



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

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**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 18

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

### Tuesday, August 19

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Frank & Elly Swedzinski)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Special Intention M)

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

7:30 pm St. Edward Finance Council Meeting

### Wednesday, August 20 – First Day of School

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward *Staff* (St. Edward School Family)

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Shirley, Frank, Dolores, & Richard Sussner)

### Thursday, August 21

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Barb Schmidt)

### Friday, August 22

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donald Vroman)

### Saturday, August 23

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Harry & Marie Guza & family)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Eloi (David Schreiber)

Jodi Buysse & Jacob Sarahan wedding at St. Eloi

### Sunday, August 24

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Ben & Lorene Pohlen)

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the People)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday marks the beginning of a new school year. I pray that it will be a time of profound growth and learning for our students, teachers, and staff—and that their enthusiasm for learning will inspire all of us to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

During my first year of major seminary, I had a brief but memorable conversation with Fr. Jan Michael Joncas, best known for the hymn “On Eagle’s Wings.” He taught at both the University of St. Thomas and the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity, and I was blessed to have him for several classes.

On that walk, he shared a simple but lasting piece of advice: “To be a good priest, you must learn something about the faith and something about the world every day.”

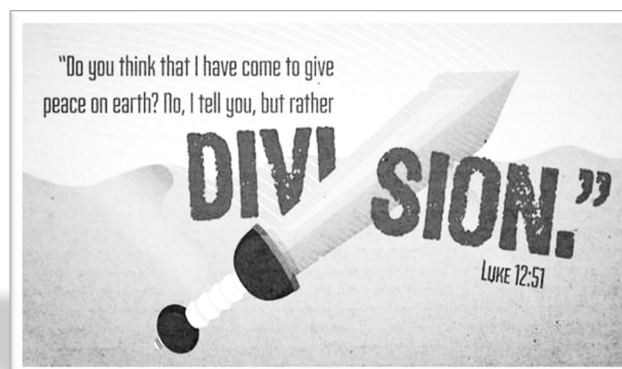
I took his words to heart, making it a daily habit to note what I had learned. But this is not just good advice for seminarians or priests—it’s for everyone. We are all called to deepen our understanding of the faith, even in small ways—perhaps by learning about a saint, a Scripture passage, or a moral teaching. And learning about the wider world is equally important.

I offer his simple challenge to you as we begin this year: learn something about your faith and something about the world every day.

If you follow St. Edward’s on Facebook, you may have noticed increased activity. The Diocese of New Ulm has provided access to a Catholic social media resource, and their staff create posts we can share—ranging from reflections on Our Lady of the Prairie to saints of the day and Gospel meditations.

These posts have been well received, so we will continue to share them regularly.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd



## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
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 St. Edward School: [www.stedscatholicschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicschool.com)  
 St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Wednesday, August 20 – School begins for Grades 1 – 8  
 Wednesday, August 27 – School begins for kindergarten  
 Tuesday, September 2 – Preschool begins  
 Friday, September 5 – Alumni Mass of Gratitude at 10:30 am

### A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## 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)

## ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$725	\$1,923	(\$1,198)
Loose plate	\$139	\$192	(\$53)
Year-to-Date	\$8,485	\$14,769	(\$6,284)

## ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, August 24 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman  
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh  
 Lector: Bernie DeCock  
 Musicians: Sisters  
 Offertory Gifts: John & Jennifer Rabaey Family  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Schmidt, Caroline Van Keulen  
 Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

## ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,300	\$6,654	(\$4,354)
Loose plate	\$229	\$192	\$37
Online Giving	\$650	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$7,847		
Year-to-Date	\$42,118	\$35,769	\$6,349

## ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 23 – 5:30 pm @ St. Eloi

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny  
 Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki  
 Lector: Claren Novotny  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Nate Welsh  
 Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny

### Sunday, August 24 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens  
 Servers: RJ & Reed Sorensen  
 Lector: Tina Myhre  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Coover  
 Ushers: Mike Vlaminck, John Sumerfelt

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to Emilia Elizabeth Hencke, daughter of Alexander & Alexandra, born on Friday, January 17, 2025, and baptized at St. Eloi on Saturday, August 16, 2025.

Emilia – “You are a child of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in His sight. Before God made you, He knew you.” Psalm 139:13, 14

Welcome to Charlotte Sierra Johnson, daughter of Aaron & Sofia, born on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, and baptized at St. Eloi on Sunday, August 17, 2025.

Charlotte – “...Let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

Welcome to Hudson Troy Thompson, son of Adam & Kelsey, born on Sunday, May 18, 2025, and baptized at St. Eloi on Sunday, August 17, 2025.

Hudson – “So, in Christ Jesus you are a child of God through faith, for all who are baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ.” Galatians 3:26-27



## 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.

- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Vincent Laleman
- ★ Harper Gravely
- ★ Julie Noyes
- (Tim & Betty Gossen's granddaughter)
- ★ Doug Sik
- ★ Missy Hennen
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Brenda Vershelde
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer

### **DID YOU HEAR???**

Did you hear that, you have just been called to teach Religious Education?

