



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



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St. Edward Facebook: St. Edward Catholic Church

**Sunday, July 5, 2026**

**The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**“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, July 6

5:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider’s Intention)

### Tuesday, July 7

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

2:30 pm Mass at the Apartments (Michael Kern)

### Wednesday, July 8

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Ed Lozinski)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Donata DeBruyckere)

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

### Thursday, July 9

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Paul Fonteyn)

12:00 pm Mass at Convent (Kate Thooft)

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

### Friday, July 10

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Francis Rabaey)

### Saturday, July 11

12:00 pm Convent Mass

(Shirley, Frank & Dolores, Richard Sussner)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (John & Mary Polejewski)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

### Sunday, July 12

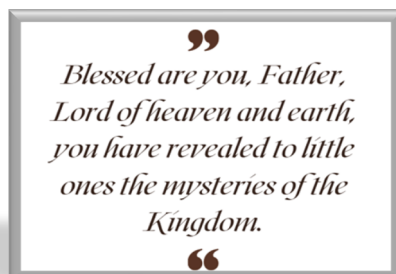
8:30 am Mass at St. Edward

(Doug & Jeannette Konold, Jerome & Vera Verhelst)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (For the People)

• 10:00 am Confession  
before Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Independence Day weekend!

I hope that, in the midst of rest and relaxation, barbecues and beverages, we remember what we are truly celebrating and recommit ourselves to the ideals proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence. We recall that our rights come not from the government but from God, and among these are the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

If I may, I would point out that the Declaration speaks of the pursuit of happiness, not a guarantee of happiness. We are free to seek happiness, provided we do not infringe upon the rights of others in doing so. In other words, we bear responsibility for the choices we make and the lives we lead. True happiness ultimately comes from living according to God's will and embracing the dignity and freedom He has given us.

In recent weeks, several people—especially Jan Bot and Brenda Verschelde—have been researching the statue that graces the front of our school. Unfortunately, the statue has begun to show significant signs of deterioration. There are large cracks, particularly in the arms and hands, and the base has become discolored. Through their research, it was rediscovered that the statue is actually an image of Our Lady of Beauraing.

Beginning in November 1932 in Beauraing, Belgium, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to five young children over the course of thirty-three apparitions. Some of these apparitions occurred above a holly bush and others near a hawthorn tree. During the apparitions, Our Lady encouraged the children to "always be good" and to pray constantly. She identified herself as the Immaculate Virgin, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. The children described her as wearing a golden crown and having a radiant golden heart. After careful investigation, the Church approved the apparitions as authentic.

Following World War II, a remarkable story helped spread devotion to Our Lady of Beauraing in the United States. Among a group of seventy children traveling by ship was the son of George Herter. His wife, who was from Belgium, had a devotion to Our Lady of Beauraing. When typhus struck the children aboard the ship, she placed a piece of wood from the Beauraing hawthorn tree beneath her son's pillow and prayed for his recovery. According to the account, he was the only child who recovered.

The Herter family eventually settled in Winona, Minnesota. In gratitude for this healing, George Herter commissioned forty-nine statues of Our Lady of Beauraing, which were produced in Albert Lea, Minnesota. These statues were distributed to various locations, including Talkeetna, Alaska; Salt Lake City, Utah; and several locations in Minnesota, including Assisi Heights in Rochester, St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, and St. Edward in Minneota.

It is also believed that a piece of the original hawthorn tree was placed within each statue. If true, this would make the statue a second-class relic associated with the Beauraing apparitions. Our statue, which stands approximately 62 inches tall, appears to be made of either coarse plaster or concrete over an aluminum framework.

I have been in contact with St. Patrick's Guild, which works with several professional restoration specialists. The estimated cost to restore the statue is approximately \$5,000. While this is certainly a significant expense, I believe it is a worthwhile investment in preserving a beautiful piece of our parish's history and devotion. I would like to invite you to consider contributing to this project. Donations may be made through the Church Project Fund and marked specifically for "Statue Restoration." Several individuals have already expressed an interest in supporting this effort.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

## ST. EDWARD

| Weekly              | ACTUAL           | BUDGETED                                  | DIFFERENCE        |
|---------------------|------------------|---|-------------------|
| Adult               | \$2,135          | \$6,654                                   | (\$4,519)         |
| Loose plate         | \$347            | \$192                                     | \$155             |
| Online Giving       | \$1,715          | <i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i> |                   |
| Commodity           | \$5,936          |   |                   |
| <b>Year-to-Date</b> | <b>\$341,920</b> | <b>\$356,000</b>                          | <b>(\$14,080)</b> |

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, July 11 – 5:30 pm

*Sacristan:* Claren Novotny  
*Servers:* Jules Gossen, Violet Vlamincik  
*Lector:* Hilary DeVlaeminck  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Jeff Buysse  
*Ushers:* Rod Abraham, Jerry Kloos, Mike Longtin, Chuck Vlamincik

#### Sunday, July 12 – 8:30 am

*Sacristan:* Terry Van Keulen  
*Servers:* Mariah & Jacob Loyson  
*Lector:* Teresa Myhre  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* David Vlamincik  
*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlamincik

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
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### April Calendar Sponsorship

|         |                       |             |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Jun. 2  | Mike & Dawn Vlamincik | Anniversary |
| June 15 | Diane Buysse          | In memory   |
| June 30 | Jim & Corky DeCock    | Anniversary |

## 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)

*I will praise  
your name forever,  
my king and my God.*

## ST. ELOI

| Weekly        | ACTUAL           | BUDGETED         | DIFFERENCE      |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Adult         | \$9,805          | \$1,923          | \$7,882         |
| Loose plate   | \$310            | \$192            | \$118           |
| Commodity     | \$13,614         |                  |                 |
| <b>12,079</b> | <b>\$138,205</b> | <b>\$128,000</b> | <b>\$10,205</b> |

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, July 12 – 10:30 am

*Sacristan:* Cindy Nelson  
*Servers:* Gregory Rabaey, Toby Wambeke  
*Lector:* Laura Hennen  
*Musicians:* Barb & Brad Hennen  
*Offertory Gifts:* Jerry & Caroline Van Keulen  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Karla Engels, Monica Senden  
*Ushers:* Gary Crowley, Mark Nelson, Blake Van Keulen

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people  
in my heart.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH ...

### SYMPATHY FROM OUR PARISH

Prayers to the family of Harold "Jay" Opdahl who passed away on Sunday, June 28. His funeral was held on Friday, July 3, 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 21:4

### 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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|---|-----------------------|
| ★ Marissa Bauer<br>Sister-in-law of Charles Bot | ★ Missy Hennen        |
| ★ Joel Bill<br>Son-in-law of Pat Hebrank        | ★ Jeremy Koelar       |
| ★ Mary Coquyt                                   | ★ Jamie Jelen         |
| ★ Francis DeSmet                                | ★ Casey McCoy         |
| ★ Dawson Doyscher                               | ★ Julie Noyes         |
| Nephew of Carey Doyscher                        | ★ Madeline Swedzinski |
| ★ Mike Halverson                                | ★ Tony Traen          |
|   | ★ Jean Wambeke        |

### ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR JULY

- ✠ For blessings on America and our families
- ✠ For the healing, peace, and hope of those who are hurt or suffering from despair
- ✠ For the sanctification of priests, religious, and an increase in vocations.
- ✠ For the protection and safety of all who travel during the busy summer months.

## TOTUS TUUS ~ Thanks!

Totus Tuus 2026 was a fabulous event, inspiring with so many memories made.

For Retreats to be successful so much help is needed.

Sending out a heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who sent their children as well as those who volunteered their homes, time, meals, snacks, beverages, prayers, & the list goes on...

Our Area Faith Community is truly blessed!!

## FALL FESTIVAL ~ Sunday, September 20

It's not too early to be thinking about the Fall Festival.

We are looking for couples to volunteer to help coordinate and plan our Fall Festival Dinner by becoming part of the Dinner Committee. Whether you enjoy cooking, coordinating, serving, cleanup, your help would be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our church family and share fellowship with others.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Nicole Longtin at 507.530.7266.

Thank you for helping make our Fall Festival Dinner welcoming and enjoyable for all!

## THE UPPER CRUST PIE LADIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The Upper Crust Ladies have freshly made peach, rhubarb, blueberry, cherry, apple, and strawberry rhubarb pies for sale at the Thrift Shop for \$15.

This gets you delicious pie and the proceeds will help fund new equipment for our basement remodel.

## YEAR OF WINNING

Week 33 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Ben Derynck

## HAPPENINGS in our Diocese & Beyond ...

### POPE LEO'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026>

### RADIO ROSARY REQUEST

Please consider supporting the Radio Rosary. We need sponsors to help continue broadcasting this valuable prayer program on the radio. Your support will help us keep the Rosary available to listeners in our community and beyond. Any contribution or sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

Please send your intentions to 2787 County Road 24, Cottonwood, MN 56229. Cost: \$25per broadcast. Please include your e-mail or phone number when requesting a radio rosary. Thank you for helping us continue this important ministry.

### TRACY AREA GARDEN & QUILT TOUR

The Tracy Area Garden and Quilt Tour is fast approaching! It will be held *Wednesday, July 8, from 2:00 – 7:30 pm.*

Tour tickets can be bought beginning at 2:00 – drive through style – at Lake Sarah Park and Valhalla Road (off Hwy 59).

Beautiful gardens and quilts will be on display. In addition to this, St. Mary's pie and ice cream will be served at Key Largo and is included in the ticket price. Joni Lowe will be demonstrating the Stripology Ruler Quilting Technique at Key Largo at 2:00 pm.

The tour is self-guided. Maps will be available on our Facebook page @Tracy, MN Area Gardens and Quilts Tour, or in the booklet when you purchase your \$20.00 ticket.

This event is sponsored by St. Mary's Church CCW of Tracy.



## Prayer for America

Dear God, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your beautiful creation, from the redwood forests to the gulfstream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air.

Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors - locally and globally - so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.



FRANCISCAN  
MISSION SERVICE

### 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 – **July 11** 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. 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

July 6: In memory of Gordon Boerboom

by Curt & Coreen Boerboom

July 7: In memory of Vince & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom  
by their family

July 8: In memory of Helen Wambeke

by the Patricia Louwagie family

July 9: In memory of Ida Kesteloot by Dennis Kesteloot & family

July 10: In memory of Tom Louwagie

by Michael & Lorraine Weverka

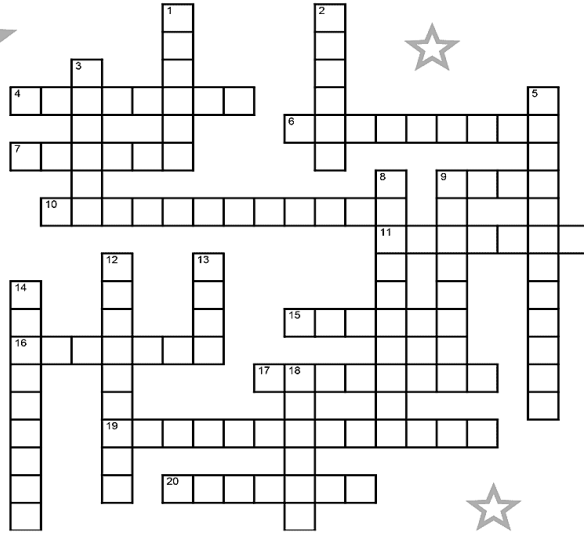
July 11: For the deceased members of Greg & Diane Louwagie's family

July 12: For our country and its leaders – God Bless America!

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.*



### Crossword Challenge



**ACROSS**

- 4. American President who was born on July 4th, Calvin \_\_\_\_.
- 6. Founding Father and third President of the United States.
- 7. Public procession that might occur on July Fourth.
- 9. Red, white and \_\_\_\_.
- 10. City in which the Declaration of Independence was signed.
- 11. Nickname for the American flag, stars and \_\_\_\_.
- 15. Open air meal popular on July Fourth.
- 16. Symbol of freedom located in the New York City Harbor: Statue of \_\_\_\_.
- 17. Number of original colonies that declared independence.
- 19. Fight for American independence: The \_\_\_\_ War.
- 20. Famous signer of the Declaration of Independence: John \_\_\_\_.

**DOWN**

- 1. Patriotic song often sung on Independence Day: Yankee \_\_\_\_.
- 2. National anthem of the United States: The Star-Spangled \_\_\_\_.
- 3. The day of the month on which America declared its independence.
- 5. Founding document of the United States: The Declaration of \_\_\_\_.
- 8. First President of the United States.
- 9. Cooking outdoors on a grill.
- 12. Light show often seen on the 4th of July.
- 13. Month in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

- 14. National bird of the United States.
- 18. Commonly consumed food on July 4th.

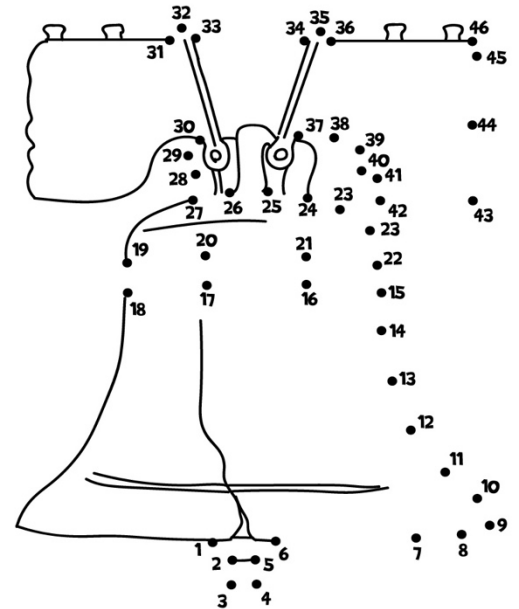
- Bald Eagle
- Banner
- Barbecue
- Blue
- Coolidge
- Doodle
- Fireworks
- Fourth
- Hancock
- Hot Dog
- Independence

- Jefferson
- July
- Liberty
- Parade
- Philadelphia
- Picnic
- Revolutionary
- Stripes
- Thirteen
- Washington



## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WORD SEARCH

W L B X X D A A I H P L E D A L I H P R  
 P B T P N A E K H B S E I N O L O C Y O  
 C B E L O V S C M L L E B Y T R E B I L  
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- July
- Declaration
- Constitution
- Liberty Bell
- Sparkler
- Militia

- Festival
- Colonies
- Banner
- Franklin
- Boston
- Band

- Watermelon
- Congress
- Massachusetts
- Sons of Liberty
- We the People
- Betsy Ross

- Life
- Revere
- Burger
- Picnic
- Justice
- Courage

- Fireworks
- Apple Pie
- Philadelphia
- Patriotism
- Bald Eagle
- Franklin

Shalom aleichem

Peace be upon you