



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



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Sunday, March 9, 2025 The First Sunday of Lent

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Healing for J & L)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments

(Dick & Michelle Bailey Family – deceased & living)

Wednesday, March 12

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5 & 6 (Joan Bot)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

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

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

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

7:00 pm Choir in St. Edward Choir Loft

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

Thursday, March 13

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Dorothy & Bill Stake)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Orville & Marge Hennen)

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

Friday, March 14

5:45 am TMIY

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Anthony Callens & family)

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

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donald Vroman)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Bruce Gossen)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (For the People)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE *The Last Supper: The Words of Institution*

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Lori Brewers)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the Season of Lent. This is a holy season patterned after the Lord's fasting in the wilderness 40 days preparing Him for His public ministry, the 40 days of rain during Noah's ark that brought renewal to the world, and the 40-year pilgrimage in the desert with the Hebrews under Moses which prepared them to enter in the Promised Land.

Our Lenten pilgrimage of 40 days prepares us for our call to follow God more closely, renews us in the life of grace, and prepares us to enter into the Promised Land through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we conform to Him and the pattern He traces for us, we grow in holiness.

Our Church gives us for reflection this first Sunday of Lent the temptation narrative. In them, we hear of Jesus's being tempted, a fact that should bring comfort to us as it demonstrates that temptation itself is not a sin, but giving in to it is.

Our Lord does not dialogue with the devil but speaks truth to the lies he spews through scripture. This is a great model for us – may we be so filled with the knowledge of scripture that we recognize the lies of the evil one, the world, and our own brokenness and know the truth.

I received formal word this week that the pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a go. The cost is up (about \$5,150 versus the previous \$4,900), but we are staying in a better hotel while in Jerusalem for 5 days (it is across the street from one of the main city gates of the Old City).

I have posted the flyer on my facebook page (both personal – [frtoddpetersen](https://www.facebook.com/frtoddpetersen) – and professional – Fr. Todd Petersen – as well as the St. Edward Facebook page. For now, and at least a week, the registration link is private, allowing those who have expressed interest to register before we open it up to anyone else. If you are interested, here's the link:

https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage_pages/pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-september-16-2025/.

A \$300 down payment is required, and the rest will be collected before departure. Aside from personal expenses and noon meals, it is all inclusive from the airport and back. I am thinking about either carpooling or hiring a small bus to get us to the airport and back.

I am so happy that this can proceed. In addition to being very neglectful of taking vacations (with many personal reasons), I want to share the experience of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with others as it was so profound for me. I hope that you would consider going. If you have questions, please contact me.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391

Saturday, March 8, 8:00 – 10:00 am Open gym for kids
 ages 2-8 with an adult

Friday, March 14 – Early out at 12:10 pm

Congratulations to James Kuehn (top seller) and Violet
 Vlaminck (second place) for the Catholic United
 Financial Raffle. A total of \$7,700 was raised for the
 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 – 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	\$705.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,405.00)
Loose plate	\$1,386.00	\$146.00	\$1,240.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$74,284.00	\$79,484.00	(\$5,200.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 16 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Travis & Jessica Welsh Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Schmidt, Dan Sik

Ushers: Corey Kack, Ron Sussner, Tim Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,565.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,265.00)
Loose plate	\$235.00	\$154.00	\$81.00
Online Giving	\$1,050.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$192,731.00	\$199,331.00	(\$6,601.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 15 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki, Eva Skorczewski

Lector: Claren Novotny

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Buysse

Ushers: Mike Longtin, Tom & Paula Sterzinger, Chuck Vlaminck

Sunday, March 16 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Debbie Beisler, William Jones, Mason Moorse

Lector: Cynthia Moorse

Eucharistic Ministers: Neal Bot

Ushers: Rick Bot, Frank & Becky Engels, 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
- ★ Scott Josephson
- ★ Jeremy Koelar
- ★ Nicole Marshall
(Stiklestad)
- ★ Joanne Sturm
- ★ Anyone with a cancer
diagnosis

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

- ✚ For the return of fallen away Catholics
- ✚ To be more forgiving and merciful towards others
- ✚ To honor and respect what is sacred and holy

CCW SPRING GATHERING

All women are invited to attend the Deanery 2 Spring
 Gathering which will be hosted here at St. Ed's.

Register with Mary Myhre (text to: 507.828.2521 or email:
mary.myhre@hotmail.com) by Wednesday, March 12
 – the cost is \$15 (covered by our local CCW).

If you need a ride to the Gathering, contact Becky Engels.
 Her number is 507.530.5073.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

St. Edward CCW donated 496 pounds of food and \$100 in
 cash for our December drive. The food shelf
 appreciated the generosity of our parish. Thank you!
 We will be sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive from March 9 –
 April 6. The Greater Minnesota Council will be holding
 a matching funds drive through the end of March.

There is a need for canned goods – soups, fruits,
 vegetables, & spaghetti sauce – as well as taco items,
 mac & cheese, & packaged items. Baking supplies are
 also needed. Cash is always welcome.

Boxes will be in the back of church so please bring your
 donations in anytime during the week or at the
 weekend Masses.

The food shelf also has a year-round coat drive and are always looking for coats, hats, & mittens in all sizes – youth through adult. Drop them off at the food shelf anytime.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CARDS

There are St. Michael prayer cards in the back of church. Please take one and incorporate this prayer into your daily prayers.

The St. Michael the Archangel prayer is considered powerful because it acknowledges the reality of spiritual warfare and asks for protection from evil. It also expresses trust in God's plan and a commitment to resist evil forces as well as helping us grow in humility through greater reliance on God and less on ourselves.

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 16 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Janice Sorensen



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH

For families in crisis ~

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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

LENTE MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis said the call to hope and trust in God and in eternal life is also an important aspect of Lenten conversion. Some questions to ponder include: "Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?"

"This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs," he said.

HOLY YEAR – DAY OF REFLECTION

REAL PRESENCE RADIO NETWORK

The Real Presence Radio's mission is to assist the Roman Catholic Church in drawing all people to the knowledge and love of Jesus and His Church through the medium of radio and other mediums, in full accord with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

The programming is distinctly Catholic by providing a mix of devotionals, prayers, call in programs, the daily Mass, and both local and national programs concerning the Catholic Faith.



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.

Join the Universal Church in the Jubilee Year of Hope in which reconciliation and healing are key aspects.

Sunday, March 30, 2025 – St. Pius X, Glencoe
2:00 – 8:00 pm

Register at www.dnu.org.

LENTE TRADITIONS FOR FAMILIES (and all of us)

- ✧ Give something up for Lent as a family (besides candy).
- ✧ Motivate your children to do good deeds and make sacrifices. (Ideas: limit screen time, give up YouTube, sugary cereal, fast food, between meal snacks, etc.)
- ✧ Set up an almsgiving box – set out a box and take one thing from your own pantry every day of Lent. At the end of Lent, take the box to the food pantry.
- ✧ Add an extra prayer at bedtime – pray for family members, neighbors, friends, someone who is sick.
- ✧ Read the scripture about when Jesus goes into the desert. Matthew 4:1-11

Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble

Radio Rosary

Mar. 10: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Dave & Nancy Kesteloot
Mar. 11: In memory of Helen DeSleer by Pat Timmerman
Mar. 12: In memory of Tom Swedzinski by David & Diane Hennen
Mar. 13: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
Mar. 14: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Ken & Phyllis Persoon
Mar. 15: In memory of Anton & Charlene, Anthony Callens by their families
Mar. 16: In memory of Don Maeyaert by Dan & Shari Maeyaert

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 29** 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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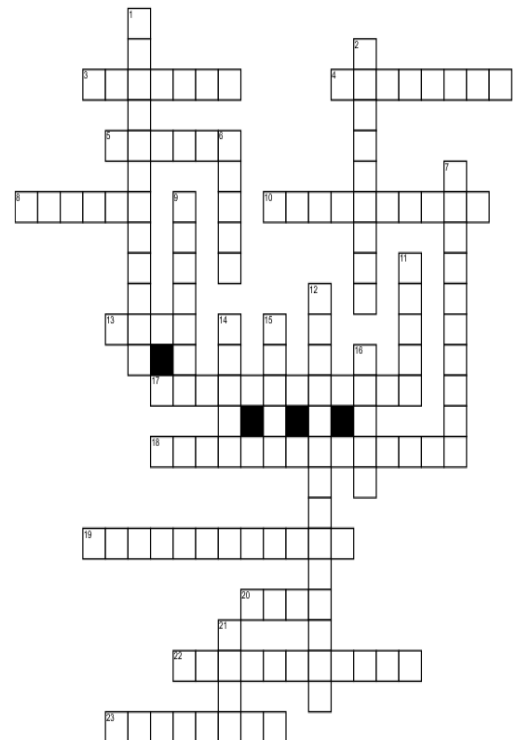
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| BLESS | FASTING | PALM SUNDAY | TEMPTATION |
| CHRISTIAN | FOREHEAD | PENITENCE | |
| CHURCH | FORTY DAYS | PRAYER | |

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM TEMPTATION

O CHRIST, SON OF GOD, FOR OUR SAKE YOU FASTED FORTY DAYS AND ALLOWED YOURSELF TO BE TEMPTED. PROTECT US SO THAT WE MAY NOT BE LED ASTRAY BY ANY TEMPTATION. SINCE MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, NOURISH OUR SOULS WITH THE HEAVENLY FOOD OF YOUR WORD; THROUGH YOUR MERCY, O OUR GOD, YOU ARE BLESSED AND LIVE AND GOVERN ALL THINGS, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

A Puzzle for Lent



Across

- 3. During Lent some people don't eat. This is called
- 4. What holy days were the Jews celebrating
- 5. Let's fold our hands and say a
- 8. What is the parament color at Easter
- 10. What is the day that follows Maundy Thursday
- 13. While on the cross, who did Jesus ask to take care of his mother
- 17. As Jesus rode in on a donkey what did the crowds wave

- 18. The day before Good Friday is called
- 19. What is the first day of Lent?
- 20. The Church's season we are in now
- 22. Action Jesus performed for his disciples that the lowest servant usually performed
- 23. The week preceding Easter Sunday is called

Down

- 1. On Easter we celebrate Jesus'
- 2. Jesus' action for you and me on the cross
- 6. Many people called Jesus teacher or

- 7. The Sunday before Easter is called
- 9. What did the crowds yell when Jesus rode into town
- 11. Who is our Lord and Savior
- 12. Who told the people of Jesus' coming
- 14. Who discovered the stone had been removed
- 15. How many days was Jesus in the wilderness
- 16. On what day did Jesus rise from the dead
- 21. There is faith and hope, but the greatest is

Jesus answered him,
 "Get behind me Satan!
 For it is written,
 'You shall worship
 the Lord your God,
 and you shall serve
 him only.'"

Luke 4:8

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