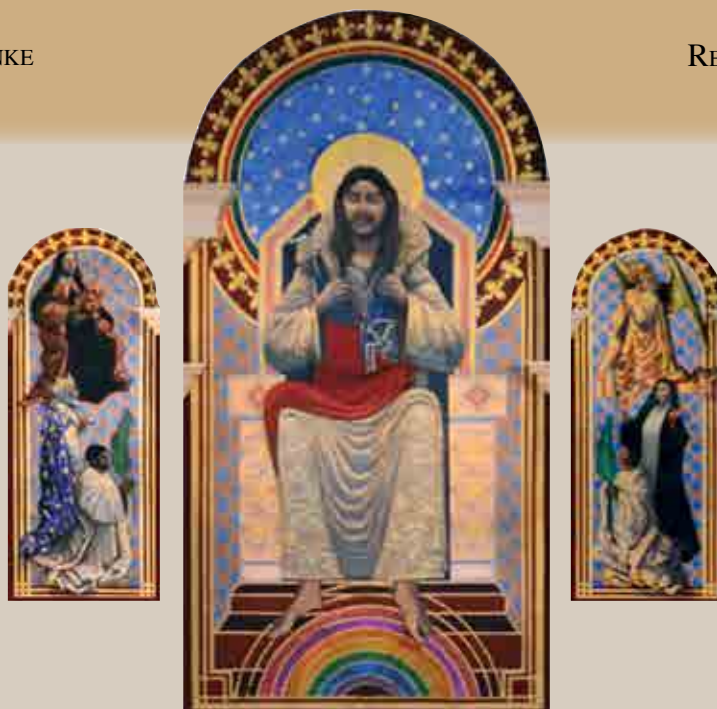


# Church of Saint Edward the Confessor



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**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY: 8:15 A.M.  
10:45 A.M.

**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

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**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

MONDAY-FRIDAY:  
9:00 A.M.

**CONFESSIONS:**

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 a.m. John Ronan (RIP) (Anniversary)  
by Diana Ronan & Family

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 – Saint Monica

9:00 a.m. All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by Mark & Paula Coleman

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 –

#### Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Sharon Martin  
by Mark & Paula Coleman

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 –

#### The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. Maxine Gebhart (RIP) by Tom & Ruthie Boder

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 a.m. Brad Petticrew (RIP) by John & Marilyn Jauch

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

5:00 p.m. Margaret Mull (RIP) by Jan Shea

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 –

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. In Celebration of 50th Wedding Anniversary of  
Linda & Paul Stelzer by Linda & Paul Stelzer

10:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Edward Parish

**Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.**

### AUGUST 31/SEPTEMBER 1

#### LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Dave Wolf, Pattie Wolf  
8:15 a.m. Lisa Smith, Phil Stukus  
10:45 a.m. Mike Maurer, Rose Ann Stevenson

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Kim Chupka, Paula Coleman, Mark Coleman,  
Dave Conway, Jade Davis  
8:15 a.m. Mary Maltry, LaFern Davis, Bill Hoekstra,  
Kathy Horton, Bev Knoderer  
10:45 a.m. Joe Krempel, Robin Krempel, Maria Lewis,  
Karla Long, Charlotte Markham, Lisa Maurer,  
Sandy McCullough, Cathy Stansbury,  
Juanita Swickard

#### GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 p.m. Leeann & Cliff Kirchner  
8:15 a.m. Linda & Paul Stelzer  
10:45 a.m. Volunteer

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 25, 2019 – YEAR C

### PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.: Quiet Alleluias/Alleluia, Mode VI  
(R. Schulz-Widmar, 2013)

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE: O God, Almighty Father (#709)  
GLORIA: "A New Mass for Congregations" (hymnal insert)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 117:  
Go out to all the world... (p. 206)  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 207)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:  
How Firm a Foundation (#719)  
HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN:  
Land of Rest Mass (hymnal insert)  
LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass (hymnal insert)  
COMMUNION: Take and Eat (#360)

### CONCLUDING RITE

RECESSIONAL:  
In Christ There Is No East or West (#584)

