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Sunday, April 20, 2025 Alleluia ~ Easter Sunday ~ He is Risen!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 21

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

Tuesday, April 22

8:00 am Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Trayce Otto)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Marian Laleman)

Wednesday, April 23

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (David Schreiber)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Barb Wenker)

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

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

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

Thursday, April 24

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Vincent & Judy Bot)

2:00 pm Mass at St. Edward (First Communicants)

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

Friday, April 25

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

Saturday, April 26

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Brandon Eischens)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Lincoln Lessman)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, April 27 – First Communion

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(Lawrence & Barb Sumerfelt & deceased family)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

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

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Resurrection Day! We celebrate with joy the saving news of our Lord's resurrection. While it was almost 2000 years ago, it is good that we celebrate "this day" – His resurrection affected not just that first day, or 40 days until His ascension, or until the 50th day of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but all of time. That is why we celebrate and rejoice. And we call to mind that our joyous celebration is longer than our penitential preparations.

That written, some non-Catholics (and anti-Catholics) have attempted to paint our celebration as a re-packaged paganism. They might point out that the term commonly used for this feast is Easter, a term that sounds vaguely close to Ishtar – a middle Eastern Pagan Goddess. There is no connection between them. Easter is more likely from a Germanic root which means morning or Eastern... as in the sun rising in the East.

But we are among the few that call it Easter in the first place – most other languages use a word like Pascha – related to the Jewish Pesach feast we might call Passover in English.

True, we have brought in some customs – Easter eggs for example. But for the whole of Lent, eggs were not consumed, and as they did not require refrigeration (if left with the natural 'bloom' as it was laid), there were many eggs to be consumed. There was a tradition that Simon of Cyrene was bringing in eggs to sell in the market when he was conscripted to carry the Cross of Jesus, and our Lord transformed them into colored eggs as a thank you (though apocryphal, I like this little story).

Other customs and traditions arose – but the Church' liturgy does not bring them in (or ought not, anyway) as these are extrinsic to the worship of our Risen Lord.

Next week, we will witness our First Communion Candidates receive our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. It is a great honor to witness this. The following Sunday, we will honor our graduating seniors (so as to avoid Mother's Day Weekend).

Next week Sunday afternoon through Thursday, I will be away for my annual retreat. Thank you in advance for your prayers for my growth and rest on retreat. I look forward to these days of prayer, rest, and reflection. An annual retreat is required by Canon Law with good reason – I cannot give what I do not have. If I am not attending to my spiritual growth and prayer life, how can I assist anyone else. I have shared this before, I am certain, but there have been a few years when attendance at the Diocesan retreat was not possible, and I felt off. That is why I find it so important to go – but also to connect with my brother priests again. I know I am a little defensive of this time of retreat, mainly because I know that I am better going.

It has been a while since my last vacation, in fact this week will mark 20 years since my last (not counting the time after my recovery after the heart attack). Because of the nature of that vacation (4 days

with two 12 hour 'layovers' spent in the Atlanta airport), I vowed that my next 'vacation' would be a pilgrimage to the holy Land.

That is why I am so excited to be able to go, finally, to the Holy Land, and I am happy that so many of you are planning on joining. At the time of writing, there are a few seats left. I will be planning a gathering to address some basics in the not-so-distant future. If you are interested in knowing more, let me invite you to that gathering even if you haven't yet registered.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
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Monday, April 21 – Easter Break **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday, April 22 – School Resumes

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 – 11:00 am Open gym for kids ages 2-8 with an adult

Wednesday, April 30 – 11:30 am Lunch with your grandchild
1:30 pm Grandparent's Day Concert

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	\$940.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,170.00)
Loose plate	\$96.00	\$146.00	(\$50.00)
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$85,220.00	\$97,778.00	(\$12,558.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 27 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh

Lector: Doug Maeyaert

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: First Communion Students

Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Schmidt, Darla Timmerman

Cup: Ron Sussner, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$4,687.00	\$4,830.00	(\$143.00)
Loose plate	\$330.00	\$154.00	\$176.00
Online Giving	\$628.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Easter	\$1,000.00		
Year-to-Date	\$225,657.00	\$233,765.00	(\$8,108.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 26 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Eli Faris, Sam & Charlie Myhre

Lector: Mary Ann Christensen

Eucharistic Ministers: Nate Welsh

Ushers: Rod & Ross Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki

Sunday, April 27 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Terry Van Keulen

Servers: Charity & Debbie Beisler, William Jones

Lector: Terry Van Keulen

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Myhre

Ushers: Rick Bot, Richie Sorensen, 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.

- ★ Brent Buysse
- ★ Mary DeSmet
- ★ Kay Drown
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Linda Oftedahl
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Gene Thooft

CCW MEETING – April 21, 2025

The next CCW meeting will be on Monday, April 21, at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Hall.

This is for all women in our church. Please join us.

ATTENTION 2025 SENIORS OF ST. EDWARD PARISH

Please keep an eye out in the mail for the CCW

Scholarship information and application. You should have received it in the mail.

It is due on or before April 23. If you have any questions, please contact Trudy Banks at 507-829-3075 or tbanks@stedscatholicschool.com.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The food drive is continuing this week. We only need a small amount more to meet the goal of matching the amount we donated at Christmas.

They continue to need canned good as well as baking supplies.

