



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



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Sunday, March 2, 2025 The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 3

7:00 am Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

Tuesday, March 4

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Tracey Otto)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Tom Bernice Kloos)

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Staff (Audrey Jerzak)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Shirley, Frank & Dolores, Richard Sussner)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (David & Lorraine Maertens)

Thursday, March 6

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Regina Fox)

- 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Fr. Tony Stubeda)

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

Friday, March 7

5:45 am TMIY

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Vincent & Judy Bot)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Tracey Otto)

4:30 – 7:00 pm Fish Fry at St. Edward

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Parents of Grace & Francis Rabaey)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, March 9

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Vincent & Judy Bot)

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *The Last Supper: The Passover of Christ*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Don Maeyaert)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

*Lord, it is good to
give thanks to you.*

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to have Bishop Zielinski with us this Sunday as he imparts the sacrament of Confirmation on our parishioners this weekend (and the 3 confirmed last weekend). Congratulations to the newly confirmed members of our Area Faith Community.

This Wednesday begins our Lent Fast. The Church requires fasting on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18) for those 18 - 59 years of age and abstaining from meat for those who are 14 or older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent including Good Friday.

Fasting is defined as one normal meal with 2 smaller meals. Abstinence is not eating meat of animals and birds (though in some places there are special rules like eating of muskrat – a penance in itself if you ask me). The flesh of fish, shellfish, reptiles and amphibians is allowed (again, eating reptiles and amphibians might be penance in itself). Technically, broths and animal fats are not forbidden, but should be avoided if we are able. Dairy products (milk, cheese, or eggs) are allowed. As you can see, the Church is pretty lenient in how we fast and abstain. It should be noted that technically, the Church requires abstaining from meat every Friday of the year (except when there is a solemnity).

In addition to fasting and abstaining, we should try to eliminate vice in our lives and the building of virtue. With that, I recommend selecting a virtue that you are most in need of or desire, and for the season of Lent, pray that the Lord would increase that virtue in you. You might consider reading a devotional or reading the Daily Mass readings, even if you are unable to attend the Mass. The Church has selected the Readings to give us a working retreat of sorts, to reflect on the nature of sin, the call to grace, and to prepare us for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, so it would be wise to read the Readings and reflect on them.

Monday of this last week, I had an appointment with my gastroenterologist. In piecing things together, we are relatively sure of a plan should I experience the stomach issues that I did at the beginning of the year. Luckily, he can order some tests to be run in Marshall that will pinpoint the root cause and perhaps point to a possible aid. I am hopeful for this.

We also have a plan in place for some emergency medication if I experience issues while traveling should the pilgrimage to the Holy Land be held. While I hope not to have an episode, I am hopeful that if I do, we will find the cause.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
 Sunday, March 2 – PreSchool/Kindergarten Round-Up
 2:00 – 3:30 pm

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)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

May the Holy Spirit confirm and strengthen your faith
 and draw you into the fellowship of the Church.

<u>CONFIRMAND</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Joseph Beisler	Cynthia & Ed
Christina Callens	Jean & Joe
Adam DeVlaeminck	Kelly & Tim
Brock Fier	Mindy & Kevin
Tana Gillund	Vicki & Cody
Sarah Gruenes	Jennifer & Mark
Leo Hennen	Barb & Brad
Easton Johnston	Nicolle & Chad
Joseph Lacek	Jackie & John
Gabriel Ludwikowski	Colleen & Michael
Abigail Rolbiecki	Karen & John

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$340.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,770.00)
Loose plate	\$195.00	\$146.00	\$49.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$72,638.00	\$78,578.00	(\$5,940.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 5 – 5:30 pm – Ash Wednesday

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh
 Lector: Doug Maeyaert
 Musicians: John Rabaey
 Offertory Gifts: Tom & Cindy Welsh
 Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten
 Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

