



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



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Sunday, February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“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, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jane Louise)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Special Intention)

6:30 pm Liturgy Meeting in Knights’ Hall

Wednesday, February 11

7:00 am Convent Mass (Special Intention K)

10:30 am **No Mass at St. Edward – Fr. Todd has meetings**

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

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

Thursday, February 12

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Tom Swedzinski)

8:00 am Convent Mass (Regina Fox)

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

Friday, February 13

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Fran Sturm)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jerry Langsweirdt)

Saturday, February 14

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Kate Thoofft)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (LaVern Evers)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, February 15

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(Lawrence & Barb Sumerfelt & deceased family members)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – Apologetics with Dcn. Jason

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Julia Claeys)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday evening, February 8, we will be hosting a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament specifically for Vocations. This will take place at St. Eloi from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and I will be offering Confessions during that time.

Adoration is a privileged moment of coming before the Lord in His Eucharistic presence—of laying bare our hearts, hurts, hopes, and desires for healing before the One who loves us so deeply. It is to behold Him hidden from our physical eyes, yet truly present among us. It is a sacred time when we can, in a sense, suspend time to worship the Word made Flesh, given for us.

While there are many needs for which we can and should pray, I am increasingly convinced that vocations must be at the top of our list. After all, how are we to live? How are we to serve? How are we to love God and neighbor? These questions are ultimately answered in our vocations. Yes, we need priests to serve our Diocese. Yes, we need the hidden and powerful witness of religious women and men who pray and sacrifice for the Church. But we also need holy married men and women who live faithful commitment to God and to each other, allowing that love to bear fruit—quite literally—in the raising of children. To pray for vocations, then, is to pray for peace and justice, that all may know and respond to God’s call—a call rooted in mercy, justice, and the salvation of souls.

This past week, I also began—once again—the process of arranging a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This will be my fifth and final attempt; if it does not go forward or must be canceled, I will not pursue another. We are hoping for August 2–13, 2027, a time that avoids major Jewish and Catholic holy days and parish obligations. At the time of this writing, I am waiting to hear back from Tekton Ministries, the pilgrimage company.

I have asked to add an extra day to the itinerary so that we can visit not only the traditional sites—Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Galilee—but also Caesarea Philippi (where Peter made his great profession of faith), Qumran (home of the Dead Sea Scrolls), Masada (the site of Herod’s palace and the tragic siege of A.D. 70), and the Dead Sea. Prayerfully consider if the Lord might be inviting you to go on pilgrimage to the holy Land. More information will follow if I move ahead.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd



ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

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Thursday, Feb. 12 – Mardi Gras 1:00 pm
 Thursday, Feb. 12 – Conferences 3:15 – 6:00 pm.
 Friday & Monday, Feb. 13 & 16 – No School

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)

Contemplation

ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$620	\$1,923	(\$1,303)
Loose plate	\$270	\$192	\$ 78
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$67,894	\$76,308	(\$8,414)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 15 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse
 Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke
 Lector: Brad Hennen
 Musicians: John Rabaey
 Offertory Gifts: Martin & Laura Hennen Family
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Corissa Van Keulen
 Cup: Don & Monica Senden
 Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,655	\$6,654	(\$4,999)
Loose plate	\$218	\$192	\$26
Online Giving	\$1,035	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$207,637	\$212,231	\$4,594

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 14 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
 Servers: Gabe Ludwikowski, Sam & Charlie Myhre
 Lector: Tim Gossen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Rabaey
 Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, February 15 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Tina Myhre
 Servers: Ian Myhre, Randy & Reed Sorensen
 Lector: Kevin Swedzinski
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Coover
 Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, John Sumerfelt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Bill Drown who passed away on Friday, January 23. His funeral was held on Thursday, January 29, at St. Edward.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelations 21:4

Prayers to the family of Beth Brewers who passed away on Thursday, January 29. Her funeral was held on Thursday, February 5, at St. Eloi.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

Prayers to the family of Terry Schreiber who passed away on Sunday, February 1. His funeral was held on Saturday, February 7, at St. Edward.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness." II Timothy 4:7

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.

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| ★ Marissa Bauer | ★ Missy Hennen |
| Sister-in-law of Charles Bot | ★ Jeremy Koelar |
| ★ Mary Coquyt | ★ Jamie Jelen |
| ★ Kay Drown | ★ Vincent Laleman |
| ★ Francis DeSmet | ★ Julie Noyes |
| ★ Eileen Differding | ★ Doug Sik |
| ★ Basil Englert | ★ Joanne Sturm |
| Lisa Hennen's uncle | ★ Madeline Swedzinski |
| ★ David Fier | ★ Tony Traen |
| ★ Harper Gravely | ★ Brenda Verschelde |

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

- ✠ For blessings on all marriages
- ✠ That leaders maintain the dignity of life in all stages and hear the needs of all people
- ✠ For recovery from illness and strength for the sick and elderly
- ✠ That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

CANDLELIT ADORATION & CONFESSION

Join us at St. Eloi on Sunday, February 8, for adoration & confession. It will be a time to spend time in quiet stillness while you gain greater insight into your purpose in life as you nurture your relationship with Jesus. Exposition will be from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Come when you can, stay as long as the Spirit moves you.

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

Starting February 1, Deacon Jason will be teaching a 6-part series on Catholic Apologetics, which is how to explain and defend the Catholic faith. Deacon Bruce will also be leading some faith formation dates. The schedule is on the Good Teacher AFC website listed at the top of the bulletin.

