



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

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Bulletin Info due by **Wednesday** at 4:00 pm

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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

Sunday, September 7, 2025

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Barb Wenker)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Bernie Moorse)

Wednesday, September 10 – Religious Ed Starts Tonight

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5 & 6 (Ron & Donna Schilling)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Regina Fox)

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, September 11

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Marian Laleman)

Friday, September 12

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Jim Driemeyer)

Saturday, September 13

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Brandon Eischens)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Deceased Polejewski family)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Abby Hennen & Jacob Wagner wedding at St. Eloi

Sunday, September 14 – Fall Festival

Notice: Mass Times & Locations have changed

7:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (David & Lorraine Maertens)

9:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Jon Guttormsson)

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, we heard the heartbreaking news of something almost unthinkable: a gunman opened fire into a church during a school Mass. Such violence shakes us to the core, shattering the expectation that our churches and schools are safe havens.

My heart breaks for the families whose children did not come home that day, and for all those whose lives will never be the same. Like many of you, I find myself asking the painful question: "Why?"

We can point to weapons, but in the end, a gun requires a human hand. In this case, as in many recent tragedies, the person behind the weapon was deeply troubled. He struggled with questions of sexual identity, isolation, and despair, and his writings reveal anger toward God and the Church. As disturbing as it is to say, such acts also bear the marks of something darker: the presence of evil itself. What else could drive someone to knowingly fire into a church full of children and teachers at Mass?

So, what can we do? There are no easy answers. But there are partial answers:

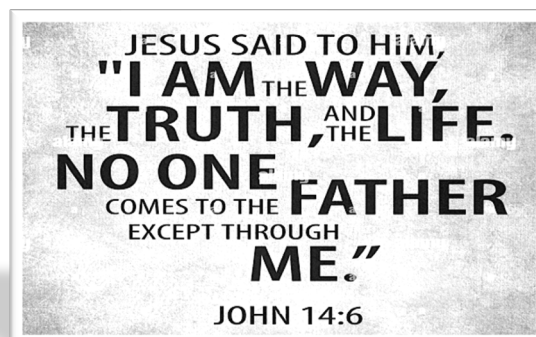
- Watch out for one another. Love your neighbor as Christ commands.
- If we see someone struggling, reach out, encourage them to seek help, and do not allow them to suffer in silence.
- Evil grows in isolation, secrecy, and denial. It loses power when we bring truth, compassion, and prayer into the light.

Years ago, after another church shooting, I spoke with a Catholic chief of police who advised me not to ban responsible, trained parishioners from carrying for safety. He also encouraged officers to attend Mass in uniform or prepared to respond, as a way of protecting the community. While here in Minneota and Ghent we do not have a large police presence, I am grateful for the good men and women ready to respond in a crisis. Still, no amount of vigilance can prevent every act of violence.

That is why our first and most important response must be prayer. Let us pray that such violence may never touch us here. Let us pray for the protection of our schools and churches. Most of all, let us pray

for the conversion of hearts—that every person may recognize the sacred dignity of life and turn away from violence.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd



ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

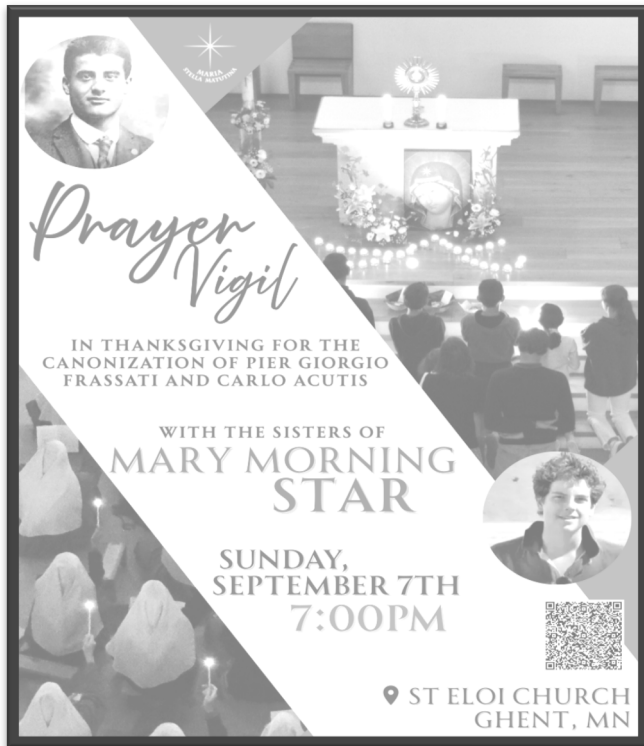
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 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
 St. Edward School: www.stedscatholicschool.com
 St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Sunday, Sept. 7 – Boxelder Bug Parade
 Friday, Sept. 12 – School pictures

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)

Notice – this Vigil is this Sunday evening



ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	2,140	\$1,923	\$217
Loose plate	\$184	\$192	(\$ 9)
Year-to-Date	\$13,886	\$22,154	(\$8,268)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 14 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
 Servers: Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh
 Lector: Laura Hennen
 Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen
 Offertory Gifts: Don & Monica Senden
 Eucharistic Ministers: Don Senden, Corissa Van Keulen
 Ushers: Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$905	\$6,654	(\$5,749)
Loose plate	\$222	\$192	\$30
Online Giving	\$800	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$60,528	\$61,615	\$1,087

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 13 – 5:30 pm @ St. Edward Church

