



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

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Sunday, May 25, 2025 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

9:00 am Mass at St. Eloi

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

Tuesday, May 27

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Healing for JL)

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

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, May 28

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

7:30 – 9:00 pm Youth Bible Study Grades 9-12

Thursday, May 29

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Charles & Elizabeth Bot)

Friday, May 30

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

Saturday, May 31

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Don Vroman)

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

- 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

Sunday, June 1

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Ed Polejewski)

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

- 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday is the traditional date of the Ascension, falling 40 days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our region of bishops, along with most others in the United States, have transferred the feast to the following Sunday (a move to make it easier by not having a Holy Day of Obligation). All the same, this Thursday is the start of the Novena of the Holy Spirit, as we prepare in a prayerful way for the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the early Church, strengthening it and give it power to proclaim and preach all that the Lord commands. Let's pray this novena well, asking the Holy Spirit to inspire us and enliven us to be messengers of the Gospel to all.

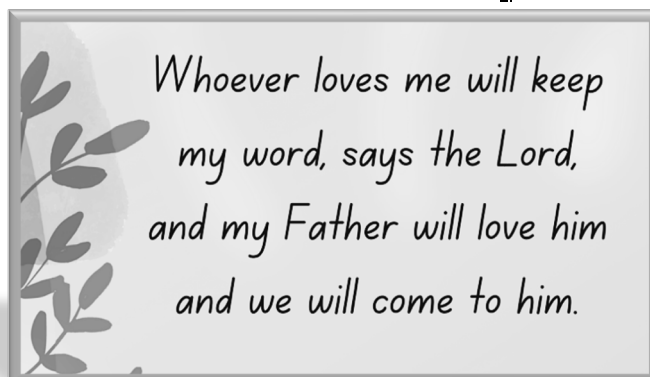
Monday is Memorial Day – a day set aside to remember all the brave men and women who fought so valiantly for liberty and justice. It is a day to pray for them and, if possible, to visit the cemeteries in a prayerful spirit, and to thank God for their sacrifices.

Next month, June 22 – June 29, our diocese is hosting what they are calling a Diocesan Pilgrimage. A select group of individuals will set up and walk through most of our Area Faith Communities. They will be passing through our Area Faith Community on June 24, starting with mid-day prayer and a light meal starting at 10:45 am at the Church of St. Eloi.

Parishioners are encouraged to come for both, and if they wish, to join the Pilgrims for about a mile of their journey out of Ghent to the next location (either they will have to walk the return trip or arrange their own transportation back). We have the food arranged for, but if there were a few individuals who would like to help with setup and cleanup, that would be appreciated.

The pilgrims will be processing with a newly commissioned image of Our Lady of the Prairie. Bishop Zielinski will dedicate the Diocese to the Blessed Mother under this title, and we priests are being asked to consecrate ourselves at the concluding service on June 29. We are also asked to consecrate every parish, with much more information coming for that process. There will be more information on all of this in the upcoming weeks.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd



ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks
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Tuesday, May 27 – Summer Care Begins – Register your child with Trudy in the office if you're interested

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)

Love gives us memories.

Faith gives us strength.

ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$365.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,745.00)
Loose plate	\$100.00	\$146.00	(\$19.00)
Commodity	\$9,981.00		
Year-to-Date	\$107,285.00	\$107,556.00	(\$271.00)

ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 26 – 9:00 am Memorial Day

Sacristan: Darla Timmerman

Servers: Leo Hennen, Gregory Rabaey

Lector: Monica Senden

Musicians: John Rabaey

Offertory Gifts: American Legion Members

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Senden, Corissa Van Keulen

Ushers: Galen Boerboom, Mike DeSutter, Mike Monnet

Sunday, June 1 – 10:30 am

Sacristan: Corissa Van Keulen

Servers: Elise Hennen, Toby Wambeke

Lector: Mike Van Keulen

Musicians: Barb & Brad Hennen

Offertory Gifts: Rob & Caroline Hennen Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Nuytten, Lila Schmidt

Cup: Darla Timmerman, Caroline Van Keulen

Ushers: Martin Hennen, Ron Sussner, Daren Van Keulen

ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$2,470.00	\$4,830.00	(\$2,360.00)
Loose plate	\$217.00	\$154.00	\$63.00
Online Giving	\$923.00	*Added to the adult envelope total	
Year-to-Date	\$240,774.00	\$245,208.00	(\$4,434.00)

ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 31 – 5:30 pm @ St. Eloi

Sacristan: Mary Ann Christensen

Servers: Sam & Charlie Myhre

Lector: Shannon Gossen

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Christensen,

Margrit Rabaey, Deb Thooft

Ushers: Troy DeSmet, Jerry Kloos, Jackie Laleman, Scott Thooft

Sunday, June 1 – 8:30 am

Sacristan: Joe Callens

Servers: Charity & Debbie Beisler, William Jones

Lector: Tina Myhre

Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Coover, Dylan Evjen,

Terry Van Keulen

Ushers: Rick Bot, Doug Janiszkeski, John Sumerfelt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Linda Oftedahl who passed away on Saturday, April 26. Her funeral was held on Saturday, May 24, at St. Eloi.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness..." 2 Timothy 4:7

Prayers to the family of Mary DeSmet who passed away on Thursday, May 15. Her funeral was held on Friday, May 23, at St. Eloi.

"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 21:4

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

★ Jeremy Koelar

★ Kay Drown

★ Joanne Sturm

★ Missy Hennen

★ Brenda Verschelde

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CONTEST

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas – Court St. Joan of Arc #1291 sponsored a local education contest. The categories were Art, Essay, and Poetry.

Winners were recently announced – and they are:

ART	Elise Hennen	Gr 8	1 st
	Declan Evjen	Gr 6	2 nd
POETRY	Violet Vlaminc	Gr 6	1 st
	Reed Sorensen	Gr 7	2 nd
ESSAY	Jules Gossen	Gr 6	1 st
	Sydney Hennen	Gr 8	1 st

The first-place winners were sent to the State Education contest. Those results were Elise Hennen placing 1st in Art, and Sydney Hennen placing 2nd and Jules Gossen placing 3rd in Essay.

Congratulations to all participants in this contest.

UPPER CRUST PIE LADIES NEED RHUBARB

The upper crust pie ladies need rhubarb for their delicious pies. If you have some to share, please bring it to the church basement and put it in the walk-in cooler as soon as you can. Thank you!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday Evenings

The "Frassati Society" meets in the loft of the Knight's Hall Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9:00 pm.

We will be exploring the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati leading up to his canonization on August 2, 2025. Join us to see the practical ways we can look to the saints as examples of how we can strive for holiness in our lives as young Catholics.

Everyone in grades 9 – 12 (last school year) is welcome.
Contact Dawn Vlamincik (507.530.4287) for more information.

TOTUS TUUS

St. Edward Church will host Totus Tuus from **July 6 – 11**.

This is a week-long summer program for youth.

July 7 – 10 Grades 1-6 meet from **9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

July 6 – 10 Grades 7-12 meet from **7:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

Totus Tuus (Latin for “Totally Yours”) is a program sponsored by the Diocese of New Ulm where four young adult missionaries who tour the Diocese spread the love of God to all they encounter.

During the day, youth in grades 1-6 participate in games, Mass, skits, and class. They are given opportunities to go to Confession, ask questions, pray, and of course, have a blast!

In the evening, youth in grades 7-12 experience the joy of a parish youth group. Games, adoration, a talk from one of the missionaries, and small groups all add up to an engaging, meaningful, and enjoyable experience.

If you're interested in attending or volunteering, please contact Corissa at goodteacherafcre@hotmail.com.

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: jgarvey@stedscatholicsschool.com

Questions? Call us at 507-872-6391 or visit www.stedscatholicsschool.com

YEAR OF WINNING

Week 27 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Deb Vlamincik

HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – MAY

For working conditions ~

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

<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 a meeting in the St. John Cantius Church Basement on Friday, June 6, 2025, following the 9:00 am Mass.

SCHOENSTATT SUMMER GIRLS CAMPS – 2025

High School – Enkindle June 26-29 (for girls ages 14 to 18) or Middle School – Living Crown (2 sessions offered)

July 6-9 or July 13-16 (for girls ages 10 to 13)

Who: Girls ages 10 to 18 years old.

What: Daily Mass and adoration, inspirational talks, swimming at the water park, outreach at the local nursing home, time spent with old and new friends.

Experience the joy that comes from a relationship with Jesus and Mary.

