



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

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Bulletin Info due by **Wednesday** at 4:00 pm

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FORMED: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**“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, November 24**

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

### **Tuesday, November 25**

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Shirley, Frank, Dolores, & Richard Sussner)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartment (Franco & Pina Petruccelli)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 26**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1/2 (Jack Hennen)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Zona Laleman)

5:30 pm Thanksgiving Mass at St. Edward

### **Thursday, November 27**

9:00 am Mass at St. Eloi (Alan Van Keulen)

### **Friday, November 28**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mary DeSmet M)

### **Saturday, November 29**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Gary Nuytten & family)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Gesa Wiese)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

### **Sunday, November 30**

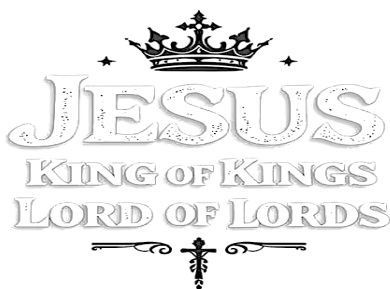
8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Larry Sharp)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

No Sunday FIRE – Thanksgiving Break

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Archie Timmerman Family)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Thanksgiving Week!

Though it is a secular holiday, Thanksgiving has deep roots in Christian tradition. We remember the story of the Pilgrims—the brutal winter, the kindness of strangers, and the shared feast of gratitude. Yet our call to give thanks to the Lord is not meant for one day alone, but for every day, indeed every moment of our lives. And we remember that the truest act of thanksgiving takes place at Mass, in the Eucharist—a word that literally means “thanksgiving” in Greek.

Next week we begin Advent, and I invite all of us to take some time this week to discern what spiritual preparation we might need in order to enter the season well and celebrate Christmas with deeper faith.

In recent weeks I have been reflecting with you on the last things. This week, I want to offer a unique spiritual practice that may initially seem unusual:

Consider writing a draft of your own obituary.

Far from being morbid, this exercise can be profoundly enlightening. We may discover that the things which seem so important right now might not be worth mentioning in the end. We may see more clearly what truly matters to us, what legacies we hope to leave, and where we still fall short of the person God calls us to be. This practice—paired with a daily Examen—can help us amend our lives and grow in holiness.

Here is the simple form of the Daily Examen:

1. Thanksgiving — Lord, I realize that all things, even my very self, are a gift from You.

• Today, for what am I most grateful?

2. Intention — Lord, open my eyes and ears to be honest with myself.

• Today, what do I truly desire for myself?

3. Examination — Lord, show me what has been happening in and around me this day.

• Today, in what ways have I experienced Your love?

4. Contrition — Lord, I am still learning to grow in Your love.

• Today, what choices have been inadequate responses to Your love?

5. Hope — Lord, let me look with longing toward the future You desire for me.

• Today, how will I allow You to lead me toward a brighter tomorrow?

This simple yet powerful practice can help us grow in grace and prepare well for the coming of our Lord.

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](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com)  
St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Christmas Concert & Meal

5:00 – 6:30 pm Meal before concert

6:30 pm – Christmas Concert

St. Edward Student Council is collecting food and monetary donations for the Lyon County Food Shelf until Sunday, November 30. See details in the bulletin ad.

### St. Edward School Apparel Sale –

Store closes on December 15. Options include short & long sleeved t-shirts, crew & hooded sweatshirts, sweat pants, & stocking caps.

Use this link to check it out.

[www.2arrowsapparel.com/collections/st-edward-school-store](http://www.2arrowsapparel.com/collections/st-edward-school-store)

## 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)

I was GLAD when they said unto me,  
LET US GO into the *House of the Lord.*  
Psalms 122:1

## ST. ELOI

| Weekly       | ACTUAL   | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
|--------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Adult        | \$1,615  | \$1,923  | (\$308)    |
| Loose plate  | \$348    | \$192    | \$156      |
| Commodity    | \$       |          |            |
| Year-to-Date | \$38,022 | \$49,231 | (\$11,209) |

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Thursday, November 27 – 9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman

*Servers:* Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

*Lector:* Laura Hennen

*Musicians:* John Rabaey

*Offertory Gifts:* Dan & Joy Wambeke Family

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

*Ushers:* Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

**Sunday, November 30 – 10:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman

*Servers:* Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey

*Lector:* Doug Maeyaert

*Musicians:* John Rabaey

*Offertory Gifts:* Tom & Cindy Welsh

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt

*Ushers:* Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

## ST. EDWARD

| Weekly        | ACTUAL    | BUDGETED                           | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Adult         | \$6,354   | \$6,654                            | (\$300)    |
| Loose plate   | \$124     | \$192                              | (\$68)     |
| Online Giving | \$1,506   | *Added to the adult envelope total |            |
| Commodity     | \$2,252   |                                    |            |
| Year-to-Date  | \$133,994 | \$136,923                          | (\$2,929)  |

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 29 – 5:30 pm**

*Sacristan:* Claren Novotny

*Servers:* Eva Skorczewski, Violet Vlaminc

*Lector:* Nate Welsh

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Deb Thooft

*Ushers:* Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlaminc

**Sunday, November 30 – 8:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Tina Myhre

*Servers:* Ian & Noah Myhre

*Lector:* Tina Myhre

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Becky Engels

*Ushers:* Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, John Sumerfelt, Wayne Wyffels

## 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.

- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Francis DeSmet
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer
- ★ Julie Noyes
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Fran Sturm
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Brenda Verschelde

### SCHOENSTATT GIRLS' GROUP

The Schoenstatt Girls' Group will be held on Monday, November 24! It will be from 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the Knights' Hall.

There will be a bus from the Minneota Public School to St. Edward School. If you would like to ride the bus over to St. Ed's, please contact Jean Callens or St. Edward School at 507.872.6391.

### KITCHEN ANGELS FOR ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

We would like to create a group called "Kitchen Angels."

The purpose of this roster is to be contacted should we need to prepare donated produce for the school lunch program or do a little extra cleaning in the food preparation area. Our School Head Cook, Cynthia Moore, will be supervising these activities

Enrolling in the Kitchen Angel roster does not mean you're obligated to take each case or peel each vegetable. You would be contacted by e-mail or called, when produce is donated and helpers needed, and if you're interested/available, you would respond back to volunteer for a couple of hours.

Please let Cynthia or the school (872.6391) know if you have any questions and/or if you're interested in joining this roster!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There is a need for volunteers to lead the Holy Rosary on Sunday mornings. Substitutes are needed for Saturdays and Sundays as well. There are resources available to help you out. Contact Fr. Todd or Caren at the church office.

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

Our study this year (from FORMED.org) is called "Who Am I to Judge?", featuring Dr. Edward Sri. It discusses how to talk about moral truths in a culture that promotes a belief that everyone can have their own truth about what's right (relativism).

We have a light breakfast with time for fellowship, then watch our study video, and then have time for open group discussion. We meet Sundays from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

Video links and schedule can be found on [goodteacher.afc.com](http://goodteacher.afc.com) under "Religious Education – Sunday FIRE" if you're not able to join us.

### **FOOD SHELF – St. Ed's Student Council**

The St. Edward Student Council is collecting donations for the food shelf during the month of November.

The need keeps growing at the food shelf. Following is a list of items that are needed. Sugar, flour, salt, pepper, canned fruit and vegetables, pork-n-beans, regular and chunky soups, canned chicken, ravioli, spaghetti sauce, microwave pouch meals, taco items, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, coffee and juices.

With Thanksgiving nearing, they would also like canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix and instant potatoes.

Cleaning supplies, shampoo and conditioners, unscented body washes, mouth wash, toothpaste and brushes, feminine products are also needed

Please feel free to bring other items also, keep in mind that all items are to be unopened.

Monetary donations are always welcome, please place in an envelope that is marked "food shelf" and put in the collection basket or take to the parish office.

### **COAT DRIVE – St. Edward CCW**

The St. Edward CCW will be hosting a coat drive for the Marshall Food Shelf this year starting this weekend and going until the weekend of December 12 & 14.

We are looking for coats for all ages of men, women and children and they are looking for coats, hats, mittens, scarfs and large size boots. Please make sure they are clean and not in need of repairs.

Boxes will be in the back of church for your donations.

Thank you for your support and generosity as we help those in need. Questions can be directed to Bonnie Laleman at 507.828.5703.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

It's that time again! Please help decorate St. Edward and St. Eloi for the Christmas season by donating towards poinsettias as a remembrance of a loved one.

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

Thank You!

### **CHRISTMAS BINGO AT THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY**

Christmas season is around the corner and once again and the residents of the assisted living facility in Minneota are looking forward to us coming to spend time with them and celebrate Jesus!