### POSTLUDE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.: Descant on MCKEE (J. Whitmill, 1997)

### CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Kayla Drummond  
8:15 a.m.: Kevin Skinner  
10:45 a.m.: Steve Schlicher

### ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Gavin Wells, Carmen Wells, Grace Wolf  
8:15 a.m. Andrew Harms, Bryan Harms,  
Margaret McDonald  
10:45 a.m. Ian Johnson, Leah Moberg, Peter Moberg

### HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Mary Maltry, Mickey Smith

### SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed. For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact our Nursery Coordinator, Shannon Hughes, at 740-404-9427 or [dchsmh@gmail.com](mailto:dchsmh@gmail.com).

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Sunday collection for August 18th was \$6,803.00. The Online giving total for August 13th through 20th was \$4,744.00. The offertory on the Feast of the Assumption was \$1,282.00

### ONLINE GIVING



For donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, please use "Food Pantry" fund. We appreciate your donations to the Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous support to our Parish through the Online Giving Program.

## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

- Please see below a note of introduction from our new Director of Religious Education, Rebecca Bucknam. Please welcome her to St. Edward and our Religious Education program.
- You will find in the bulletin a financial summary of last year's budget and a preview of the upcoming (began in July) financial year. You will certainly notice last year's shortfall of \$30,000.00.

There are several reasons for that figure:

1. The unexpected (totally) large increase of parish subsidies to St. Francis and Blessed Sacrament Schools. We are happy to support those families who choose the option of a Catholic School.
2. Current staff salaries (will radically decrease next year)
3. An over optimistic projection of parish income
4. A lessening in Mass attendance and with it, a decrease in offertory

That's the bad news.

The "good news" is that we are projecting a \$20,000.00 surplus in the budget this year. This is due to a decrease in salary and benefits for staff. As you should know, I only rarely speak of money during the year, with the exception of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which should net us about \$130,000.00 above the diocesan goal (\$100,000.00 toward our remaining debt).

However, I do need your help to keep us in good financial shape. Please consider increasing your giving to the parish offertory as soon as possible. I intend to raise my own monthly giving from \$175.00 to \$200.00. Could you join me in that effort?

May the Lord and good St. Edward bless your generous response to this very real need.

## Flocknote

Keep in touch with us  
via email and text message



Would you like to know what is coming up at St. Edward Church? Please check out the link on our parish website and register for Flocknote. Call the office if you have any questions! Join our Flocknote messaging system via [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org).

## WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Hello! My name is Rebecca Bucknam. I am honored to be the new Director of Religious Education! I earned a BA in Theology from Ave Maria University and had the pleasure of getting to know Catholic communities in Michigan, Florida, and Nicaragua during that time. Following college, I worked as an EMT, firefighter, as a Mom and then as a teacher. I began in elementary and middle school settings, most recently teaching Theology to 9th-11th graders.

My husband, Chris, and I have lived in Newark for the past 2½ years with our four children: Lilly (8), Elizabeth (7), William (5), and Matthew (3).

God meets each of us exactly where we are no matter what our learning style or individual needs. My goal is to cultivate that communion with sound doctrine and educational support as I get to know your family!

## WELCOME!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

✪ The responsorial psalm usually includes at least three verses from the designated psalm, but today's psalm doesn't even have that many! Psalm 117, the shortest psalm in the Bible, has only two verses. It reminds us that all nations are to praise the Lord. In the first reading, Isaiah reminds us that God will gather nations of every language, and Luke's Gospel passage reminds us that people from east, west, north, and south will one day rejoice in the kingdom of God. As we celebrate the Eucharist today, may our prayers be one with those of the Church in all places and nations of the world.

✪ The Choir resumes its regular schedule on **Sunday, September 8th**. We rehearse on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., then sing for the 10:45 a.m. Mass. We also practice on Thursdays from 7:00-8:10 p.m. on the loft. We are always welcoming adults and teenagers who are interested in singing. Singers need to be able to match pitch (to sing on key), but no prior choral experience or special musical skills are necessary. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact me, Paul, at [music@saintedwards.org](mailto:music@saintedwards.org) or 740-587-3254.



## EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 25

Food Pantry Sunday

Preschool Open House

### Monday, August 26

Eucharistic Adoration – After 9:30 a.m. Mass until Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – Chapel

Christ Life ~ Discover Jesus – Planning Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

### Tuesday, August 27

Men's Group for Rediscovery – 7:30 p.m. – Lounge

### Wednesday, August 28

Preschool First Day (M-W-F) Classes

Men's Faith Sharing – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

### Thursday, August 29

Preschool First Day (T-Th) Classes

### Saturday, August 31

Men's Fellowship Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. – Bob Evans, Cherry Valley Road

### Sunday, September 1

Welcome Sunday – After Masses – Hall

## RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or in supporting those who are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Sarah Rundell at [rundells@denison.edu](mailto:rundells@denison.edu), or phone 614-726-2367. We will begin the RCIA sessions on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

A Eucharistic Minister Training class is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Training will be approximately 1 hour. Please contact the Parish Office at [church@saintedwards.org](mailto:church@saintedwards.org) or 740-587-3254 or Paula Coleman at (614) 216-2952 if you are interested in attending.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Please register for the 2019-2020 school year. Information can be found on the Parish website ([www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org)). Student fees for the school year are \$70.00 for one, \$140.00 for two and \$165.00 for 3 or more children.

- **You can do a complete registration and fee payment online in just a few minutes!** Simply go to [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org), click on the *Faith Formation* tab at the top of the screen, and then click on the *PSR* tab. Click on the *2019-2020 PSR online registration* tab and follow the instructions. You can register up to 4 children at once.
- If you wish to pay the registration fees online, go back to the website home page and click on the green *Online Giving* tab further down the page. If you already have an account established (e.g. for parish contributions), you can also select *PSR Registration Fees*. If you don't already have an account, it takes just minutes to establish one by following the directions. **We hope you will take advantage of this option again, but you can also mail in or drop off your fee payments.**
- The "paper registration forms" are also under the *PSR* tab. They are in a PDF and are titled as *New or Returning to PSR* and *Grades 1-4 class preference form*. Print them, complete by hand and either mail or drop off at our office along with a check or cash for registration fees. We also have forms in the office if you stop by.

School year calendars are available on the website and on the bulletin board outside the Religious Education Office. If you have questions, please contact Mike Millisor, Rebecca Bucknam or Sarah Sween (740-587-4160 or [reled@saintedwards.org](mailto:reled@saintedwards.org) or [sarah@saintedwards.org](mailto:sarah@saintedwards.org)). **Classes begin Wednesday, September 11th for Grades 1-4 and Sunday, September 15th for Grades 5-8 and Pre-K/K.**

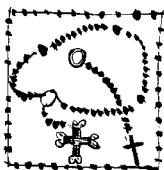
## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sarah Maricevich and Conner Boggess who were married here at the church August 24th. May each day of their married life bring them closer to our loving God. The altar flowers this weekend are from their wedding.

## FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry collection is this weekend. Donations of **toilet tissue, laundry detergent, and canned fruits** are of greatest need. Please leave your donations in the green wooden box by the Church Office. Thank you.

## FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY



Come one and all! You are invited to pray the Rosary with your St. Edward community ~ before the 10:45 a.m. Mass! *Please join us* September 1st at 10:20 a.m. in the Church. Rosaries and guides will be handed out in the Gathering Space. We look forward to praying together!

## DAILY ROSARY

*Please join us* to recite the Rosary after the 9:00 a.m. Mass each weekday in the Chapel. We look forward to praying together! Rosaries are available at the entrances of the church.

## BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Mark your calendar. Carvings will be available to you the weekend of September 14th and 15th. Support this project that enables the Christians in the Holy Land to stay. Your help and understanding in this crucial matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you. [www.holylandcarvings.com](http://www.holylandcarvings.com).

