



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



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Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Presider's Intention)
3:00 pm Apartment Mass (Laurence Stienessen)

Wednesday, March 15

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 3 & 4 (John Dero)
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Mary Bernardy)
5:30 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5
6:30 pm Religious Education Grades 6-12
6:30 pm Holy Hour of Adoration
7:30 pm Choir practice in the choir loft

Thursday, March 16

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Katherine Olafson)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Donata DeBruckere)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward
6:00 pm St. Eloi Administrative Council

Friday, March 17

5:45 am TMIY
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Rich Kimpe)
12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Rita VanDorpe)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Marian Sarbaum)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Charles & Mary Buysse Family)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday Fire – *Forgiven: Embraced in mercy*
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Don Maeyaert)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend in our Gospel, we hear of the Samaritan woman at the well. There are so many potential points of contemplation. The largest perhaps is the model that Jesus provides. He is thirsty for her faith and asks questions and leads her to a deeper faith, all the while not condoning her sins and errors, but seeking to reconcile her to God.

This model is one that perhaps flies in the face of many people's perception of Jesus. Perhaps you have heard some of these – "Jesus would be holding the hand of the woman obtaining an abortion" or that Jesus blesses those in same-sex relationships. Yes, Jesus loves and forgives. But He calls all to repentance. He does not condone sin, and yet He does love the sinner.

Currently, so many identify with their sin – to condemn the sin is to condemn them. That is a lie from Hell. People are more than what they do, good or bad. We are called to love all people. But that love does not extend to what they do.

Perhaps consider the following: imagine your child (those who are parents) destroys your house through an act of stupidity. Do you stop loving your child, or do you say that the destruction their choice brought about was okay? More likely, you are going to assure your child that you will always love him or her, but that you are not pleased. The same is true for God. He loves us with a love that is irrevocable – He cannot call it back. But He is all perfect and hates all sin.

He desires the repentance of sinners but allows them the consequence of their choices. If they refuse to repent, He allows them to be separated from Him for eternity. But while there is still hope, He is drawing us out, inviting us to change. Like the Lord at the well, He will always ask questions that will lead us to question our decisions and invite us to change.

This Tuesday is the 30th anniversary of my mother's father's death. These last years, my awareness and appreciation of his love has deepened. He had a quiet way of just being there for us. While I probably was more of a pest than help, he seemed to enjoy my wanting to spend time with him. He in reality was more of a father to me. Because of this, I encourage all of us to express our gratitude toward all who have helped us.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

LENT
PRAY + FAST + GIVE

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,480.00	\$2,110.26	(\$630.26)
Loose	\$215.00	\$146.15	\$68.85
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$93,799.01	\$81,061.40	\$12,737.61

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 19

Sacristan: Lila Schmidt

Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Doug Maeyaert

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Brewers, Shirley Maeyaert

Musicians: John Rabaey Family

Offertory Gifts: Brian & Darla Timmerman

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,520.00	\$4,829.92	(\$1,309.92)
Loose	\$189.00	\$153.85	\$35.15
Commodity			
Online Giving	\$828.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$201,935.33	\$187,993.94	\$13,941.39

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 18

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Noah & Niara Gorecki

Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck

Eucharistic Minister: Claren Novotny

Ushers: Jackie Laleman, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlaminc, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, March 19

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Naomi Evjen, Elizabeth Garvey, Ian Myhre

Lector: Cynthia Moorse

Eucharistic Minister: Terry Van Keulen

Usher: John Sumerfelt

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 – Thursday)

6:15 – 7:30 pm (Friday) Rosary: 7:15 pm (Friday)

Eucharistic Adoration: 5:00 – 8:15 pm (Sunday)

CHILDREN'S ADORATION – Sunday, March 19

There will be a children's adoration time in the Sisters' chapel on Sunday, March 19, from 6:30 – 7:15 pm.

Children's adoration with the Sisters consists of meditations and prayers in front of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as plenty of singing! It is a time to learn how to have a personal relationship with Jesus, and a way to prepare our hearts as Holy Week draws near.

All children are welcome!

RSVP requested but not necessary.



ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey

Secretary: Trudy Banks

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Monday, March 13 – Early dismissal at 1:10 pm

Sponsorship of St. Edward School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family and friends of Doug Pohlen who passed away on Sunday, February 19. His funeral was held on Friday, March 10. May God's peace be with you at this time.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelations 21:4

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

✠ For the return of fallen away Catholics

✠ For world peace and justice

✠ For healing in body, mind, and soul

✠ For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life

COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP – St. Eloi

Our cookie and fellowship tradition in our gathering space continues with your help.

