



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

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Sunday, November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

“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, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Putts Boerboom)

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartment (Tom Swedzinski)

Wednesday, December 3

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 7 & 8 (Steve Przymus)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (John Brewers)

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

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

Thursday, December 4

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

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Remi & Irma Callens)

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

Friday, December 5

6:00 am TMIY Knights’ Hall

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Barb Wenker)

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Teresa, George, & Jim Boulton)

Saturday, December 6

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Ernie & Kate Thooft)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Alvin Differding)

• 4:30 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, December 7

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Paul Fonteyn)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

9:30 am Sunday FIRE – *The Lost Art of Living*

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

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! This weekend we begin a new liturgical year as Advent begins.

With the new year we also begin Cycle A of the Lectionary, focusing on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Over the coming months we will hear Matthew’s emphasis on the humanity of Christ, His human lineage, and the many prophecies fulfilled in Him. We will hear familiar parables and the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus clearly outlines what it means to be His disciple.

Advent is a privileged time to ask ourselves: Are we prepared for Christ’s return? Are we watching and ready? If we find ourselves a bit sluggish or distracted, this season is a kindly invitation to return to spiritual watchfulness.

Here are a few spiritual practices that can help you prepare this Advent:

- Read one chapter a day of a Gospel. (St. Luke’s Gospel, for example, has 24 chapters – one per day fits neatly into Advent.)
- Light an Advent wreath. The four candles (traditionally three violet and one rose) mark the weeks; the rose candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent.
- Use an Advent calendar. There are simple calendars and more elaborate ones for children; some companies even create special adult versions.
- Set up a creche with a twist: add a bit of straw to the manger for each good deed done.
- Make an Advent chain. Add a link for each good deed or prayer intention.
- Try the Jesse Tree with children—ornaments remind us of the people of salvation history who waited and longed for the Messiah (Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, the Judges, and finally Joseph, Mary, and Jesus).

These traditions help us remember that many generations waited for the coming of Christ—and they help children (and adults!) see Advent as a season of hopeful waiting.

One more reminder: It is not Christmas yet. While it may be necessary to shop or send cards, Advent invites us to prepare our hearts and to save our full celebrations for the actual Christmas season.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

PREPARE THE
WAY OF THE
LORD

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391
St. Edward School: www.stedscatholicschool.com
St. Edward School Facebook: St. Edward Catholic School

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Christmas Concert & Meal

5:00 – 6:30 pm Meal before concert

6:30 pm – Christmas Concert

St. Edward Student Council is collecting food and monetary donations for the Lyon County Food Shelf until Sunday, November 30. See details in the bulletin ad.

St. Edward School Apparel Sale –

Store closes on December 15. Options include short & long sleeved t-shirts, crew & hooded sweatshirts, sweat pants, & stocking caps.

Use this link to check it out.

www.2arrowsapparel.com/collections/st-edward-school-store

SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon)

Call 428.3919 to double-check Mass time.

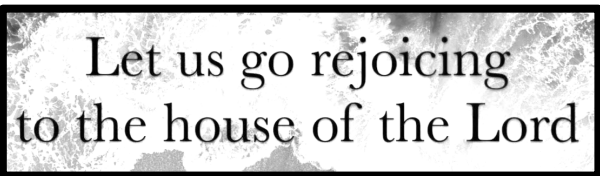
Vespers: 5:45 pm (Monday – Friday) 6:00 pm (Sunday)

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)



ST. ELOI

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,825	\$1,923	\$1,902
Loose plate	\$378	\$192	\$186
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$42,226	\$51,692	(\$9,466)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 7 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Leo Hennen, Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Travis & Jessica Welsh Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

ST. EDWARD

Weekly	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,996	\$6,654	(\$2,658)
Loose plate	\$253	\$192	\$61
Online Giving	\$690	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Commodity	\$		
Year-to-Date	\$137,679	\$143,769	(\$6,090)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 6 – 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Cindy Novotny

Servers: Niara & Stella Gorecki

Lector: Fred Rabaey

Eucharistic Ministers: Claren Novotny

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Jackie Laleman, Bruce & Cindy Novotny

Sunday, December 7 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Ruth Bot

Servers: Randy & Reed Sorensen

Lector: Julie Janiszski

Eucharistic Ministers: Neal Bot

Ushers: Rick Bot, Joe Callens, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlaminc

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Fran Sturm who passed away on Sunday, November 23. His funeral was held on Friday, November 28, 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:

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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| ★ Kay Drown | ★ Vincent Laleman |
| ★ Francis DeSmet | ★ Julie Noyes |
| ★ David Fler | ★ Doug Sik |
| ★ Harper Gravely | ★ Joanne Sturm |
| ★ Missy Hennen | ★ Brenda Vershelde |
| ★ Jeremy Koelar | |

KITCHEN ANGELS FOR ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

We would like to create a group called "Kitchen Angels."

