



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



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Sunday, February 9, 2025 The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Duane Oftedahl)
3:00 pm Mass at the Apartments
(David & Carol Bakker & families)

Wednesday, February 12

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 1 & 2
(Deceased parents of Ben & Jan Bot)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Kate Thoofst)
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
7:30 pm Choir in St. Edward Choir Loft
8:00 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study – Knights' Hall

Thursday, February 13

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Paul Fonteyn)
• 6:30 am Confession before Mass
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Parents of Grace & Francis Rabaey)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

Friday, February 14

5:45 am TMIY
7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Francis Rabaey)
12:00 pm Convent Mass (Rose Baune)

Saturday, February 15

12:00 pm Convent Mass
(Antone & Theresa Grobner & families)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (For the People)
• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Marilynn Pagel)
• 8:00 am Confession before Mass
9:30 am Sunday FIRE *Bread of Life: Faith in Christ's Divinity*
10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Phyllis Lensing)
• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to the Flurry of Fun committee and volunteers, to the caterers and musicians, auctioneers, and participants for the wonderful evening. With so many other activities, it was wonderful to see so many involved and attending.

This Friday, I will mark 3 years since my mother's death. It is hard to believe, as some days it seems like a lifetime ago, and other times, it feels so fresh and new. There are times when I really miss talking to her, or regret not talking to her enough, or find myself wishing to ask her something, either confirming a story or fact she knew or to tell her about some new fact or share of some random encounter. I know that this is only a small way that grief appears, and while I think I have navigated this well, I certainly understand why some grieve so much deeper. It means that we need to be accepting of the process, be gentle with ourselves, and honor those we miss.

I think I may have shared, but the image of riptides has been important for me in my grieving. When caught in a riptide, the instinct is to swim against it, to the point of exhaustion. But the better thing to do is allow the tide to take you, as long as you keep your head above water, and when it releases you, you can swim back to shore.

Grief is like that. When we try to go against it, it leaves us exhausted. But when we allow it to flow, making sure we don't get pulled under, we find our way through it. Like Christ on the Cross, He had to endure it, and in doing so, conquered it not only for Himself but for all of us.

Many of us perhaps have heard of the stages of grief (denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance). While these are 5 common stages for grieving, they are not always linear and clear. We may go through several stages a few times, skip some entirely, or find ourselves caught in a loop perhaps. This is where we need the Lord most – that He would help us find acceptance. Acceptance is not that we are happy that the other has passed, but that we accept that reality and trust in the presence of the Lord.

I miss my Mom. But I trust that the Lord is giving her peace and I pray for her eternal rest. And God willing, when He calls me home, we will praise Him together for eternity. I do not want to rob her of that joy. So, I might well up, choke back a tear, allow a crack in my voice as I speak of her, but I know that God has her. I can pray for her, continuing to offer Mass and prayer for her and when I do, I can feel a deeper communion with her because of our faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
Thursday, February 13 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:15 – 6:00 pm

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)

Here I Am.
Send Me.

Isaiah 6:1-8



ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$270.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,840.00)
Loose plate	\$121.00	\$146.00	(\$25.00)
Commodity	\$500.00		
Year-to-Date	\$69,205.00	\$69,492.00	(\$287.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 16 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse
Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke
Lector: Karla Engels
Musicians: John Rabaey
Offertory Gifts: Mike & Donna Van Keulen
Eucharistic Ministers: Lila Schmidt, Caroline Van Keulen
Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Darren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$10,975.00	\$4,830.00	\$6,145.00
Loose plate	\$325.00	\$154.00	\$171.00
Online Giving	\$975.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$.00		
Year-to-Date	\$176,473.00	\$176,900.00	(\$427.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 15 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen
Servers: Jules Gossen, Audyn & Brisbyn Traen
Lector: Mary Ann Christensen
Eucharistic Ministers: Eriann Faris
Ushers: Charlie Callens, Troy DeSmet, Jerry Kloos, Wayne Wyffels

Sunday, February 16 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot
Servers: RJ & Reed Sorensen
Lector: Kevin Swedzinski
Eucharistic Ministers: Dawn Vlaminck
Ushers: Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlaminck

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to Annabelle Sorensen, daughter of Tristan & Emily, born on Friday, December 13, 2024, and baptized at St. Edward on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Annabelle – “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.

★ Nicole Marschall ★ Joanne Sturm
(Stiklestad) ★ All caregivers

★ Anyone who has received a cancer diagnosis

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT – Feb. 28 - Mar. 2

“Lent – A Pilgrimage of Hope”

In this Jubilee year, join us at the Abbey of Hills for a women's retreat: “Lent, a Pilgrimage of Hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 assures us that God has plans to give us HOPE in the midst of the challenges of life. We can trust that his love can calm our spirits, heal our hearts and lift our eyes to heaven.

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 Vlaminck (507) 530.4287.