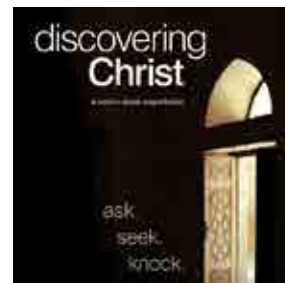
## The Edwardians!

### Monthly Participation in First Friday Mass

Join us for our First Friday Mass on September 6th at 9:00 a.m. This time is a brand new day. Yesterday is gone and it was good, today will be better so let us celebrate...no worries, for today is the present. It's the day that He has sent.

Following Mass, The Edwardians, by popular demand, have requested to go to Day y Noche for breakfast. We will, of course, need to know if you will be attending so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Come join us for this wonderful gift of fellowship.

**Please RSVP and let us know by August 30th if you are attending our breakfast gathering! RSVP to** Ruby Hall (614-579-0930/[mlggrandma@yahoo.com](mailto:mlggrandma@yahoo.com)), Rosalie Duque (614-284-4444/[unis115@yahoo.com](mailto:unis115@yahoo.com)) or MaryAnn Moses (240-409-1538/[mcmslp@aol.com](mailto:mcmslp@aol.com))



## ALL INVITED to DISCOVER CHRIST

In January 2020, St. Edward Parish will launch a parish-wide program entitled "Discover Christ: Ask, Seek, Knock." The seven-week program is an experience that invites guests to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ.

On Monday, August 26th all are invited to a kick off planning and information evening about the program from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Lounge. Please prayerfully consider joining us for this one-hour kickoff meeting.

Any questions, please call Deacon John at 740-973-5583 or go to the Christ Life website at [christlife.org](http://christlife.org). Hope to see you there! God bless.

## MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

The Wednesday night Men's Faith Sharing Group will continue a study of the Church Fathers through mid-September. The format will be: Recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel; at 7:30, view and discuss the video in the Lounge, "Early Church Fathers" by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D. (Crossroads Initiative Ministries); and adjourn at 8:30. Topics will include: Who are the Fathers, Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Polycarp, Irenaeus, Athanasius, and Augustine.

## MEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

A Men's Faith and Fellowship Breakfast will be held every Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. this summer through Labor Day at Bob Evans Restaurant, Cherry Valley Road. All men of the parish are invited.

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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***“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.” ~SAINT AUGUSTINE***

### **Monday, August 26 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22** Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when that happens you make him a child of Gehenna twice as much as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If one swears by the temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated.’ Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred? And you say, ‘If one swears by the altar, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gift on the altar, one is obligated.’ You blind ones, which is greater, the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? One who swears by the altar swears by it and all that is upon it; one who swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it; one who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it.”

**Meditation:** Jesus was angry with the religious leaders because they failed to listen to God's word and they misled the people they were supposed to teach and lead in the ways of God. Jesus gave a series of examples to show how misguided they were. In their zeal to win converts, they required unnecessary and burdensome rules which obscured the more important matters of religion, such as love of God and love of neighbor. They were leading people to “Pharisaism” rather than to God. They failed as religious leaders to teach others the way of God's kingdom because they failed to listen to and to understand the intention of God's word. Through their own pride and prejudice they blindly shut the door of their own hearts and minds to God's understanding of his kingdom.

**Prayer:** O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** How can we shut the door of God's kingdom in our lives? By closing our ears to Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelations 17:14; 19:16), who speaks words of life and love, truth and freedom, hope and pardon. The Lord Jesus wants to dwell with us and to bring us his kingdom. He opens the way for each of us to “ascend to heaven” and to bring “heaven to earth” in the daily circumstances of our lives. God's kingdom is present in all who seek him and who do his will. Do you pray as Jesus taught, “May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10)?

### **Tuesday, August 27 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time Saint Monica**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:23-26** Jesus said: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and fidelity. But these you should have done, without neglecting the others. Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel! Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You cleanse the outside of cup and dish, but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean.”

