



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



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Sunday, February 16, 2025 The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jackie Dubbeldee)
3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Marian Laleman)
6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting
7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. K (Jon & Kevin Guttormsson)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Orville & Marge Hennen)
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 20

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Zona Laleman)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Margaret Doom)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward
6:00 pm Liturgy Meeting in Knights' Hall

Friday, February 21

5:45 am TMIY
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Charlene Callens)
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Richard & Phyllis Bot)

Saturday, February 22

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Barb Wenker)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Jules & Beth Gossen)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Bread of Life: Eat My Flesh*
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Rustin Gorecki)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, I announced at the Masses the need to voice our concerns regarding the Governor's budget that removes all aid to non-public education. This aid includes book aid (for non-religion texts), school nurses and counselors, and other non-sectarian items, in addition to transportation/busing.

I may have shared an inaccurate amount that he is cutting, as I have heard another amount, but it is still well less than what our Catholic Schools provide, as we save the state in excess of \$500,000. To withhold such a small amount (about \$550 per student for aid, and another \$550 for busing) is fundamentally unfair.

Income-earners and property owners are required to pay taxes, and these go to support our public schools in addition to other things – even if we do not utilize a particular service. To eliminate funding to non-public schools (about \$1,100 per student) is wrong – as the district receives so much more than that per public school student. Parents who choose to send their child to a Catholic school, for example, should be given the same access to funds as a public school – yes, I am for school vouchers. This is when the government funds follow the student to whatever school the child attends. This should not be seen as a separation of Church versus state issue. It is freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. Regarding this matter, please consider writing our governor and representatives to voice our concern.

As of this writing, I am still impatiently waiting to hear of the fate of my planned pilgrimage to the Holy Land for this September. I was told that a decision would be made by mid-March, so I will be praying for this the next weeks. I would love to revisit these sacred sites and share them with others. The Gospels become so much more real – it is the difference between watching a movie in black and white versus full color. Everything becomes more vibrant, and it is easier to picture as we stand on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, pray at the site of the Annunciation or Transfiguration, or stand at Mount Calvary, or peer in the Holy Sepulcher.

I hope that this would happen, and much rides on whether or not Hamas begins honoring its end of the truce and stop stalling and deceiving. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for Israel and for the Middle East.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
Friday, February 14 & Monday, February 17 – No School
Tuesday, February 18 – School Resumes

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	\$760.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,350.00)
Loose plate	\$306.00	\$146.00	(\$160.00)
Commodity	\$1,00.00		
Year-to-Date	\$71,271.00	\$72,635.00	(\$1,364.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 23 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman
Servers: Evan & Elise Hennen
Lector: Laura Hennen
Musicians: Sisters
Offertory Gifts: Tim & Paula Van Keulen
Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Sussner, Cad Van Keulen
Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Darren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,840.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,990.00)
Loose plate	\$178.00	\$154.00	\$24.00
Online Giving	\$595.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$1,509.00		
Year-to-Date	\$182,371.00	\$182,155.00	\$216.00

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 22 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
Servers: Eli Faris, Gabe Ludwikowski
Lector: Hilary DeVlaeminck
Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Longtin
Ushers: Charlie Callens, Troy DeSmet, Jerry Kloos, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, February 23 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen
Servers: Charity & Debbie Beisler, Mason Moorse
Lector: Dylan Evjen
Eucharistic Ministers: Beck Engels
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.

- ★ Mary DeSmet
- ★ Nicole Marschall (Stiklestad)
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ All caregivers

★ Anyone who has received a cancer diagnosis

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 13 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Nikki Traen



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>

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

Sunday, February 23 – Church of St. Mary, Bird Island
1:00 – 4:00 pm

This training is required for adults interested in volunteering or working with youth. Please register online at dnu.org/safeenvironment.

If you need help, contact Caren in the office.

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.

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



RETREAT FOR
Couples

Schoenstatt on the Lake Retreat Center
February 28–March 2, 2025

Includes:

- Time for prayer
- Holy Mass
- Opportunity for Confession
- Spiritual Conferences
- Quality time with your spouse

Cost: \$320 per couple
REGISTER HERE:



507-794-7727
<https://schoenstattmn.com/events.html>
27762 County Road 27, Sleepy Eye, MN

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.

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. 17: In memory of George, Rita, & Debra Laleman by the Laleman family

Feb. 18: In memory of Scott Severson by Ken & Phyllis Persoon

Feb. 19: In appreciation for Lori & Curt Timmerman by Birthright of Marshall

Feb. 20: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

Feb. 21: In memory of Jason Timmerman by Pat

Feb. 22: In memory of Robert Gawarecki by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

Feb. 23: For the living & deceased members of the George & Audrey Bakker family by their 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 – **March 1** Andrea Opdahl 507.829.8040

(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



The Beatitudes

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

<i>Mourn</i>	<i>Peacemakers</i>	<i>Pure</i>	<i>Comforted</i>
<i>Spirit</i>	<i>Merciful</i>	<i>Earth</i>	<i>Inherit</i>
<i>Kingdom</i>	<i>Filled</i>	<i>Heaven</i>	<i>Hunger</i>
<i>Children</i>	<i>Thirst</i>	<i>Blessed</i>	<i>Heart</i>
<i>Righteousness</i>	<i>Meek</i>	<i>Persecuted</i>	<i>GOD</i>

THE BEATITUDES FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

Blessed are the _____ in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of _____.

Blessed are those who _____, for they shall be _____.

Blessed are the _____, for they shall _____ the earth.

Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after _____, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the _____, for they shall obtain _____.

Blessed are the pure in _____, for they shall _____ God.

Blessed are the _____, for they shall be called _____ of God.

Blessed are those who have been _____ for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your _____ in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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| 1. children | 5. Heaven | 9. mercy | 13. poor |
| 2. comforted | 6. hunger | 10. mourn | 14. reward |
| 3. gentle | 7. inherit | 11. peacemakers | 15. righteousness |
| 4. heart | 8. merciful | 12. persecuted | 16. see |

BEATITUDES



BLESSED are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

BLESSED are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

BLESSED are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

BLESSED are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

BLESSED are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

BLESSED are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

BLESSED are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

BLESSED are those persecuted for sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

ST. FRANCIS' PRAYER TO DISCERN GOD'S WILL BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX

Most High, glorious God,
cast your light into the darkness
of my heart, and give me true
faith, firm hope, perfect charity,
and profound humility,
with sense and knowledge,
Lord, that I may do what is
truly your holy will.

Amen.