Sacristan: Claren Novotny
 Servers: Violet Vlaminck, Eva Skorczewski
 Lector: Eriann Faaris
 Eucharistic Ministers: Fred & Margrit Rabaey
 Ushers: Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki, Scott Thooft, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, September 14 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
 Servers: Naomi & Declan Evjen, Wyatt Guza
 Lector: Dylan Evjen
 Eucharistic Ministers: Neal Bot, Seth Myhre
 Ushers: Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to Madison Lucy Kack, daughter of Joe & Larissa, born on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, and baptized at St. Eloi on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Madison – “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

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 Verschelde
- ★ Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

- ✚ For all students and teachers.
- ✚ For those suffering from poverty, famine, war, & other calamities.
- ✚ For healing of my mind, soul, & body.
- ✚ For the Church, Pope Leo, bishops, priests, & all the faithful, seeking guidance, unity, & spiritual growth.

DID YOU HEAR???

Did you hear that, you have just been called to teach Religious Education? Classes will be starting Wednesday, September 10. If you are being called **to serve your children & parish, we need you.** We need catechists for grades 3, 5, 8, & 10. You must be over 18 years of age & VIRTUS trained. VIRTUS training locations & dates are posted on dnu.org site.

A VIRTUS training session has been added on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm at the Korner Stone Kravings – the address is 220 1st St. W. Canby, MN.

To answer this call to serve, contact Religious Ed director Corissa Van Keulen at her email address www.goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com

FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Sunday, September 14
Serving from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
~ Roast Pork with all the trimmings ~
Carnival: 10:30 am – 12:30 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.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Items are needed for the silent auction. Please bring any item you would like to donate to the silent auction to the church office or place it in the elevator lobby under the table that is located there.

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.



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. Please take your donations to the church office in the Knights' Hall. 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 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!

LOOKING FOR PART-TIME ASSISTANTS

We are looking for helpers for our afterschool program. Our enrollment numbers continue to rise in our afterschool program, which means we need more helpers.

This is a part time position, from 3 – 6 pm, approximately three days per week. Anyone who loves to hang out with children while they play, make things and do homework is encouraged to apply.

Please reach out to jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com if you are interested.

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.

CCW MEETING

There will be a St. Edward CCW meeting on September 22, at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Hall.

The Deanery 2 meeting will be held on Monday, September 15. Watch for more details.

SACRISTANS NEEDED AT ST. EDWARD

If you would like to assist at the Masses, consider being a sacristan. A sacristan helps the priest by setting up for Mass. It takes about 10 minutes before and after Mass.

A brief training will be held for anyone interested. Let Caren know and she will connect you with one of the present sacristans.

SCHOENSTATT GIRLS' GROUP

The Schoenstatt Girls' Group will start again on September 29! This group is for girls aged 6-18 who want to deepen their faith and learn more about Mary.

Meetings will be held on the last Monday of every month from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Knights Hall.

To sign up, contact Jean Callens at 507.828.3472 or jcallens91@aol.com.

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.

MINNEOTA AREA MISSION TRIP 2027

All students currently enrolled at Minneota Public School in grades 8 – 12 are eligible to attend the next mission trip in June of 2027.

We fundraise for two years prior to our trip so we have begun to fundraise for the 2027 trip. If you or your child are interested in attending the 2027 trip reach out to Emily Hennen, emhaugland@hotmail.com or 507.828.6797.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 42– Congratulations! The winner is ... Galen Boerboom



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION – September

For our relationship with all of creation ~
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.
<https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf>

*Peace is built in the heart
and from the heart,
by eliminating pride & vindictiveness
& carefully choosing our words.*
~ Pope Leo XIV

AREA FALL FESTIVALS

Cottonwood, Church of St. Mary ~ Sunday, September 7
9:30 am Mass with special music
Turkey dinner with all the trimmings
(Cold Stone Ice Cream Cups for dessert)
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In; No deliveries
Adults - \$15; Kids (5-12) - \$10; Kids (4 & under) – Free
Take-outs - \$15

Wabasso, Church of St. Anne ~ Sunday, September 28
10:00 am Mass
Turkey dinner with all the trimmings
(Cold Stone Ice Cream Cups for dessert)
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dine-In
Adults - \$15; Kids (4-11) - \$8; Kids (3 & under) – Free
Take-outs - \$15

NEW VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

There has been a Virtus training session added on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm. It will be held in Canby at Korner Stone Kravings. The address is 229 1st St W.
Please make sure teachers and catechists are trained before the school year starts or soon after. There are several other classes also scheduled. Fall coaches should be trained before they start coaching.

REAL PRESENCE RADIO – Our Fall Live Drive is Here!

Join us September 9 – 11, from 7 am – 7 pm each day, for *Real Stories, Real People, and Real Faith* on your local Catholic radio station.
Support Real Presence Radio by tuning in at **89.5 FM** or calling **877-795-0122**.



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 – **September 6** Travis Welsh 507.829.0986
(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

Sept. 8: In memory of Margie Lipinski by her family
Sept. 9: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
Sept. 10: For the deceased members of Andrew & Mary Timmerman by Pat Timmerman
Sept. 11: In memory of Mary Alcorn by her family
Sept. 12: In memory of Catherine Verkinderen by Terry Hennen
Sept. 13: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends
Sept. 14: In memory of Leona Gawarecki 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.

I Am the Way Word Find

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

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J M T R O U B L E D E T A Z I
S W M W P R E P A R E A S N L
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