**Meditation:** Jesus used the example of tithing to show how far they had missed the mark. God had commanded a tithe of the first fruits of one's labor as an expression of thanksgiving and honor for his

providential care for his people (Deuteronomy 14:22; Leviticus 27:30). The scribes, however, went to extreme lengths to tithe on insignificant things (such as tiny plants) with great mathematical accuracy. They were very attentive to minute matters of little importance, but they neglected to care for the needy and the weak. Jesus admonished them because their hearts were not right. They were filled with pride and contempt for others. They put unnecessary burdens on others while neglecting to show charity, especially to the weak and the poor. They meticulously went through the correct motions of conventional religion while forgetting the realities.

**Prayer:** O God, who console the sorrowful and who mercifully accepted the motherly tears of Saint Monica for the conversion of her son Augustine, grant us, through the intercession of them both, that we may bitterly regret our sins and find the grace of your pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The essence of God's commandments is love – love of God and love of neighbor. God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. True love is unconditional, costly, and sacrificial – it both embraces and lifts the burdens of others. Do you allow the love of God to truly transform your whole life – including the way you think of others, speak of them, and treat them?

### **Wednesday, August 28 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32** Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth. Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the memorials of the righteous, and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have joined them in shedding the prophets' blood.' Thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets; now fill up what your ancestors measured out!"

**Meditation:** Jesus used strong language to warn the religious leaders about the vanity of appearance and pretense. In Palestine tombs were often placed by the sides of roads. They were painted white which made them glisten in the midday sun, especially around the time of the great feasts, so that people would not accidentally touch them and incur ritual impurity. Jesus warns that what truly corrupts a person is not ritual impurity but the impurity of sinful thoughts and attitudes – pride, greed, sloth, envy, hatred, gluttony, and lust - which lead to sinful behavior. The scribes and Pharisees were intensely religious in their outward observances, but their outward show didn't match the inner reality of the state of their hearts. They not only neglected the poor and the weak, but they were intolerant towards anyone who challenged their idea of religion. That is why so many of the prophets in past ages – who warned about tolerating evil desires and unjust behavior towards one neighbor – were persecuted and even killed by their own rulers and people.

**Prayer:** Renew in your Church, we pray, O Lord, that spirit with which you endowed your Bishop Saint Augustine that, filled with the same spirit, we may thirst for you, the sole fount of true wisdom, and seek you, the author of heavenly love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus chastised the religious leaders for being double-minded and for demanding from others standards which they refused to satisfy. They professed admiration for the prophets by building their tombs while at the same time they opposed the prophets' message and closed their ears to the word of God. They shut themselves to heaven and they hindered others from understanding God's word. They rejected Jesus as their Messiah because their hearts were blinded and hardened to the voice of God. Only the humble of heart can receive from God true wisdom and understanding, pardon and healing. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew our minds and hearts and to teach us God's way of love and holiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to purify your heart and mind and to fill you with the wisdom and understanding of God's word.

**About Saint Augustine:** Augustine Aurelius was born on November 13, 354, in Tagaste, North Africa. His father was a pagan, his mother, St. Monica. Still unbaptized and burning for knowledge, he came under the influence of the Manicheans, which caused his mother intense sorrow. He left Africa for Rome, deceiving his mother, who was ever anxious to be near him. She prayed and wept. Yet the evil spirit drove him constantly deeper into moral degeneracy, capitalizing on his leaning toward pride and stubbornness. Grace was playing a waiting game; there still was time, and the greater the depths into which the evil spirit plunged its fledgling, the stronger would be the reaction. Augustine recognized this vacuum; he saw