Sunday, March 9 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
 Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke
 Lector: Jennifer Rabaey
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
 Offertory Gifts: Travis & Jessica Welsh Family
 Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Schmidt, Dan Sik
 Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,458.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,372.00)
Loose plate	\$188.00	\$154.00	\$34.00
Online Giving	\$1,098.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$186,532.00	\$193,448.00	(\$6,916.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 8 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen
 Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki, Jules Gossen
 Lector: Fred Rabaey
 Eucharistic Ministers: Claren Novotny
 Ushers: Mike Longtin, Tom & Paula Sterzinger, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, March 9 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
 Servers: Ian & Noah Myhre
 Lector: Fran Sturm
 Eucharistic Ministers: Shannon Evjen
 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. Ask God to draw near to them
 and let them feel His gracious presence.

If you know anyone who should be added to this list,
 contact Caren at the office.

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| ★ Brent Buysse | ★ Nicole Marschall |
| ★ Mary DeSmet | (Stiklestad) |
| ★ Kay Drown | ★ Joanne Sturm |
| ★ Scott Josephson | ★ Anyone with a cancer |
| ★ Jeremy Koelar | diagnosis |

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Sunday, March 2 2:00 – 3:30 pm
 Exploring Montessori based programing available for Pre-
 school and Kindergarten students. Meet the staff and
 students. Tours, registration information, fun activities
 and snacks will be provided.
 Contact St. Edward School @ 507-872-6391 if you have
 any questions.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

St. Edward CCW donated 496 pounds of food and \$100 in
 cash for our December drive. The food shelf
 appreciated the generosity of our parish. Thank you!
 We will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive from March 9 –
 April 6. The Greater Minnesota Council will be holding
 a matching funds drive through the end of March.
 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. Cash is always welcome.
 Boxes will be in the back of church so please bring your
 donations in anytime during the week or at the
 weekend Masses.
 The food shelf also has a year-round coat drive and are
 always looking for coats, hats, & mittens in all sizes –
 youth through adult. Drop them off at the food shelf
 anytime.

LENT IS COMING & SO ARE THE FISH FRIES!



Minneota Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

St. Edward Catholic Church
Minneota, MN

Friday, March 7, 2025
4:30 PM—7:00 PM

Adults (over age 12): \$15
Kids (ages 4-12): \$10
Kids (3 and under): Free

ALL YOU CAN EAT !!



CCW SPRING GATHERING

All women are invited to attend the Deanery 2 Spring Gathering which will be hosted here at St. Ed's. Register with Mary Myhre (text to: 507.828.2521 or email: mary.myhre@hotmail.com) by Wednesday, March 12 – the cost is \$15 (covered by our local CCW).

*Mary Morning Star:
The Star of Hope*

**Deanery 2 CCW
Spring Gathering**

Monday, March 17, 2025
St. Edward Catholic Church
Minneota, MN

5:00 pm--Registration
5:30 pm--Mass
6:30 pm--Meal in the church basement
7:15 pm--Sisters of Mary Morning Star presentation

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CARDS

There are St. Michael prayer cards in the back of church. Please pick one up and incorporate this prayer into your daily prayers.

The St. Michael the Archangel prayer is considered powerful because it acknowledges the reality of spiritual warfare and asks for protection from evil. It also expresses trust in God's plan and a commitment to resist evil forces as well as helping us grow in humility through greater reliance on God and less on ourselves.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 15 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Mary Myhre



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH

For families in crisis ~

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307

Catholic United Financial Council #307 will hold a meeting on Friday, March 7, 2025, in the St. John Cantius church basement, Wilno, following the 9:00 am mass. All are welcome to attend.

FORGIVEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Come receive healing, be filled with hope, and learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a Forgiven Retreat sponsored by the Diocese of New Ulm.

Join the Universal Church in the Jubilee Year of Hope in which reconciliation and healing are key aspects.

Sunday, March 30, 2025 – St. Pius X, Glencoe
2:00 – 8:00 pm

Register at www.dnu.org.