Classes will be starting Wednesday, September 10 (just a month from this weekend). **If you are being called to serve your children & parish**, we need you. We need catechists for several grades.

You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained. VIRTUS training locations & dates are posted on [dnu.org](http://dnu.org) site. **To answer this call to serve**, contact Religious Ed director Corissa Van Keulen at her email address [www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com](mailto:www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com)

Thank You for saying YES!!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –**

Woodworkers and craftsmen and women: We are looking for some individuals who would be willing to custom build a couple cabinets and shelves for the Sacristy. Ideally, we would have them installed as soon as the flooring is complete in a few weeks.

Also, we are looking for someone to paint the metal cabinet that is used to hold the charcoal and incense and other flammable goods.

Please contact Fr. Todd if you are interested in both. Materials and time will be reimbursed.



### **FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION**

Sunday, September 14

Serving from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Carnival: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Silent Auction ❖ Cake Walk ❖ Country Store

### **FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

Adam & Sara Gorecki (Sara: 507.828.2626)

Jared & Nicole Longtin (Nicole: 507.530.7266)

Jerik & Shannon Gossen (Shannon: 605.310.9920)

If you have questions, contact one of these people.

**PRODUCE NEEDED:** Cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and cabbage are needed for the Fall Festival meal. These produce items can be delivered to the church from Wednesday, September 10 through Friday, September 12, by 2:00 pm.

If you have these items to donate, please contact Nicole Longtin at 507.530.7266. We have been short cucumbers & cabbage the past few years, so by contacting us, we will know how much we need in addition to the donations.

Thank you so much!



### **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. 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.

### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

Once again there will be a cash raffle this year with weekly drawings throughout the year.

Tickets will 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 16. The first drawing will be Sunday, November 23.

Let's make this raffle a huge success!



### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 10**

We're excited to invite you to join our weekly Bible study, a special time to dive into God's Word, share meaningful insights, and grow deeper in faith together. It is entitled *Walking with Purpose: Touching the Divine* and it is centered on the Gospel of John.

The study will begin September 10, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. The book can be purchased on Walking With a Purpose website:

<https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/products/touching-the-divine-bible-study-second-edition>

Please order your book soon so you have it for the first night. Also, let Nikki Traen (507.828.2912) or Sara Gorecki (507.828.2626) know if you are going to attend so plans can be made for the correct number of women. If you would like to save on shipping by placing a group order, contact Ruth Bot by Wednesday, August 27. Call or text 507.829.0514.

### **EARLY FAMILY CATHOLIC LIFE PROGRAM**

There is interest at the school for an Early Family Life program to be started in our parish. Someone would need to lead this. It is similar to ECFE but has a Catholic theme. The purpose is to build strong Catholic families. If you (and a friend) are interested, please contact Jaci Garvey at the school.

### **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 39 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Steve Laleman

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### **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 – **August 23** Margrit Rabaey 507.828.1756  
(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

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## HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – August

For mutual coexistence ~

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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

*Help us too, then help each other to build bridges – with dialogue, with encounter, uniting all of us to be one people always in peace.*

~ Pope Leo XIV

### Radio Rosary

Aug. 18: In memory of Helen DeSleer  
by Cletus & Lorraine Lanners

Aug. 19: In memory of Laurence Louwagie by Ardyce

Aug. 20: In memory of Dick Christopherson by Diane

Aug. 21: Sponsored by Catholic Daughters

Aug. 22: In memory of Joe Van Keulen by Rosemary & family

Aug. 23: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom  
by their family

Aug. 24: In memory of Beatrice Weverka  
by Mike & Lorraine Weverka

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.

### Stewardship Prayer to Christ the Good Teacher

O Christ, our Good Teacher,  
You who taught us the way of love and sacrifice,  
we turn to You with grateful hearts.  
Guide us to be wise stewards of the gifts  
You've given –  
our time, our talents, and our treasure.  
Teach us to give generously, as You gave al  
for us, and to trust in Your abundant providence.

Bless our offerings, O Lord, that they may strengthen our parish, proclaim Your Gospel and reflect the lessons of Your boundless Sacred Heart.

We ask this in Your holy Name.

Amen

*peace*  
BE WITH YOU



- 1 HSOOCL .....
- 2 OBOK .....
- 3 CENLIP .....
- 4 KEMRAR .....
- 5 YARCON .....
- 6 ULEG TISKC .....
- 7 LEURR .....
- 8 REPPA .....
- 9 RASERE .....
- 10 KABACPCK .....
- 11 HUNCL .....
- 12 SECRES .....
- 13 SLASC .....
- 14 HERCATE .....
- 15 SKED .....



## Back to School



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Alphabet	Drama	History	Numbers	Science
Art	Elementary	Homework	Pencil	Social
Backpack	English	Language Arts	Physical	Studies
Books	Friends	Learn	Education	Spelling
Classroom	Geography	Library	Reading	Students
Crayons	Grades	Math	Recess	Subjects
Desk	Health	Music	School	Teacher
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