



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



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Sunday, February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments

(Harry & Marie Guza's living & deceased family members)

Wednesday, February 5

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 3 & 4 (Bob Mack)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Albert & Margaret Callens G)

5:30 – 6:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 1 – 5

6:30 – 7:30 pm Religious Ed for Grades 6 – 11

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – church basement

7:30 pm Choir in St. Edward Choir Loft

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

Thursday, February 6

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Bernice Kloos)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Shirley, Frank & Dolores, Richard Sussner)

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

Friday, February 7

5:45 am TMIY

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Brandon Eischens)

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

Saturday, February 8

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Audrey Jerzak)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Larry Sharp)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, February 9

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Francis Rabaey)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Miracle: Loaves & Fishes*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Elaine Hennen)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. As we gather this Sunday, we celebrate this feast which replaces the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time (one of a handful of feasts that do that).

It commemorates the fortieth day that the Lord Jesus is presented to the Lord God and 'redeemed' by His parents according to the Jewish Law. As they are bringing Him in, they encounter Simeon and Anna, whose comments state that there is something profound about this child. Simeon praises God, basically thanking Him for His faithfulness and that he now can die in peace having seen the promises of the Lord. But he also spoke of prophecy that the heart of the Blessed Mother would be pierced. Indeed, according to Church tradition, Mary did not experience the pain of childbirth, but the pain was delayed as she witnessed the death of her Son. In that, the thoughts of all hearts can be revealed.

I find myself contemplating Simeon's words frequently, not only because they are prayed every Night Prayer. Fr. Feliz Fasching, who was pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer where my mom was registered when I was ordained, therefore he claimed me as much as my hometown. He retired the day I began in priestly ministry, and after 50+ years, he never had a newly ordained priest from a parish he was serving. He remarked that he understood Simeon's words more fully as he was at my ordination – he trusted that the Lord would have someone ordained from his parish, and I snuck in under the wire. He retired June of 1999, and unfortunately died in August of 2000, and in all his years, did not have a single other newly ordained priest or seminarian from his parish.

But God is faithful. In addition to Fr. Thooft and Fr. Bot, I was pastor when Fr. Johanneck was ordained and am honored to have another seminarian in formation. But I know that the Lord has other promises for me – do I have the faith or Fr. Fasching or Simeon? Do I have the endurance to pray and wait for 50+ years? And will I have the sight to see it fulfilled? While the Feast of the Presentation is so much more, we should reflect on the Lord's promises this day and ask if we are willing to wait for their fulfillment.

Thank you to all who helped make Catholic Schools' Week wonderful, and to all who planned, worked, attended, and celebrated the Flurry of Fun.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

Candlemas Day
The Presentation of Our Lord

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
 January 26 – Open House, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 Monday, January 27 – 31 Catholic School Week Activities

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)



ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,120.00	\$2,110.00	(\$990.00)
Loose plate	\$166.00	\$146.00	\$20.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$68,314.00	\$67,499.00	\$815.00

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 9 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh
 Lector: Bernie DeCock
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
 Offertory Gifts: Joel & Donna VanDamme
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Corissa Van Keulen
 Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Darren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,433.00	\$4,830.00	(\$3,397.00)
Loose plate	\$292.00	\$154.00	\$138.00
Online Giving	\$595.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$165,173.00	\$169,283.00	(\$4,110.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 8 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny
 Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki, Eva Skorczewski
 Lector: Shannon Gossen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Margrit Rabaey
 Ushers: Charlie Callens, Troy DeSmet, Jerry Kloos, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, February 9 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Fran Sturm
 Servers: Mariah & Jacob Loyson
 Lector: Shannon Evjen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Myhre
 Ushers: Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlaminck

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.

- ★ All caregivers
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Anyone who has received a cancer diagnosis
- ★ Etien Laleman
- ★ Grace Rabaey
- ★ Joanne Sturm

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

- ✠ For blessings on all marriages
- ✠ That husbands and wives treasure the priceless gift of married love by accepting children through procreation and adoption
- ✠ For those with addictions that they may realize they are not alone and help is available

THANK YOU

The Family of Catherine Thoof would like to thank everyone who had reached out to the family with love, support, and prayers.
 A special thank you to Fr. Todd, servers, Mary Kaye and Fred Rabaey, Sisters of Mary Morning Star, the Funeral Committee and all those who brought salads and helped prep, serve, and clean up!
 May God bless you abundantly.