We will continue to offer a light breakfast with time for fellowship, have the lesson and then have time for open

group discussion. We meet Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

ARE YOUR CUPBOARDS LOOKING BARE?

There are a multitude of containers down in the basement that need to be picked up by their owners. That might be you!

Please check the basement to see if any of those containers belong to you. At the end of February, anything that is left will be donated to the Thrift Store.

KC LENTEN FISH FRY



FISH FRY

**Minneota
Knights of Columbus**

**St. Edward Catholic Church
Minneota, MN**

**Friday, February 20, 2026
4:30 – 7:00 pm**

Takeouts Available

**Adults (over age 12): \$15
Kids (ages 4 – 12): \$10
Kids (3 & under): Free**

All you can eat!



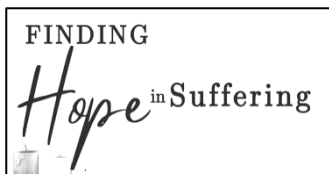
WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT – Feb. 27 - Mar. 1 "Lent – Finding Hope in Suffering"

Though we cannot avoid suffering, we are called to live with hope. When we take up our cross and follow Jesus, God can bring good from it. 1 Peter 5:10 promises God will restore, strengthen, and establish us after we have suffered for a little while.

Join us this Lenten season so discover a deeper understanding of suffering—and to be transformed by God's grace. Fr. Joe Vogel will be the spiritual director. Dcn. Mike McKeown and Sr. Maria Johanna are presenters.

Begins Friday, February 27, with supper at 6:00 pm and concludes Sunday, March 1 at noon.

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 Vlamincik (507) 530.4287.

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 12 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Curt Buysse



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE LEO'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026>

MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The Area Mission Trip group is sponsoring their annual spaghetti supper fundraiser. It will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 15, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Included will be spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, beverage, & dessert. Takeout is available.

There will also be a Tastefully Simple display and a bake sale by the Mission Trip participants.



The Confession of Faith

In an age of anxiety,
we still believe that peace comes from
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

In an age of confusion,
we still believe that the Bible is
the Word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt,
we still believe that Jesus was conceived
by the Holy Spirit and
born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt,
we still believe that Jesus rose bodily from
the dead to lead us to eternal life.

In an age of constant change,
we still believe in the unchanging
Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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 21** 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. Godparent requirements are on the church website.

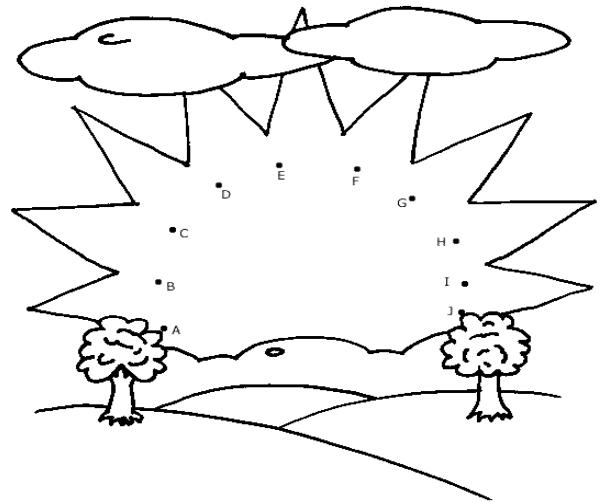
RCIA: If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 507.828.7012

Radio Rosary

- Feb. 9:* In memory of the Vroman Family – Shorty, Idalie, Mary, Rosemary, Josephine, Donald, & Richard by Allen Battle III
- Feb. 10:* For an end to abortion by Marj Anderson
- Feb. 11:* In memory of Gene Thooft by his family
- Feb. 12:* In memory of Marvin Welu by Terry Hennen
- Feb. 13:* In memory of Alice (Oscar G.) Louwagie by Pat Timmerman
- Feb. 14:* In memory of Emil & Bertha Louwagie by Dennis & Evelyn Louwagie
- Feb. 15:* In memory of Audrey Hammer by Dan & Arlene Markell

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.**

Light of the World Dot-to-Dot



The Light of the World

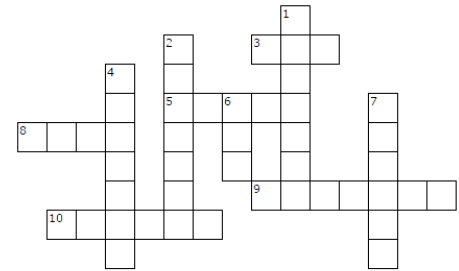
There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:6, 8 (NIV)

Based on John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NIV)



The Light of the World

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

- 3. An adult male human
- 5. A source of illumination, such as a lamp, or a lantern
- 8. The man sent from God to prepare the way for Jesus
- 9. To give evidence based on personal knowledge
- 10. To reply to a question

DOWN

- 1. To immerse in water
- 2. To be convinced that something is true
- 4. To admit that something is true
- 6. The creator of the heavens, earth and its people
- 7. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets

CHRIST TESTIFY	ANSWER LIGHT	MAN BELIEVE	JOHN CONFESS	BAPTIZE GOD
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| Bethany | John | Testify | Sent | Levites |
| Christ | Baptize | Name | God | Water |
| Jordan | Prophet | Jerusalem | Confess | Priests |
| Light | Believe | Elijah | Man | Witness |