Camps begin with 6:00 pm registration & end at 3:00 pm

Where: Schoenstatt-on-the-Lake, Sleepy Eye

Cost: \$220.00 per camp participant – includes T-shirt and swimming/transportation to pool

Online Registration at:

<https://schoenstattmn.com/events.html>

For more information call or text: 262.933.0058



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MAY GOD BE GRACIOUS TO US AND
BLESS US AND MAKE HIS FACE SHINE
ON US—SO THAT YOUR WAYS MAY BE
KNOWN ON EARTH, YOUR
SALVATION AMONG ALL NATIONS.
MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU,
GOD; MAY ALL THE PEOPLES
PRAISE YOU.
PSALM 67:1–3 NIV

Radio Rosary

May 26: In memory of Helen DeSleer by family & friends

May 27: For the safety of our troops & their families
by Pat Timmerman

May 28: In memory of Carolyn Boerboom
by Curt & Coreen Boerboom & family

May 29: In memory of Sue Gorecki by Terry Hennen

May 30: In memory of June Vierstraete by Bob Buysse

May 31: In memory of Jean Neisius by Leon & family

June 1: In memory of Helen & George McGuire
by Madeline Swedzinski

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 – **May 31** Margrit Rabaey 507.828.1756

(Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)

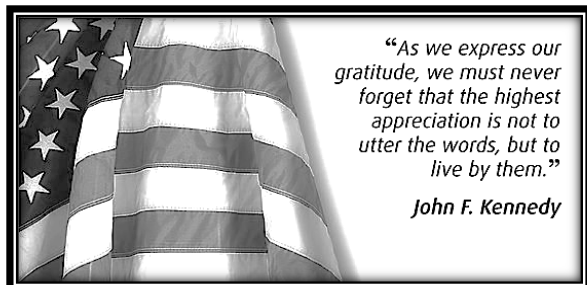
Baptism Prep: To set up a baptism date, call Caren at the office. Check the church website for Godparent requirements.

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

MEMORIAL DAY WORD SEARCH

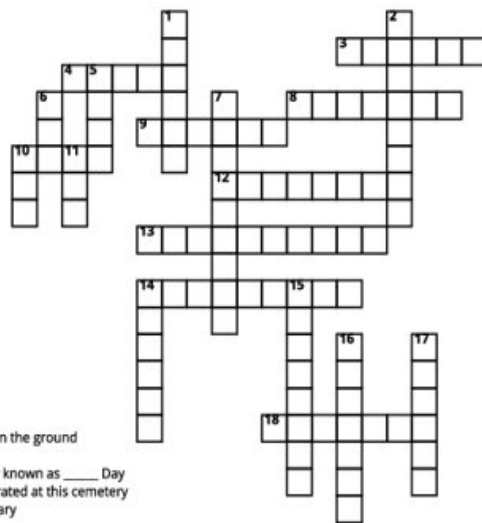
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Veterans	Commemorate	Civil War	Soldier	Country
Unknown Soldier	Acknowledge	Monument	Service	Salute
Decoration Day	World Wars	Military	Respect	Heroes
Memorial Day	Observance	Ceremony	Freedom	Honor
Desert Storm	Korean War	Cemetery	Flowers	Flag
Remembrance	Gratitude	Tribute	Dignity	



MEMORIAL DAY CROSSWORD

Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given!



Across

- [3] Ring of flowers
- [4] Army of the North
- [8] Often placed on graves
- [9] People march in this
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage on the ground
- [12] The opposite of forget
- [13] Memorial Day was originally known as ____ Day
- [14] Memorial Day is commemorated at this cemetery
- [18] One who has served in military

Down

- [1] Memorial Day is celebrated on this day
- [2] A place with many graves
- [5] Soldiers trained to protect the sea are in the ____
- [6] The opposite of peace
- [7] Inspired by love of country
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage in aerial missions are in the ____ Force
- [11] Memorial Day is celebrated in this month
- [14] The National ____ was written when flag was flying over Fort McHenry
- [15] Number of stars on Betsy Ross Flag
- [16] Freedom from bondage or restraint
- [17] A meal eaten outside



Prayer of Remembrance

On this Memorial Day, I pray for the souls who gave their lives for their country on battlefields all over God's parched earth. I pray they will be remembered with gratitude for the freedom we enjoy as a result of their bravery, suffering, and sacrifice. Thank You, God, for allowing me to wake up in freedom. Please watch over those still fighting to bring everlasting peace to this world.



peace
BE WITH YOU