Would you be willing to bring 6 dozen cookies for a Sunday or two? If you would like to help out, please contact Sandy Nuytten at 829.9690 (or email her at snuytten@frontiernet.net).

We need volunteers after April 16.

ST. ELOI COF FOOD COLLECTION

St. Eloi COF Court 1081 will be collecting food and cash donations for the Marshall Food Shelf from now until March 26.

There is a box in the back of church for your non-perishable food donations. If you would like to give cash or write a check, please give to Julie Schuelke. Make checks payable to Kitchen Table Food Shelf.

Items desperately needed are soups, rice, pasta and rice side dishes, tomato sauce, taco shells, and baking supplies such as flour, sugar, vanilla, baking soda and baking powder.

ST. EDWARD CCW FOOD COLLECTION

The St. Edward CCW will be doing a Lenten food drive. In talking with Western Community Action there is a great need for the following items: tomato sauces and pastes, any kind of pasta, side dishes in pouches, hamburger helper, cereals, dry soup mix, seasonings, baking powder, baking soda, vanilla flavoring, jello and puddings.

Cash is also accepted as they can purchase items at a discount. Please remember no open packages or outdated items will be accepted.

There will be a box in the back of church for the collection.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The catechists of St. Edward's School and Church will be hosting materials-making March 25 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Join us in the atria on the 2nd floor of St. Ed's School as we work together to create new materials for the children to use.

If you have any questions, please call Joy Wambeke at 651.324.5996.

ST. ELOI SOUP & CHILI FEED AND SILENT AUCTION

This will be held on Palm Sunday, April 2, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the St. Eloi church basement.

This is a Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Funds event with proceeds allocated to tuition assistance and Catholic education support!

LITURGY MATTERS #18

The procession of the gifts offers us one of the strongest opportunities for understanding the relation between the sacrifice of the Christian people and the sacrifice of Christ. It is true that bread and wine have their precise meaning in the context of the Passover and in the Lord's Last Supper and that bread and wine are involved here in obedience to his command to do this in memory of him.

However, we can reflect as well on the fittingness of the Lord's choice and what the Spirit had prepared. Bread and wine are extremely strong symbols, powerful and rich in what they express.

We are not animals that snatch food from the ground or from trees with our mouths, roaming about alone until our stomachs are full enough to get us through the next round. We produce our food together, we consume it together, and we share it with one another. It is an expression of love and desire. It aims at communion. Food is both a substance needed to stay alive and a symbol needed to stay human.

As these gifts are collected from outside the church and brought into the church, finally brought down the aisle to the hands of the bishop or priest, there is articulated in this ritual action, the relation between the order of the ordained priesthood and the order of the baptized.

In seeing this we see articulated also the global relationship between church and world, between church and all creation, between church and all history. Through the work of the baptized in the world, the church brings to the hands of Christ the fruits of creation and the work of human hands.

This is an exercise of the priesthood and the faithful. We bring our lives—with all our efforts to produce and to be together in love, with all our desire and our willingness to share—and we place them in the hands of Christ by placing them in the hands of the bishop or priest. Basically, the action is our saying to Christ, "Do something with this. Make our lives be what your life was and is."

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 16 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Jim Myhre



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/2022/02/14/pope-francis-reveals-2023-prayer-intentions/>

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas local Court St, Joan of Arc #1291 is offering a \$500 scholarship to a 2023 graduating Catholic girl who plans to continue her formal education. She must be a member of Holy Redeemer parish or any of the adjacent Catholic parishes that do not have a Catholic Daughter Court.

Applications are available at the Holy Redeemer Parish office or from Lois Novosad, 710 N 6th St, Marshall, MN 56258. Lois may be contacted at 532.5236.

Completed forms, including letters of recommendations, must be returned to Lois Novosad no later than April 15.

BISHOP LUCKER LECTURE – Monday, March 13

We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

The speaker will be Fr. Monshau who serves as Professor and Formator at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul. He is commissioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a national Eucharistic preacher to enkindle the flame of Eucharistic faith for the bishops' nationwide Eucharistic Revival.

This will be held on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. It will also be livestreamed at www.dnu.org.

HOLY REDEEMER CCW – Invitation

All men and women are invited to attend a presentation at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on Monday, March 27, regarding "A Catholic View to End of Life Decisions." The speaker is Dr. Frani Knowles, MD who is an affiliate of the New Ulm Medical Center with 25 years of experience.

There will be Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a light lunch. The speaker will begin at 6:30 pm.