WRAP DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

I'm following up with the WRAP donations drive and am happy to report that it was extremely successful. We had over 150 donations from the Church with many supplies that were needed.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate to this important cause. – Olivia Claeys

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 12 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Jeanette Sharp



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life ~
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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

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.

This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or family member who has stopped practicing the faith back into communion with the Church and to “walk with one” in this Eucharistic Revival year of mission.

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025 – St. Mary, New Ulm
2:00 – 8:00 pm; OR

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

Schedule for the retreat

2:00 pm – Check-In

2:30 pm – Teaching on healing and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Q & A with a priest

5:00 pm – Free supper

6:00 pm – Adoration and Prayer for Hope and Healing

Register at www.dnu.org.

SCHOENSTATT ON THE LAKE, SLEEPY EYE

The Rosary is said every Wednesday at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to join in the prayers for the Holy Year, 2025 each Wednesday afternoon.

The Schoenstatt on the Lake Center is a Holy Year Pilgrimage Site. It is located at 27762 County Rd 27, Sleepy Eye, MN.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced the death of a loved one (spouse, child, friend, family) and are journeying toward grief healing, you are invited to this GriefShare 13-week session.



The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. The first session will be held February 24, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Holy Redeemer Church Gathering Area, Marshall. GriefShare material is designed so that a person can begin attending on any week, even if you missed prior sessions. All faith expressions welcome. Contact the parish office, 507-502-5711, or Dorothy, 507-401-0601 for more information. Registration can be found at www.griefshare.org.

Take Up the Whole Armor of God:

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:11)



This diagram relates to the women's Bible Study this week – we need to prepare to wear the full armor of God to keep the devil and his evil thoughts away from us.

**"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!
All the earth is filled with his glory!"**

Isaiah 6:3

Thank You, Lord, for giving me the courage to face troubles and persecutions from people who try to pull me down. Help me Lord not to try and get things even with them, but show them the love and compassion that God would give them. Use my life as a mirror of Jesus' care for those who have not yet believed in Him as Savior and Lord. Train me Lord to be bold enough to stand firm on my faith. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Radio Rosary

- Feb. 10: In memory of Marge Hennen by David & Diane Hennen
- Feb. 11: For all living & deceased members of Council #307 Catholic United Financials – Wilno
- Feb. 12: In memory of Carol Louwagie by Dan & Helen Wambeke
- Feb. 13: In memory of Leonard Matthys by Greg & Diane Louwagie
- Feb. 14: In memory of Mary VanHecke by her family
- Feb. 15: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their families
- Feb. 16: In memory of Carol Louwagie 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.

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 15** Jason Myhre 507.829.2829
 (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.

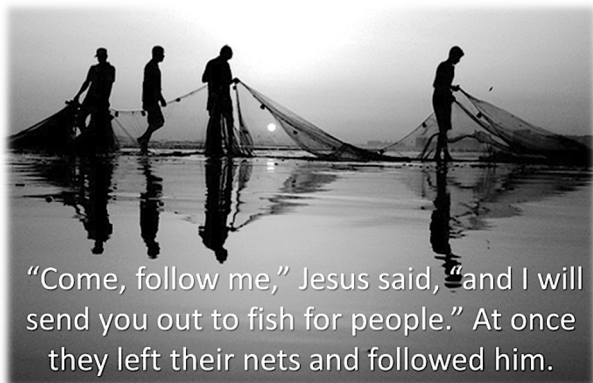
RCIA: If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 507.828.7012

New Year with God

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God	Jesus	Offering	Congregation	Hebrews
Praise	Pastor	Holy Bible	Prayer	Holy Spirit
Worship	Respect	Sanctuary	Church	Sunday School

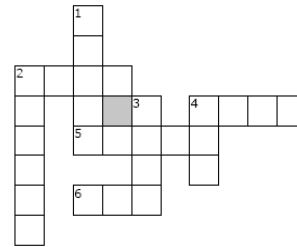
Note: I heard from several people that God was missing in last week's word find. Oops! I believe you will find Him this week. We definitely need God in our week!



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Fishing for People

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (NLT)
 This puzzle is based on Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)



ACROSS

- 2. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
- 4. To go down below the surface of the water
- 5. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river
- 6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish

DOWN

- 1. The Son of God
- 2. To get behind someone and go where they go
- 3. A small vehicle for traveling on water
- 4. A large area of water, smaller than an ocean

Jesus	net	fish	sink
shore	boat	sea	follow



Fishing for People

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 Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. The Son of God
A. Jesus B. boat C. net D. fish
- ___ 2. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river
A. sea B. fish C. Jesus D. shore
- ___ 3. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
A. net B. shore C. Jesus D. boat
- ___ 4. A small vehicle for traveling on water
A. sink B. Jesus C. follow D. boat
- ___ 5. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
A. fish B. sea C. sink D. boat
- ___ 6. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean
A. net B. Jesus C. sea D. shore
- ___ 7. To go down below the surface of the water
A. follow B. sink C. Jesus D. sea
- ___ 8. To get behind someone and go where they go
A. boat B. net C. follow D. fish