Please bring donated items to the back of the church this week so it can be taken to the food shelf.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL ~ Employment Opportunities Part-Time Physical Education/Health Teacher

We are looking for a passionate and dynamic Physical Education/Health Teacher to serve students in grades PreK–8. This part-time position begins Fall 2025.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education, Health, or a related field. (Preferred) Valid MN teaching license in Physical Education (710) and Health (080), or
- Eligible experience working with children
- Willingness to integrate Catholic values into teaching
- CPR/First Aid certified or willing to obtain

Full-Time Montessori Children's House or Assistant

We are seeking a caring, energetic individual to join our Montessori Children's House for the 2025–2026 school year. This full-time role supports children ages 33 months – Kindergarten in a hands-on, faith-based Montessori environment.

Qualifications (Must meet at least one of these)

- Associate's Degree in Early Childhood + 6 months experience
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood or related field
- Montessori Certification (AMI/AMS or equivalent)
Applicants near qualification may qualify for a DHS variance.

For each of these positions we offer the following:

- Health, retirement, and life insurance
- Free lunch daily
- Paid time off
- Tuition discount options for children of staff
- Supportive and faith-filled school community
- Professional development opportunities

Apply by sending your cover letter, resume, and license info to: jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com

Questions? Call us at 507-872-6391 or visit www.stedscatholicschool.com

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL ~ Summer Employment

Join our summer program team as a summer care program assistant! We are looking for enthusiastic, caring individuals to help lead the Summer Care Program. This could be full- or part-time and it runs from May 27 – August 15.

Job Responsibilities:

- Supervising and interacting with children ages 5 – 12
- Assist with games, crafts, activities, and field trips
- Support the Summer Program Director
- Maintain a clean, welcoming classroom/playground

Qualifications:

- Experience working with kids (preferred)
- Communications skills
- Willingness to obtain CPR/First Aid training (we can help)
- Must be 15 or older

We offer:

- Starting at \$11.13 per hour
- Flexible schedule
- Monday – Friday (no nights or weekends)
- Free lunch available during shift

Applications accepted until filled. Send a cover letter and resume to jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 22 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Becky Laleman

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – APRIL

For use of new technologies ~

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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

**NEW ULM DIOCESAN CCW
64TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The 64th Annual New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Church of St. Mary in Tracy, MN.

The theme for the day is "Be Bold Believers" with a focus on pro-life actions. The keynote speaker in the morning is Camille Pauley, founder of Healing the Culture. In the afternoon, we have breakout sessions with Congressman Brad Finstad on getting involved in the political process, and by our Resource & Development Team, Shirley Nowak and Chris Heiderscheidt on CCW resources.

Early bird registration deadline is April 15. Registration forms are available from our parish CCW president Mary Myhre (507.828.2521) or on our New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women website at nudccw.org. Grow in your faith and connect with other faith filled women from the diocese!

All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Schoenstatt on the Lake ~ Employment Opportunity

The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary are looking for a cook for their Retreat Center at Schoenstatt on the Lake in Sleepy Eye, MN. Hours would be flexible, include weekends, and would range from part to full time, depending on scheduled retreats and events.

Starting wage: \$14 – \$16/hour.

For more information, please contact Julie Turvold, Retreat Center Director, 507.794.7727 or at schoenstattmndirector@gmail.com.



Radio Rosary

Apr. 21: In memory of Carol Louwagie
by Doug & Helen Devereaux

Apr. 22: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends

Apr. 23: In memory of Vincent & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom
by their family

Apr. 24: In memory of Brian Timmerman
by Jack & Terry Hennen

Apr. 25: In memory of Anton & Charlene & Anthony Callens
by their family

Apr. 26: In memory of Jolene Hjelmberg
by David & Diane Hennen

Apr. 27: In memory of Jean Neisius by Leon Neisius & 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.


Easter Blessings

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 – **April 26** 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. Check the church website for Godparent requirements.

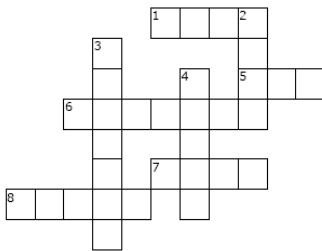
RCIA: If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 507.828.7012

36 To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: I offer a prayer of sincere thanksgiving for Your blood sacrifice. Thank You for being obedient to Your Father and going to the cross for me. May I never forget that You gave Your life for me, so that one day I might live with You in eternity. Because Your blood has redeemed us, we are now new creations in Christ, and by His blood we are freed from sin to serve the living God, to glorify Him and to enjoy Him forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)



ACROSS

- A place where someone, especially an important person, is buried
- A period of twenty-four hours
- To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
- A period of seven days
- A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building

DOWN

- The whole physical structure that forms a person
- The first or early part of a day
- "He is not here, he has _____." Luke 24:6

day	morning	stone	crucify
week	tomb	body	risen

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

living	tomb	rolled	risen	dead
women	first	spices	away	bowled
faces	stone	entered	ground	remember
morning	week	body	fright	day

EASTER SCRAMBLED WORDS

- sJeus lCrsth _____
- fxcinrcouiui _____
- oGod ardFiy _____
- posians _____
- mobt _____
- ursineceotr _____
- sueirns viseecr _____
- siiacfreq _____
- vraCaly _____
- fvoiegr _____
- nsdace _____
- cnwro fo otnrsh _____
- sscro _____
- aenrlew _____
- seirn _____
- iavaotsin _____
- prhsowi _____

Resurrection	Sacrifice	Ascend	Crown of Thorns
Jesus Christ	Crucifixion	Good Friday	Passion
Tomb	Sunrise Service	Forgive	Renewal
Calvary	Cross	Risen	Salvation
Worship			