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Sunday, September 13, 2026

The Twenty-fourth 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, September 14

8:00 am Convent Mass (Presider’s Intention)

Tuesday, September 15

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Darrell & Karen Baty)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Francis Rabaey)

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

7:30 pm St. Edward Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 am Convent Mass (Anthony Callens & family)

5:30 – 6:15 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, September 17

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Dick & Michelle Baily)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Don Wyffels)

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

Friday, September 18

6:00 am TMIY – Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (All Souls in Purgatory)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Fr. Joseph Hennen)

Saturday, September 19

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Fr. Dunston Moorse)

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

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, September 20 – St. Edward Fall Festival

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Ed Lozinski)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Putts Boerboom)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend, St. Edward’s will have our annual Fall Festival. This event gives us a wonderful opportunity to work and play together, to invite others to join us, and to enjoy a good meal and a great time. It takes all of us to make an event like this successful, so, preemptively, I thank all of you who will work, volunteer, attend, and invite others to join us.

This is part of a theme I have been thinking about these past few weeks. A few people have expressed concern about the low number of servers and other liturgical ministers. Especially since COVID, this seems to be an issue that is not unique to our two parishes. One of the underlying reasons is simply that we have fewer people, particularly young people, who are willing to be trained. When families do not attend Mass regularly, we naturally have fewer young people present who can be invited to serve.

I do not think this is simply a matter of incentives. Rather, I think it points to a larger question of stewardship. A steward is someone who gives of his or her time, talent, and treasure. Too often, we reduce stewardship to the amount we put into the collection, but financial giving is only one part of stewardship. Perhaps the most important is our time—not only the time we give in service, but simply the time we give to God by attending Mass and offering Him at least one hour each week. That is less than one percent of our week!

When we serve as altar servers, lectors, ushers, musicians, or in any of the other ministries of the church, we are offering our time and talents to the Lord. The same is true when we work at the Fall Festival, Flurry of Fun, or one of the many activities connected with our school and parishes. These are opportunities not merely to “volunteer,” but to practice stewardship—to recognize that what we have ultimately comes from God and is meant to be offered back to Him.

This Monday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast commemorates the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem on September 13, 335, and the public veneration of the True Cross on September 14. The basilica was commissioned by the Emperor Constantine after his mother, St. Helena, traveled to Jerusalem and tradition holds that she discovered the True Cross in 326. The church was built over both Calvary, or Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified, and the tomb in which He was buried.

Recent archaeological work has provided fascinating confirmation of the ancient descriptions of the area. Beneath the present church, archaeologists have found evidence that the area around the tomb was once a cultivated garden, including evidence of an olive grove. This fits remarkably well with the Gospel accounts and helps make the events of Christ’s Passion and Resurrection even more concrete for us.

**The LORD is
KIND and MERCIFUL;
SLOW to ANGER, and
RICH in COMPASSION.**

As we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us take a moment to thank God for the Death and Resurrection of Christ. The Cross is not merely a symbol of suffering; it is the place where Christ's love is revealed most completely and where death itself is conquered. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher stands as a tangible witness to these events, reminding us that our faith is not based upon an idea or philosophy, but upon something that happened in a real place, at a real time, to a real Person—and that through His Cross and Resurrection, Christ has opened the way to eternal life.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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Tuesday, Sept. 15 – School pictures

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)

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$590	\$1,923	(\$1,333)
Loose plate	629	\$192	\$437
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$16,730	\$25,000	(\$8,270)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 20 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse

Servers: Toby Wambeke, Trent Welsh

Lector: Laura Hennen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

Cup: Lila Schmidt, Darla Timmerman

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,005	\$6,731	(\$4,726)
Loose plate	\$360	231	\$129
Online Giving	\$1,350	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$545		
Year-to-Date	\$54,007	\$69,615	(\$15,608)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Charlie Myhre, Audyn & Brisbyn Traen

Lector: Eriann Faris

Eucharistic Ministers: Fred & Margrit Rabaey, Nate Welsh

Ushers: Rod Abraham, Jerry Kloos, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlamincik

Sunday, September 20 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre

Servers: Jacob & Mariah Loyson

Lector: Tina Myhre

Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Coover, Dylan Evjen, Seth Myhre

Ushers: Rick Bot, Chuck Josephson, 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.

