



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



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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

## Sunday, April 6, 2025 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, April 7

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

#### Tuesday, April 8 – Office closed

7:45 am Convent Mass (Doug Novak & Tracey Otto)

3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments (Orville & Marge Hennen)

#### Wednesday, April 9 – Office closed

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 7 & 8 (Jim DeCock)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Louie & Pat Wyffels)

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

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

7:30 pm Choir in St. Edward Choir Loft

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

#### Thursday, April 10

7:00 am No Mass at St. Edward

- 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Leo & Isabelle Hennen)

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

5:30 – 6:30 pm Confession

#### Friday, April 11

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Francis Rabaey)

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

4:30 – 7:00 pm Fish Fry

7:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, April 12

7:00 am Time Change Convent Mass (Tom Swedzinski)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Larry Sharp)

- 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

#### Sunday, April 13

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

- 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE Revelation: The End of Time

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Jane Hennen)

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we begin Passiontide as we turn more to the preparation for Holy Week, especially the Sacred Triduum. Our readings turn more to the growing angst toward the Lord in the days leading up to His arrest and Crucifixion.

Next week, we enter the holiest week of the year, with some of the most ancient parts of the liturgy in the Church's history. We see the priests washing the feet of people in imitation of our Lord, and celebrate the most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, drawing us into the mystery of the Last Supper and the gifts Jesus left the Church in the priesthood, the Eucharist, and the model of service.

On Friday, we listen to the Passion of our Lord, venerate the cross as we acknowledge our need for the Savior, and enter in the holy silence. Saturday, after sundown, we gather and celebrate Christ our Light, who has risen from the grave. We light a sacred fire, receiving its flames, listen to the Exultet, hear the readings that thumbnail our salvation history, and bless holy water, a reminder of baptism where we are brought into the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord.

While each of these liturgies is beautiful in itself, together they share a profound message, and because of that, I invite you to make every effort to be there (and if not at all three, at least at the ones you can attend).

At the time of writing, there are still three guaranteed seats on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. After that, there may be other seats available, or late registrations may have to fly on another airline or flight. Ground accommodations are a little more flexible.

I know that I may be repetitive with so much of this, but I desire to share with as many as able this chance to walk in the footsteps of Christ, to have the Gospels especially come alive by seeing the locations, experiencing the land and the people, and pray in the most sacred sites of the Church – where the Word became flesh at the Annunciation of Mary, the Mount of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee and Capernaum, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Upper Room, the Church of the Nativity, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built over Calvary and the Tomb of our Lord and the location His resurrection and first resurrection appearance to Mary Magdalene.

As I am preparing myself, I am entering more deeply into the idea of being a pilgrim. We are told that pilgrimages are not just sightseeing or tourist opportunities, but a way to encounter the Lord.

When on pilgrimage, an openness to what the Lord has prepared is necessary, to see all that happens as a means of the Lord showing us something important. It is a life of spiritual abandonment – to rely more fully on the Lord. I am aware that this pilgrim spirit is one that is to be ours always, whether on a literal pilgrimage or not, as we recall that we are but pilgrims here on earth.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391  
 Saturday, April 5, 9:00 – 11:00 am Open gym for kids ages 2-8 with an adult  
 Wednesday, April 9 – Penny Panic ends  
 Friday, April 11 – Fish Fry with Living Stations at 7:00 pm  
 April 25-27 and May 2-4 – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Level 1B – Contact Mrs. Garvey or Trudy if interested in attending

## 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	\$260.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,850.00)
Loose plate	\$209.00	\$146.00	\$63.00
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$79,074.00	\$97,778.00	(\$18,704.00)

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, April 13 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson  
 Servers: Xavier, Mark, & Gregory Rabaey, Tyler Welsh  
 Lector: Monica Senden  
 Musicians: Sisters  
 Offertory Gifts: Bernie & Julie DeCock  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Brewers, Shirley Maeyaert  
 Cup: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt  
 Ushers: Gary Crowley, Corey Kack, Mark Nelson

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$1,352.00	\$4,830.00	(\$3,478.00)
Loose plate	\$187.00	\$154.00	\$33.00
Online Giving	\$700.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$2,408.00		
Year-to-Date	\$215,616.00	\$221,505.00	(\$5,889.00)

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, April 12 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Margrit Rabaey  
 Servers: Bryce & Kaitlyn Gorecki, Eva Skorzewski  
 Lector: Mary Ann Christensen, Tim Gossen  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Thooft  
 Ushers: Rod & Ross Abraham, Don Gorecki, Luke Gorecki

#### Sunday, April 13 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Fran Sturm  
 Servers: Ian & Noah Myhre  
 Lector: Joe Callens, Julie Janiszkeski  
 Eucharistic Ministers: David Vlaminck  
 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.

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| ★ Brent Buysse  | ★ Linda Oftedahl |
| ★ Mary DeSmet   | ★ Joanne Sturm   |
| ★ Kay Drown     | ★ Gene Thooft    |
| ★ Jeremy Koelar | ★ Bob Tillemans  |

### ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

- ✚ For a deeper conversion of my heart during this Lenten season
- ✚ For grace to forgive others and ask for forgiveness for my own sins
- ✚ For compassion for those who are suffering, both physically and spiritually
- ✚ For strength to overcome temptations and to persevere in my Lenten journey.

### ST. ELOI FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST

St. Eloi will have coffee and juice after the 10:30 Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13. Please join us down in the St. Eloi church basement.

ALL are invited to come and join in fellowship! This is hosted by the St. Eloi Catholic Order of Foresters.

### EASTER FLOWERS

It's nearing the time of year the churches of St. Edward and St. Eloi will be decorated for Easter. Please consider helping out by donating the cost of an Easter lily as a remembrance or in honor of a loved one.

Place your name along with the memorial names and your donation marked Easter Flowers on an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/SCHOOL FISH FRY

The St. Edward's Knights of Columbus and the school are hosting a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, April 11, at St. Edward Church in Minneota.

Serving will be from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.  
 Adults (over 12) - \$15 Kids (4-12) - \$10  
 Kids (3 & under) - Free

Take outs available.  
 All are welcome.



## THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your very generous donation to the mission of San Lucas. We collected \$950 from St. Edward and \$316 from St. Eloi.

St. Edward's CCW donated \$750. This money was sent to the mission to help build a house for a family. What an amazing gift!

## 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: [igarvey@stedscatholicsschool.com](mailto:igarvey@stedscatholicsschool.com)

Questions? Call us at 507-872-6391 or visit [www.stedscatholicsschool.com](http://www.stedscatholicsschool.com)

## TOTUS TUUS – SUMMER 2025



Summer fun is coming to our parish for Grades 1-6 and Grades 7-12. Totus Tuus is a summer youth program which features four missionaries who host a fun daytime program for grades 1-6 and a youth group for grades 7-12 in the evening.

Details:

- July 5 Team Arrives
- July 6 Team Available for Mass
- July 7 Evening Program at 7:30 pm
- July 8-10 Daytime Program 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Evening Program 7:30 – 9:00 pm
- July 9 Parish Potluck 6:00 pm
- July 11 Team Departs

## YEAR OF WINNING

Week 20 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Carol

Driemeyer

## 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>

### LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis said a good Lenten exercise and examination of conscience would be to compare one's life to a migrant or foreigner, "to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father."

He also encouraged Catholics to be more synodal by journeying with others while avoiding self-absorption, exclusion, oppressing and excluding others, or being envious and hypocritical.

"Let us all walk in the same direction, tending toward the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience," he urged.

### JACKPOT BINGO – ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, April 6, 2025 St. Leo Church Basement  
Warm-up games at 12:30 pm – Jackpot games at 1:30 pm  
Lunch starts at noon. Donation: \$15  
18 - \$50 games with \$200 and \$300 jackpots  
Proceeds will support Catholic education.  
Matching grant from Catholic United Financial.

### RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

The "Jimmy's J Crew/Kack Attack on Cancer" Relay for Life team is hosting their "Wing & Pizza Night" and bake sale fundraiser at KB's Ballroom on Monday, April 7, from 5:30-8:30 pm.

Team members will again be selling luminaries & goodies and waiting & busing tables with all donations, tips & wages going to the 2024 American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Lyon County.

Please join us for food, fun & fundraising!

## Lenten Prayer

*We hunger and thirst for your holiness;  
Blessed are You, Lord, God of all  
creation.*

*You make us hunger and thirst  
for holiness.*

*Blessed are You, Lord, God of all  
creation.*

*You call us to true fasting:  
To set free the oppressed, to share our  
bread with the hungry, to shelter the  
homeless, and to clothe the naked.*

*Amen*

**NEW ULM DIOCESAN CCW  
64<sup>TH</sup> 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.



**LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES (and all of us)**

- ✧ Read a religious book individually or as a family.
- ✧ Listen to religious music while doing a task you've been putting off.
- ✧ Attend (or read at home) the Stations of the Cross.
- ✧ Pray for world political and religious leaders that they have mercy on those less fortunate.
- ✧ Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you.



**Radio Rosary**

- Apr. 7: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends
- Apr. 8: In memory of Lorena Dieken by Tony & Ruth Louwagie
- Apr. 9: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Ardyce Louwagie
- Apr. 10: In memory of Tom Swedzinski by Madeline & family
- Apr. 11: In memory of Carol & Don Louwagie by Jack & Terry Hennen
- Apr. 12: In memory of Vincent & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family
- Apr. 13: In memory of Jane Hennen by Ernie & 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.**

**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 12** Bruce Bot 507.828.7012  
(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



**Lent Word Find**



K	R	K	Z	Y	B	F	M	D	P	O	F	P	A	Y	A	K	B
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|--------------|-------|--------|---------------|
| Purple       | Lent  | Ashes  | Easter        |
| Prayer       | Holy  | Risen  | Fasting       |
| Sunday       | Palm  | Priest | Sacrifice     |
| Forty Days   | White | Jesus  | Forehead      |
| Resurrection |       |        | Holy Saturday |

**Lent Crossword**

**Across**

- 2. How many Days are there in Lent
- 5. What was Jesus tempted to turn a stone into?
- 9. On what day do we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead?
- 10. In which river was Jesus Baptised?
- 13. On what day of the week did Jesus die?

- 14. What actions offend God
- 15. What is the Sunday before Easter called?

**Down**

- 1. What is the Prayer that Jesus taught us?
- 3. What is the word for giving up something that we like?
- 4. Who tempted Jesus
- 6. Where did Jesus go to pray

- 7. Fill in the blank: Jesus is God the .....
- 8. As well as giving up something and helping people, what else as we asked to do more of in Lent
- 11. Who looked after Jesus?
- 12. How many Old Testament Figures appeared with Jesus on the top of the mountain at His Transfiguration?

**Word Bank**

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|---------------|--------|------------|-------------|---------|
| Friday        | Satan  | Sins       | Bread       | Praying |
| Fast          | Two    | Angels     | Desert      | Son     |
| Easter Sunday | Jordan | Our Father | Palm Sunday | Forty   |