The purpose of this roster is to be contacted should we need to prepare donated produce for the school lunch program or do a little extra cleaning in the food preparation area. Our School Head Cook, Cynthia Moore, will be supervising these activities

Enrolling in the Kitchen Angel roster does not mean you're obligated to take each case or peel each vegetable. You would be contacted by e-mail or called, when produce is donated and helpers needed, and if you're interested/available, you would respond back to volunteer for a couple of hours.

Please let Cynthia or the school (872.6391) know if you have any questions and/or if you're interested in joining this roster!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers to lead the Holy Rosary on Sunday mornings. Substitutes are needed for Saturdays and Sundays as well.

There are resources available to help you out. Contact Fr. Todd or Caren at the church office.

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

Our study this year (from FORMED.org) is called "Who Am I to Judge?", featuring Dr. Edward Sri. It discusses how to

talk about moral truths in a culture that promotes a belief that everyone can have their own truth about what's right (relativism).

We have a light breakfast with time for fellowship, then watch our study video, and then have time for open group discussion. We meet Sundays from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Knights' Hall in Minneota.

Video links and schedule can be found on goodteacherafc.com under "Religious Education – Sunday FIRE" if you're not able to join us.

FOOD SHELF – St. Ed's Student Council

The St. Edward Student Council is collecting donations for the food shelf during the month of November.

The need keeps growing at the food shelf. Following is a list of items that are needed. Sugar, flour, salt, pepper, canned fruit and vegetables, pork-n-beans, regular and chunky soups, canned chicken, ravioli, spaghetti sauce, microwave pouch meals, taco items, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, coffee and juices.

With Thanksgiving nearing, they would also like canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix and instant potatoes.

Cleaning supplies, shampoo and conditioners, unscented body washes, mouth wash, toothpaste and brushes, feminine products are also needed

Please feel free to bring other items also, keep in mind that all items are to be unopened.

Monetary donations are always welcome, please place in an envelope that is marked "food shelf" and put in the collection basket or take to the parish office.

COAT DRIVE – St. Edward CCW

The St. Edward CCW will be hosting a coat drive for the Marshall Food Shelf this year starting this weekend and going until the weekend of December 12 & 14.

We are looking for coats for all ages of men, women and children and they are looking for coats, hats, mittens, scarfs and large size boots. Please make sure they are clean and not in need of repairs.

Boxes will be in the back of church for your donations.

Thank you for your support and generosity as we help those in need. Questions can be directed to Bonnie Laleman at 507.828.5703.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time again! Please help decorate St. Edward and St. Eloi for the Christmas season by donating towards poinsettias as a remembrance of a loved one.

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

Thank You!

CHRISTMAS BINGO AT THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

Christmas season is around the corner and once again and the residents of the assisted living facility in Minneota are looking forward to us coming to spend time with them and celebrate Jesus!

This year we will mainly be playing bingo with prizes and sharing homemade cookies and decorations with the residents. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, December 7, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. If you cannot volunteer but would like to help out, we need homemade cookies, homemade decorations, bingo prizes for the residents (ie: socks, plain lotion, toothpaste/brush, cards, adult

coloring books/markers, throw blankets, etc.), and a roll of quarters.

Please contact Lisa Hennen at 605.391.2748 if you would like to volunteer or donate. Thank you!

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 2 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Dan Longtin



HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – November

For the prevention of suicide ~

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL COUNCIL #307

Catholic United Financial Council 307 will hold their annual Christmas Party and Meeting for Council members and spouses on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 12:00 pm in the St. John Cantius Church Basement.

A traditional Christmas dinner will be served at noon followed by a meeting. Please RSVP to Cheryl Downing 605.695.7630 or Karen Miller 507.694.1790 by November 30, so we know how many people to expect.

JACKPOT BINGO – ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, December 7, 2025 St. Leo Church Basement

Warm-up games at 12:30 pm – Jackpot games at 1:30 pm

Lunch starts at noon. Donation: \$15 per ticket

18 - \$50 games with \$200 and \$300 jackpots

Proceeds will support Catholic education & church projects!

BLOOD DRIVE ~ KBs BALLROOM

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at KBs Ballroom, Ghent, Wednesday, December 10, from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Give a special gift of life by donating blood this holiday season. All blood donors will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card by email.

Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.