ANNUAL NUDCCW 2023 CONVENTION

Saturday, April 29, 2023

7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Church of St. Mary, New Ulm

Speaker Liz Kelly is a retreat leader and author. She received her certification as a spiritual director from the Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spirituality in association with the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

There will also be a presentation on the life and work of blessed Carlo Acutis by Berny Berger. This will include a review of some of the major Eucharistic Miracles.

If you are interested in attending, contact Bonnie Laleman (828.5703) or Jan Bot (401.1167).

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

An amazing gifting opportunity has been created by Congress and your local Catholic parish or charity can benefit! Passage of the SECURE Act 2.0 into law allows seniors aged 70½ or older to give a one-time, tax-free \$50,000 rollover from their IRA into a charitable gift annuity.

Speaker Robert Heuermann, Executive director of the Catholic United Financial Foundation, will explain how

this process can offer you protected income for retirement, satisfy your required minimum distribution, potentially offer you tax benefits, and provide a gift for your local parish or charity!

Register now to attend this webinar for free: call 1.800.441.9949 or online at <https://bit.ly/thebiggiveMarch23>. Contact Brian Zitzmann at 701.238.3643 for more information.

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS

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| Monday, March 13
Fr. Brian Mandel
Fr. Gerald Meidl
Dcn. Anthony Grack
Matt Wood (Sem.) | Tuesday, March 14
Fr. Andy Michels
Fr. Robert Mraz
Dcn. John Hansen
Lucas Baker (Sem.) |
| Wednesday, March 15
Fr. Aaron Nett
Fr. John Nordick
Nolan Meyer (Sem.) | Thursday, March 16
Fr. Brian Oestreich
Fr. Jerome Paulson
Fr. Sam Perez
David Rabaey (Sem.) |
| Friday, March 17
Fr. Todd Petersen
Fr. John Pearson
Dcn. Mark Kober
Brent Sundve (Sem.) | Saturday, March 18
Fr. Zach Peterson
Fr. Shawn Polman
Fr. Germain Rademacher
Noah U'Ren (Sem.) |
| Sunday, March 19
Msgr. John Richter
Fr. Brendan Rolling
Dcn. Mike McKeown
Matt Wood (Sem.) | |

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”
Colossians 3:23

Radio Rosary

- Mar. 13: In memory of Sandy Alcorn by Mary Ann & family
 Mar. 14: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom by Ardyce Louwagie
 Mar. 15: In memory of Harry & Mary Buysse by Bob Buysse
 Mar. 16: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
 Mar. 17: In memory of Mary Van Hecke by her family
 Mar. 18: In memory of Audrey Bakker by her family
 Mar. 19: For Vincent Leifgen by Ralph Leifgen

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 532.6081

FAMILY-FRIENDLY LENTEN ACTIVITIES

1. Read a book to a sibling.
2. Plan a simple meal and talk as a family how to help the hungry.
3. Send a note or card to your priest or a teacher telling them one thing you like about them.
4. Pray for an increase in religious vocations.
5. Listen to an inspirational song. (Example: *Gratitude* by Brandon Lake)
6. Make a gratitude list.
7. Pray for those preparing for First Communion.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

- **Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming Catholic** – Call the church office: 872.6346
- **Eucharist to Shut-ins:**
St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 829.9690
St. Edward – March 18 Andrea Opdahl 872.6832
- **Baptism Prep:** To set up a baptism date, call Caren at the office. Check the church website for Godparent Requirements.
- **RCIA:** If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 507.828.7012

The Woman at the Well

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 4:5-26 (NIV)

1. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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

PROPHET	WELL	GIFT	DRINK	MESSIAH
LIVING	WATER	ETERNAL	JESUS	WOMAN
THIRSTY	LIFE	SPRING	SAMARITAN	HUSBAND

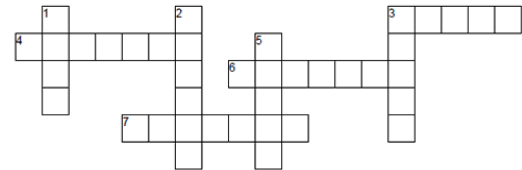
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1. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

3. An adult female
4. The one expected to come and save the world
6. A person who tells what will happen in the future
7. The man to whom a woman is married

DOWN

1. A deep hole in the ground from which we get water
2. The need or desire to drink something, especially water
3. A clear, colorless liquid which is necessary for life
5. To take in liquid through the mouth

WELL	WOMAN	WATER	PROPHET
DRINK	THIRST	MESSIAH	HUSBAND