CCW RECAP OF JANUARY 27 MEETING

- The Meal Ministry served 9 meals.
- Books for Lent will be ordered and put in the back of the church for whoever would like them.
- There was a good turnout for the meal before the Christmas concert. The funds from this meal are used for the CCW scholarships for graduating seniors (who apply and are selected).
- There was a good turnout for decorating some of the resident's rooms at the assisted living in Minneota for Christmas. Bingo was also played with the residents as well as delivering 20 plates of goodies to different people in the community. Several women went back in January to take down the decorations and play bingo with the residents.
- 80 Boxes of Joy from our parish were sent to kids that have never received anything at Christmas.
- \$750 was donated to the San Lucas Tolimán mission in Guatemala to go towards helping build a house for a family. This is money that comes from selling the coffee from San Lucas Tolimán.
- The Christmas Cookie Charcutier fundraiser held during Minneota's Santa's Workshop Day was very successful! A big thank you to all those that donated cookies or helped at it.
- A collection for the food shelf in Marshall was held.
- A basket for the silent auction at the Flurry of Fun will be donated again this year.
- St. Edward CCW will be hosting the Deanery 2 Spring Gathering this year that will be held on Monday, March 17. Help will be needed with that.

Future events are:

Monday, March 17 – Deanery 2 Spring Gathering at St. Edward Church

Monday, April 15 – St. Edward CCW meeting
Saturday, April 26 – NUDCCW Annual Convention at St. Mary in Tracy
Wednesday, April 30 – St. Edward School Spring Concert
Sunday, May 4 – St. Edward Baccalaureate

ST. EDWARD CHOIR – Members needed!

It would be great to have a few more members; please consider coming to sing. Everyone is welcome! St. Augustine has been credited with saying, “He (She) who sings, prays twice.” Come and sing!

WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT – Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 “Lent – A Pilgrimage of Hope”

In this Jubilee year, join us at the Abbey of Hills for a women’s retreat: “Lent, a Pilgrimage of Hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 assures us that God has plans to give us HOPE in the midst of the challenges of life. We can trust that his love can calm our spirits, heal our hearts and lift our eyes to heaven.

Mark your calendars with the date of the Lenten Retreat. Register [HERE](#) or call 605.398.9200 or email: events@abbeyofthehills.org

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

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 11 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Sis Fonteyn



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life ~
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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

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.

This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or family member who has stopped practicing the faith back into communion with the Church and to “walk with one” in this Eucharistic Revival year of mission.

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025 – St. Mary, New Ulm
2:00 – 8:00 pm; OR

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

Schedule for the retreat

2:00 pm – Check-In

2:30 pm – Teaching on healing and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Q & A with a priest

5:00 pm – Free supper

6:00 pm – Adoration and Prayer for Hope and Healing

Register at www.dnu.org.

SCHOENSTATT ON THE LAKE, SLEEPY EYE

The Rosary is said every Wednesday at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to join in the prayers for the Holy Year, 2025 each Wednesday afternoon.

The Schoenstatt on the Lake Center is a Holy Year Pilgrimage Site. It is located at 27762 County Rd 27, Sleepy Eye, MN.

SCHOENSTATT ON THE LAKE, SLEEPY EYE

– Silent Retreat for Women, February 7 – 9, 2025

Interior Garden of Hope for the Heart

For more information, check out the following website: <https://schoenstattmn.com/events.html> or call the retreat center at 507.794.7727. The address is 27762 County Rd 27, Sleepy Eye, MN.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced the death of a loved one (spouse, child, friend, family) and are journeying toward grief healing, you are invited to this GriefShare 13-week session.



The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. The first session will be held February 24, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Area, Marshall.

GriefShare material is designed so that a person can begin attending on any week, even if you missed prior sessions. All faith expressions welcome. Contact the parish office, 507-502-5711, or Dorothy, 507-401-0601 for more information. Registration can be found at www.griefshare.org.