**THEREFORE KEEP
WATCH, BECAUSE
YOU DO NOT KNOW
ON WHAT DAY
YOUR LORD WILL
COME
MATTHEW 24:42**

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 – **December 13** Lisa Hennen 605.391.2748

(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

Dec. 1: In memory of Delores DeVos by Mary Schreiber

Dec. 2: In memory of Oscar & Mary Louwagie
by Lorraine & Cletus Lanners

Dec. 3: In memory of Melvin Welu
by Leonard & Marian Louwagie

Dec. 4: In memory of Leon & Marie Coudron
by Madeline Swedzinski

Dec. 5: In memory of Dick Christopherson by Diane

Dec. 6: In memory of Gwen Van Keulen
by David & Diane Hennen

Dec. 7: In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom
by their 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.

Advent Word Find

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Advent
Wreath
Candles

Purple
Hope
Peace

Joy
Love
Mary

Joseph
Jesus

What Is Advent All About?

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus," which means "coming" or "arrival." During this time, Christians prepare our hearts to celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth. We look for ways to receive Jesus in our hearts and our daily lives. Finally, we use this time to reflect on the second coming of our Lord.

Advent Wreath Blessing & Activities

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

Scripture for Week 1 of Advent

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

Pray the Advent Prayer for Week 1

"Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen."



Reflect on Week 1 of Advent

Are you ready to discover the hope Jesus is inviting you to experience this Christmas?

Advent Family Activities

Sunday, Nov. 30 – Make an Advent wreath together.

Monday, Dec. 1 – Make paper snowflakes.

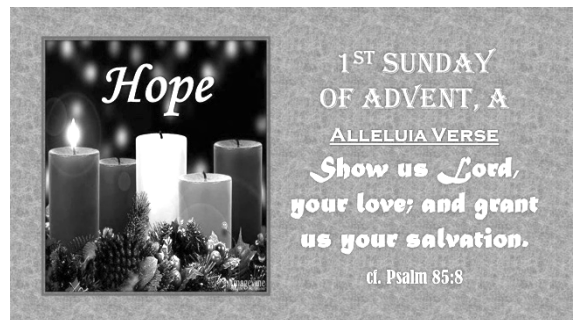
Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Set up and talk about the Nativity scene.
Place Mary & Joseph far away from the Nativity.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 – Make a paperchain for each day until Christmas while listening to Christmas music.

Thursday, Dec. 4 – Donate food or a coat you no longer need to the food shelf.

Friday, Dec. 5 – Make hot chocolate and watch a Christmas movie together as a family.

Saturday, Dec. 6 – Write a family prayer about hope, peace, love, and joy.



peace
BE WITH YOU

St. Eloi Liturgical Schedule for December ~ 2025 & January ~ 2026

Reminder to please find your own replacement if you can't make your scheduled date.

If a Deacon is present for Mass, the Eucharistic Minister will not be needed.

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

DECEMBER – 2025

Sunday, December 7 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Leo Hennen, Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Travis & Jessica Welsh Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

Monday, December 8 – 5:30 pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Elise Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Steve Van Keulen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Galen Boerboom

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

Cup: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

Sunday, December 14 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Cindy Nelson

Servers: Gregory & Xavier Rabaey

Lector: Brad Hennen

Musicians: Barb Hennen & Laura Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt

Eucharistic Ministers: Don & Monica Senden

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

Sunday, December 21 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse

Servers: Leo Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Mike Van Keulen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Rob & Caroline Hennen Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

Wednesday, December 24 – 4:30 pm Christmas Eve

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey

Lector: Steve Hennen

Musicians: Barb Hennen & John Rabaey

Parish Choir & Volunteers

Offertory Gifts: Bernie & Julie DeCock

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt

Cup: Dan Sik, Ron Sussner

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Trey Nelson

Choir Loft: Martin Hennen

Holy Family Procession: Gary & Nancy Crowley & grandchildren

Thursday, December 25 – 10:30 am Christmas Day

Volunteers needed for all ministries,

Including four Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, December 28 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Leo Hennen, Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Monica Senden

Musicians: Sisters

Offertory Gifts: Elaine Brewers

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

JANUARY – 2026

Thursday, January 1 – 10:30 am New Years' Day

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Elise Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Bernie DeCock

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Mike & Bonnie DeSutter

Eucharistic Ministers: Don & Monica Senden

Cup: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

Sunday, January 4 – 10:30 am Feast of the Epiphany

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Xavier & Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Karla Engels

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: John & Karla Engels

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Bossuyt, Lila Schmidt

Cup: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

Sunday, January 11 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Arlene Buysse

Servers: Elise Hennen, Xavier Rabaey

Lector: Laura Hennen

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Kris & Stacy Fier Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

Sunday, January 18 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Leo Hennen, Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Doug Maeyaert

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: Robert & Kathy Gorecki

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Brewers, Don Senden

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

Thursday, January 25 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Elise Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Jennifer Rabaey

Musicians: Sisters

Offertory Gifts: Brad & Barb Hennen Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Maeyaert, Sandy Nuytten

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen

