed on Sunday, February 22, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm in the high school cafeteria

There will be waffles with eggs & sausage along with made-to-order omelettes.

Come out and support your local FFA!

### CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will have a meeting in the St. John Cantius Church Basement on Friday, March 6, following the 9:00 am Mass.

All are welcome to attend.

### REAL PRESENCE RADIO

Journey with us to prepare for Easter

Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. Tune in on 89.5 FM in Montevideo or listen online at [RealPresenceRadio.com](http://RealPresenceRadio.com).



## 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 7** 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

Feb. 23: In memory of Delores DeVos by Terry Hennen

Feb. 24: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

Feb. 25: In memory of Gary Timmerman by Pat

Feb. 26: In memory of Ron & Eileen Doom by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Feb. 27: In memory of June Vierstraete by Bob Buysse

Feb. 28: In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie, Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard by Allen Battle III

Mar. 1: In memory of Don Maeyaert by Madeline Swedzinski

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.**

## LENT & EASTER

### ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS



Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

### PALM SUNDAY



Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

### HOLY THURSDAY



Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

### GOOD FRIDAY



We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

### EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN!



Alleluia!  
The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

Easter is an 8 day celebration leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

### DAYS OF FASTING

ASH WEDNESDAY  
GOOD FRIDAY

#### WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal and two smaller meals.

### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY  
GOOD FRIDAY  
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

#### WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat.

# 40

The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

**PILLARS OF LENT**  
PRAYER  
FASTING  
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.