how the human heart is created with a great abyss; the earthly satisfactions that can be thrown into it are no more than a handful of stones that hardly cover the bottom. And in that moment grace was able to break through: Restless is the heart until it rests in God. The tears of his mother, the sanctity of Milan's Bishop Ambrose, the book of St. Anthony the hermit, and the sacred Scriptures wrought his conversion, which was sealed by baptism on Easter night 387. Augustine's mother went to Milan with joy and witnessed her son's baptism. It was what it should have been, the greatest event of his life, his conversion — *metanoia*. Grace had conquered. Augustine accompanied his mother to Ostia, where she died. In 391 he was ordained priest at Hippo, in 394 made coadjutor to bishop Valerius, and then from 396 to 430 bishop of Hippo. Augustine, numbered among the four great Doctors of the Western Church, possessed one of the most penetrating minds of ancient Christendom. He was the most important Platonist of patristic times, the Church's most influential theologian, especially with regard to clarifying the dogmas of the Trinity, grace, and the Church. He was a great speaker, a prolific writer, a saint with an inexhaustible spirituality. His *Confessions*, a book appreciated in every age, describes a notable portion of his life (until 400), his errors, his battles, his profound religious observations. Famous too is his work *The City of God*, a worthy memorial to his genius, a philosophy of history. Most edifying are his homilies, especially those on the psalms and on the Gospel of St. John. As an emblem Christian art accords him a burning heart to symbolize the ardent love of God which permeates all his writings.

### **Thursday, August 29 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time** **Martyrdom of John the Baptist**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:17-29** Herod was the one who had John the Baptist arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody. When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him. She had an opportunity one day when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers, his military officers, and the leading men of Galilee. Herodias' own daughter came in and performed a dance that delighted Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask of me whatever you wish and I will grant it to you." He even swore many things to her, "I will grant you whatever you ask of me, even to half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist." The girl hurried back to the king's presence and made her request, "I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist." The king was deeply distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests he did not wish to break his word to her. So he promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back his head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison. He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**Meditation:** Are you prepared to be a witness, and if necessary, a martyr for Jesus Christ? John the Baptist bridged the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who pointed the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. Jesus equated the coming of his kingdom with violence. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force (Matthew 11:12). John suffered violence for announcing that the kingdom of God was near. He was thrown into prison and then beheaded. Why did Herod put John to death when he knew him to be a righteous and holy man? Herod was a weak ruler. He could take a strong stand on the wrong things when he knew the right. Such a stand, however, was a sign of weakness and cowardice. Unfortunately for Herod, he could not rid himself of sin by ridding himself of the man who confronted him with his sin.

**Prayer:** O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Since John's martyrdom to the present times the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence and persecution at the hands of violent people. The blood of Christian martyrs throughout the ages bear witness to this fact. Their testimony to the truth of the Gospel and their willingness to suffer and die for their faith prove victory rather than defeat for the kingdom of God. Through Christ's victory on the cross they obtain the glorious crown of victory and everlasting life with Jesus Christ. What gives us the power, boldness, and courage to witness to Jesus Christ and to the truth of the Gospel? The Holy Spirit fills us with courage, love, and boldness to make Jesus Christ known and loved. We do not need to fear

those who oppose the timeless truths of the Gospel, because the love of Jesus Christ is stronger than fear and death itself. His love conquers all – even our fears and timidity in the face of opposition and persecution. We can trust in his grace and help at all times. Are you ready to make Christ known and loved wherever and whenever, and if necessary to suffer for his sake and for the sake of the Gospel?

**About Saint John the Baptist:** There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Jesus our Savior and Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth?" Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ. Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer. Such was the quality and strength of the man who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men. He was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ. To endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such men as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward. Since death was ever near at hand, such men considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name. Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: "You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake." He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us."

### **Friday, August 30 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13** Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**Meditation:** Jesus' story of ten single ladies waiting for a wedding procession in the middle of the night seem strange to us today. But Jesus' audience knew all too well how easily this could happen to them. To show up for a wedding party without proper attire and travel arrangements is like trying to get into a special event today that requires a prearranged permit or reservation. You just don't get in without the proper pass. Can you imagine the frustration travelers might experience when going abroad and finding out that they can't get into some country because they don't have the right visa or a valid passport?

**Prayer:** O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus warns us that there are consequences for being unprepared. When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends on our hearing, and many have trained themselves to not hear. We will not be prepared to meet the Lord, face to face, when he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we listen to him today. The Lord invites us to feast at his heavenly banquet table. The question is, are you ready?

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To Members of St. Edward Parish  
**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2018-2019  
AND BUDGET 2019-2020**

Thank you to all who have contributed to St. Edward Church. It is only with the generosity of our parishioners that the parish can continue with its mission and future expansion of those ministries.