★ Mary Coquyt	★ Mike Halverson
★ Chris DeSutter	★ Missy Hennen
★ Steve DeSutter	★ Fr. Dunston Moose
★ Dawson Doyscher	★ Stacey Rubertus
Nephew of Carey Doyscher	Niece of Julie Janiszski
★ John & Pat Drown	★ Madeline Swedzinski
★ Don Duis	★ Tony Traen
Relative of Jeanette DeCock	★ Jean Wambeke

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

- ✚ For all students.
- ✚ For family and friends in need of physical or mental healing.
- ✚ That we try to understand different perspectives so that a more forgiving world is created.
- ✚ Lift up the poor, the homeless, and victims of natural disasters.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Religious Education classes started on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Grades 1-5 meet from 5:30-6:15 pm (time change) &

Grades 6-11 meet from 6:30-7:30 pm.

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.

Thank You for Saying YES!!

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 22. The first drawing will be Sunday, November 29.

FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Sunday, September 20

Serving from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Carnival: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Silent Auction ❖ Cake Walk ❖ Country Store

Mercy

PRODUCE NEEDED for FALL FESTIVAL

Cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and cabbage are needed for the Fall Festival meal. These produce items can be delivered to the church from Wednesday, September 16, through Friday, September 18, by 2:00 pm. If you have these items to donate, please contact Nicole Longtin at 507.530.7266.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

One of the activities during the Fall Festival is the Silent Auction. If you have things that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Margrit Rabaey at 507.828.1756.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Begins September 23

We're excited to invite you to join our weekly women's Bible study, a special time to dive into God's Word, share meaningful insights, and grow deeper in faith together.

This year, we're excited to explore the book of Romans by Timothy Keller. The study is divided into two books: Romans 1–7 and Romans 8–16. Each book includes a separate study guide, so there will be four books in total. We will complete Romans 1–7 before Christmas and begin Romans 8–16 after Christmas.

If purchasing the books is a financial burden for anyone, please reach out. We would be happy to help because we don't want cost to prevent anyone from participating. Contact Nikki Traen (507.828.2912) or Sara Gorecki (507.828.2626).

Our first meeting will be on September 23, at 6:30 pm.

For our first meeting, please come prepared to discuss Chapter 1 of the textbook, pages 11–23, which covers Romans 1:1–17. We will also review the study guide questions that go along with Chapter 1.

Here are the links to purchase the book and study guide for the first half:

<https://a.co/d/036CEX77>

<https://a.co/d/0cQfJ4pk>

THAT MAN IS YOU – Begins September 18

Journey from the birth of the early Church to the call of Christ that echoes in our own day. From Christ to the Apostles, from the Apostolic Fathers to the men of our time, the voice of God has never fallen silent. Now the call is ours to answer. Let us become the men we were created to be and set the world ablaze.

Join us for food, fellowship, and faith as Apostles of the New Springtime!

Social time and breakfast start at 5:45 am in the Knights' Hall. Session begins at 6:00 am and ends at 7:00 am to give you the opportunity to attend Mass afterwards or head to work. We will meet each Friday



through Christmas. We don't hold sessions Thanksgiving week

All men are welcome. For questions, contact, Joseph Garvey Phone: [507.828.0932](tel:507.828.0932), email: jacijoeg@gmail.com.

MISSING BOWLS & PANS

Have you been looking for your favorite bowl or pan and can't find it? Take time to check in the church basement – there are quite a few bowls/pans that need to be taken home. Please take a look before the Fall Festival.

If they aren't removed by Sunday, October 4, they will be taken to the thrift store, "One More Time."

MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP INFO

Our next Food at Football fundraiser will be the Homecoming football game vs Canby on Friday, September 18. Hoping this will be a great night for selling burgers. Click the link below to sign-up to work. Parents are welcome to work for their son/daughter who is involved with football.

[Volunteersignup.org/RW844](https://volunteersignup.org/RW844)

Our new and ongoing fundraiser this year is RaiseRight which is the gift card fundraiser that Emily Hennen talked about at our last meeting. I will include the link to sign-up.

https://www.raiseright.com/enroll/8GR7Y8HBYFUJ?utm_source=coordinator_invite&utm_medium=invite_link&utm_campaign=invite_hub_invite_tools

Enrollment Code: 8GR7Y8HBYFUJ

We will be using RaiseRight to earn money for our mission trip through everyday shopping. You buy gift cards from hundreds of brands you already know, and a percentage of every purchase comes right back to us. There's no extra cost and nothing to sell. Enrolling takes just a couple of minutes, and Emily will be happy to help if you have any questions.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 43 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Corissa

Van Keulen



**I give you a new
commandment, that
you love one another.**

John 13:34

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

WOMEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT ~ October 9 – 11

"I took a leap of faith to attend and found the completeness of Jesus' love."

Take the leap and experience the love that Jesus has for you! Join us at Lake Shetek Retreat Center as we spend time with Jesus and fellow Catholic women for a weekend of faith and friendship. Space is limited so register now! To register, visit <https://www.mmogafc.org/emmaus.html> or contact Lisa Meyer at 507.530.2841.

The cost is \$150 which includes all meals.

AREA FALL FESTIVAL

Wabasso, Church of St. Anne ~ Sunday, September 27

10:00 am Mass

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings

(Apple and Pumpkin Pie for dessert)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In

Adults - \$15; Kids (4-11) - \$8; Kids (3 & under) – Free

Take-outs - \$15

REAL PRESENCE RADIO – Our Fall Live Drive is Here!

Tune in for *Stories of Faith, Voices of Hope, and your local community brought together by a shared mission* on your local Catholic radio station. Join us September 15 – 17, from 7 am – 7 pm and be part of what makes Catholic radio possible during our fall live drive.

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

DEANERY 2 FALL GATHERING INFO...

The Deanery 2 Fall Gathering will take place on Monday, September 21, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Cottonwood.

Registration will be at 5:00 pm with Mass at 5:30 pm. A meal and the speaker will follow.

Tasia Dass will be sharing an honest and heartfelt story of faith, resilience, and redemption. Tasia will be speaking on how God's grace brings hope, healing, and purpose. Registration fee is \$15. Contact Deb Thooft (507.530.1231) by Wednesday, September 16, if you plan to attend.



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 19** 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

Sept. 14: In memory Charles Lonien by Lee & Kim Louwagie
Sept. 15: In memory of Ken & Helen Marotzke by Joleen Irlbeck
Sept. 16: For deceased members of the Albert & Anna Verly family by Pat Timmerman
Sept. 17: In memory of Don Wyffels by Angie Wyffels
Sept. 18: In memory of Leona Gawarecki by Michael & Lorraine Weverka
Sept. 19: In memory of Doug & Jane Louwagie by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie
Sept. 20: In memory of Tom Louwagie by Ed & Bernie Henneck

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.

Shalom aleichem

Peace be upon you

The Unmerciful Servant

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

Unmerciful	Mercy	Prison	Wicked	Servant
Family	Deserved	Debt	Judge	Master
Sinner	Heaven	Forgive	King	Money

Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" Matthew 18:21 (NLT)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



- _____ The number of times Peter thought you should forgive
- _____ To seek an answer to a question
- _____ A male who has the same parents as another person
- _____ To excuse someone for an offense
- _____ To break one of God's commandments
- _____ One of Jesus' disciples
- _____ To reply to a question
- _____ The number of times Jesus said we should forgive

SEVEN PETER	ANSWER SIN	FORGIVE ASK	SEVENTY-SEVEN BROTHER
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