Radio Rosary

Feb. 3: In memory of Ralph Leifgen

by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

Feb. 4: In memory of Patricia St. Aubin by her family

Feb. 5: In memory of Carol Louwagie

by Greg & Diane Louwagie

Feb. 6: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom

by their families

Feb. 7: In memory of George, Rita, & Deb Laleman

by the Laleman family

Feb. 8: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Patricia Louwagie

Feb. 9: In memory of Wilfred Hoffmann by Marlene & family

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

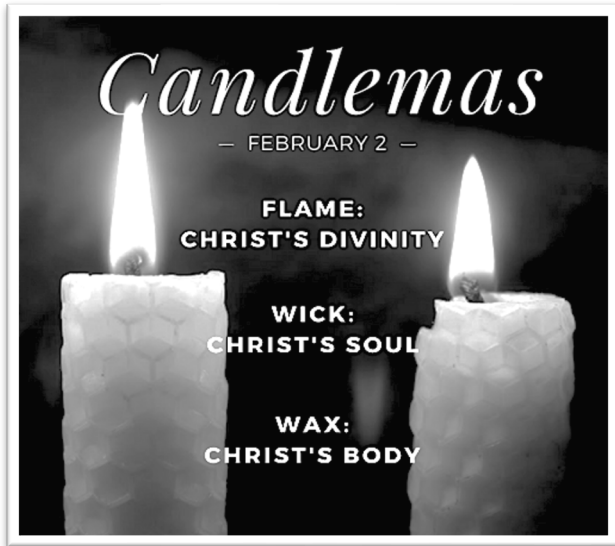
Eucharist to Shut-ins:

St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 507.829.9690

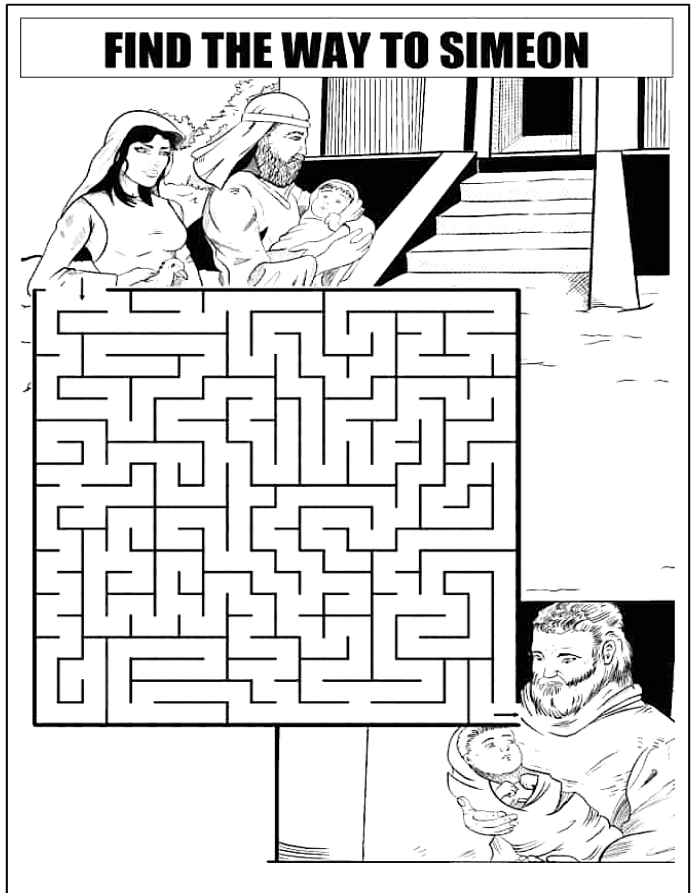
St. Edward – **February 15** Jason Myhre 507.829.2829
(Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)

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



Candlemas Weather Proverb
 If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
 Winter will have another fight.
 If Candlemas Day brings clouds and
 rain,
 Winter is gone and won't come again.



CANDLEMAS WORD FIND

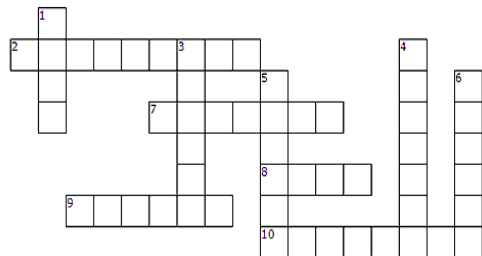
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| GENTILES | JESUS | MOSES | TEMPLE |

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NVI)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



ACROSS

- Deliverance from the penalty of sin
- Something you said that you would do
- The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
- A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
- The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

DOWN

- The mother of Jesus
- The homeland of the Jewish people
- A person who is not Jewish
- The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
- The earthly father of Jesus

TEMPLE	SALVATION	MARY	NAZARETH	ISRAEL
SIMEON	JOSEPH	GENTILE	PROMISE	EYES