**For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019**

**Total income:** \$1,111,404.31

This figure includes \$762,577.36 in offertory receipts, \$143,242.72 diocesan support (return of contributions over goal from the Bishop's Annual Appeal \$133,342.72, plus Youth Grant \$9,900.00), preschool fees, additional miscellaneous income, and gifts of \$8,478.00.

**Total expenses:** \$1,141,820.06

This figure includes loan payments of \$111,130.60 on the outstanding parish debt, and depreciation of \$21,892.74.

**Net loss:** (\$30,415.75)

**As of June 30, 2019**

- Balance in parish checking account: \$146,096.46 (includes prepaid preschool tuition)
- Balance in Parish Aid Fund: \$312,749.11
- Additions to Fixed Assets during current year: \$21,970.00
- Total assets, including endowments and auxiliary accounts: \$925,080.64
- Balance on parish debt: \$485,572.82 (includes \$100,000.00 preexisting (2001) loan from diocese and \$250,000.00 loan for rectory)

**Budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020**

- Projected receipts, from all sources (including estimated return from Bishop's Annual Appeal): \$1,045,693.00
- Projected disbursements: \$1,023,697.00
- Projected income: \$21,996.00

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Come join us for this enriching series presented by Ascension Press each Thursday morning, beginning on Thursday, September 5th, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 8. The accompanying workbook and online lesson access will be presented at the first class. Cost is \$20.00, payable at the first session. I am looking forward to welcoming you! Please call Gayle Blubaugh at 740-739-6740 or email [gablubaugh@columbus.rr.com](mailto:gablubaugh@columbus.rr.com) to register or for further information.



**WELCOME SUNDAY**

Welcome Sunday is September 1st after both Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the coffee and donuts, **sponsored by Tom & Beverly DeHaven, in memory of Joe & Bernice Ciricosta.** The Knights appreciate and thank the DeHaven family for their generosity.

If your family or business would like to be a sponsor for Welcome Sunday, please contact Scott Scholten at 740-258-3287. **All money collected in the donation jug on the donut tables goes toward Knights of Columbus CHARITIES. Your generous donations help us to serve those in need as well as our Seminarians and to promote vocations. We sincerely appreciate your contributions!**

**STEWARDSHIP**

This month, our Religious Education, RCIA and Youth Ministry staff will host the Stewardship Table. **Please stop by to meet Rebecca, Sarah and Zachary.** There are St. Edward Ministries sign-up sheets at the Stewardship table. If you are interested, you may sign up for a parish ministry.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

All new members of the parish, please stop by the **Welcome Committee table. The Welcome Committee would like to meet you and give you a small gift from the parish.** Also, new families can register.

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Women of the parish are invited to begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* Study on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. Participants will meet September 9th-November 4th (no meeting October 28th) to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) (registration code SE6SA4), or contact Anna Hofer at [amariehofer@hotmail.com](mailto:amariehofer@hotmail.com) or 740-334-0170. **To order study materials (\$28.00** which includes: the workbook, fold-out *Bible Timeline* Chart, *The Bible Timeline* Bookmark and talk notes for the video presentations) **through the church office**, contact [bhinterschied@gmail.com](mailto:bhinterschied@gmail.com) or 740-403-3736.



*“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.”* Luke 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “what have you done with the gifts I have given you?”, how will you respond?

Share your earthly blessings by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.

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Join the Friends of the Josephinum for the Josephinum 4-Miler run/walk on September 21st at Glacier Ridge Metro Park, Dublin. Support our future priests and help represent your parish at this fun family event! Park and assemble by 8:00 a.m. at the Club at Corazon, 7155 Corazon Drive, Dublin, where the event will begin. Bishop Robert Brennan will start the race! Register at [www.m3ssports.com/events/josephinum.htm](http://www.m3ssports.com/events/josephinum.htm).

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### STEWARDSHIP TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE

Today’s readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ’s disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God’s constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be “trained” by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today’s Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” Jesus responds, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What’s more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life. – [catholicsteward.com](http://catholicsteward.com)

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