This year we will mainly be playing bingo with prizes and sharing homemade cookies and decorations with the residents. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, December 7, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. If you cannot volunteer but would like to help out, we need homemade cookies, homemade decorations, bingo prizes for the residents (ie: socks, plain lotion, toothpaste/brush, cards, adult coloring books/markers, throw blankets, etc.), and a roll of quarters.

Please contact Lisa Hennen at 605.391.2748 if you would like to volunteer or donate. Thank you!

### **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 1 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Judy Traen



### **HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...**

#### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – November**

For the prevention of suicide ~

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

<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 their annual Christmas Party and Meeting for Council members and spouses on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 12:00 pm in the St. John Cantius Church Basement.

A traditional Christmas dinner will be served at noon followed by a meeting. Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing 605.695.7630 or Karen Miller 507.694.1790 by November 30, so we know how many people to expect.

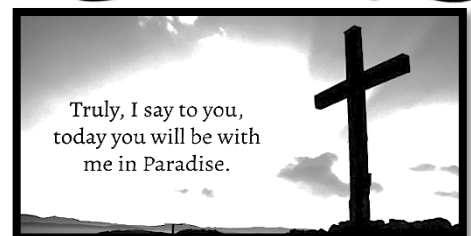
#### **JACKPOT BINGO – ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sunday, December 7, 2025 St. Leo Church Basement  
Warm-up games at 12:30 pm – Jackpot games at 1:30 pm

Lunch starts at noon. Donation: \$15 per ticket

18 - \$50 games with \$200 and \$300 jackpots

Proceeds will support Catholic education & church projects!



## 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 – **November 29** Diane Hennen 507.401.7556  
(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

Nov. 24: In memory of Jean McLaughlin  
by Tony & Ruth Louwagie

Nov. 25: In memory of Delores DeVos  
by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie

Nov. 26: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom  
by their family

Nov. 27: In memory of Kenneth Lipinski by his family

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

Nov. 29: In memory of Jack Hennen by David & Diane Hennen

Nov. 30: In memory of Dorothy & Al Lozinski  
by Diane Christopherson

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.

## Giving Thanks

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Thanksgiving  
Blessed  
Gospel

Love  
Happiness  
Worship

Prayer  
God  
Dressing

Church  
Turkey  
Pie

November  
Family  
Jesus

**"Always giving thanks to  
God the Father for  
everything, in the name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ."**

**Ephesians 5:20**

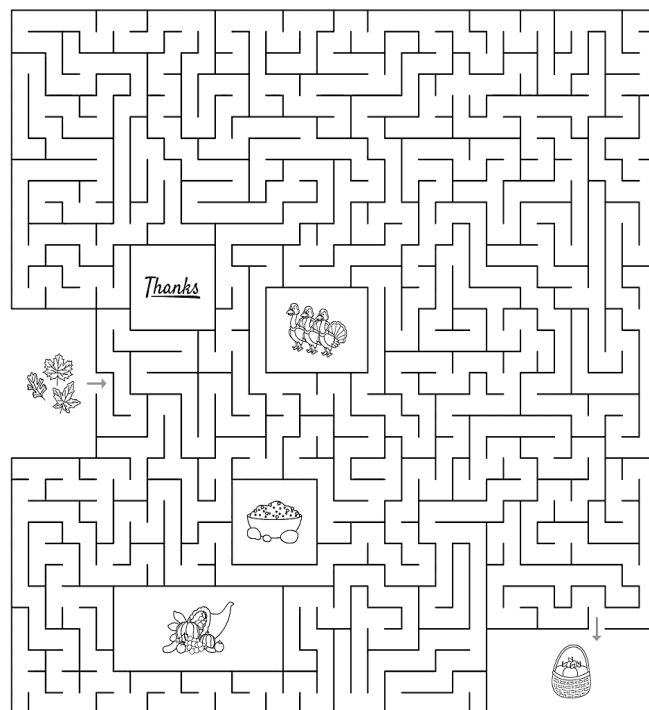
Thanksgiving is a special time  
when we take a moment to be  
grateful for all the good things  
in our lives. Sometimes, it's not  
just the big, exciting stuff that  
we're thankful for. It could be  
the cozy blanket that keeps you  
warm, your favorite book, or  
even a smile from a friend. So  
let's be sure to thank God for all  
we have.



## Thanksgiving Labyrinth



Can you find your way through the maze?



*peace*

BE WITH YOU