Radio Rosary

- Mar. 3: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Don & Betty Verkinderen
- Mar. 4: In memory of George, Rita, & Debra Laleman by their family
- Mar. 5: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- Mar. 6: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Rita Engels
- Mar. 7: In memory of Tom Swedzinski by Tony & Ruth Louwagie
- Mar. 8: In memory of Ralph Leifgen by Tony & Ruth Louwagie
- Mar. 9: For an end of abortion be Marj Anderson

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.

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 15** 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. 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

CONFIRMATION

P P E N T E C O S T N J O A T E Z F S I
 S V I C U N D W S L U X M N D C B A Q H
 D Z F E A M F U C H S R B Q H A C C S S
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| Anointing | Counsel | Initiation | Saint Name |
| Bishop | Fear of the Lord | Knowledge | Sponsor |
| Chrism | Fortitude | Pentecost | Understanding |
| Christian Soldier | Grace | Piety | Wisdom |
| Confirmation | Holy Spirit | Sacrament | |

**Remember the preschool/kindergarten open house
 this Sunday, March 2 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm ...**

**OPEN HOUSE
 FOR PRESCHOOL &
 Kindergarten
 MARCH 2, 2025
 2 - 3:30 PM
 ST. EDWARD SCHOOL
 210 W. 4TH ST. | MINNEOTA, MN
 WWW.STEDSCATHOLICSSCHOOL.COM**

Learn about the Montessori Method

Scan the QR code to request more information or a private tour of our school.

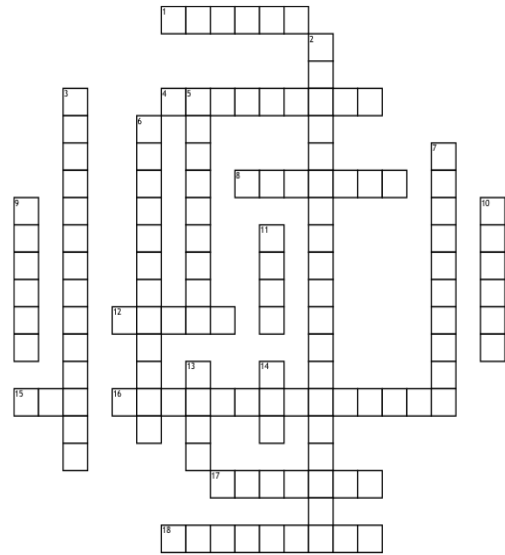
507-872-6391

- School and Classroom Tours
- Children's Activities
- Snacks
- Meet our Staff

"WHY DO YOU NOTICE THE
 SPLINTER IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE,
 BUT DO NOT PERCEIVE THE
 WOODEN BEAM IN YOUR OWN?"

Luke 6:41

The Sacrament of Confirmation



- Across**
1. A religious leader of a parish
 4. What was the original Eucharist performed by God.
 8. The first Sacrament, involving cleansing original sin.
 12. A gift that enables people to believe in God.
 15. The first female created in Creation.
 16. The fruits of the Holy Spirit.
 17. A gift which enables people to deepen love for God.
- Down**
2. The essential rite of confirmation.
 3. The presence of God within a person after Baptism is permanent.
 5. The sacrament that blesses us with Gods blood and body.
 6. The sacrament that helps Christians receive the strength of the Holy Spirit.
 7. Jesus' execution and crucifixion on the cross', date.
 9. A gift from the Holy Spirit that we use everyday.
 10. A time for special prayer
 11. A gift to trust God will fulfil the promises of Jesus.
 13. When catholics recall what Christ done for us.
 14. Gods chosen people of Israel

- Word Bank**
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| Faith | Eucharist | Jew | Lent |
| Priest | Baptism | Advent | love,peace,joy |
| Pentecost | Good Friday | Christmas | Hope |
| Anointing with Chrism | A spiritual seal | Eve | Confirmation |
| Charity | Prayer | | |

A CONFIRMATION PRAYER FOR YOU

*Each moment of your life, may you feel
 the Lord's embrace.
 May you sense His guiding presence in
 each challenge that you face.
 May His peace and light be with you,
 and may you realize how deeply loved
 and precious you are in His eyes.
 Amen*