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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M SUNDAY: 8:15 д.м. 10:45 а.м.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE: TBA IN BULLETIN

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M.

ADORATION: MONDAY: 9:30 а.м.-11:30 а.м.

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY NOON E-mail: church@saintedwards.org



MASSES THIS WEEK

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, September 18

- 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Lanciault Families by Rita L. Baldwin
- 10:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish
- Monday, September 19 St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr 9:00 a.m. Joe Heist (RIP) by Heist Family
- Tuesday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, Companions & Martyrs 9:00 a.m. Mary Ventura (RIP) by Susan Hannahs
- 9:00 a.m. Mary ventura (RIP) by Susan Hannans
- Wednesday, September 21 -
- St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Johnson & Strode Families by Stephen & Pat Johnson
- Thursday, September 22
- 9:00 a.m. JoAnn Clarke (RIP, Birthday) by Charles Clarke

Friday, September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

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

Saturday, September 24

5:00 p.m. Ophelia Castro (RIP, Birthday) by Charles Hohman Family

Sunday, September 25 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:15 a.m. Irene Katona (100th Birthday) by Family
- **10:45 a.m.** Observance of Wedding Anniversary of Joseph (RIP) & Cecilia Bodine by Cecilia Bodine

WITH SYMPATHY



The parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of parishioner, Mike Millisor. Mike served the Diocese of Columbus for 20 years as Director of Religious Education at Holy Spirit Parish and St. Edward Parish, from where he retired in 2019. May he rest in eternal peace in the presence of God.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to parishioner, Mary Ann Moses, on the loss of her brother, Richard Carlson. May he rest in peace in the light of God.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 – YEAR C

PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.: ABBOT'S LEIGH (arr. R. Powell, 1997)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Beautiful Savior (#209) GLORIA: A New Mass for Congregations (text: inside front cover or p. 6)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 113: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (p. 213)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 214)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY: Where Charity and Love Prevail (#492) EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Land of Rest Mass LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass COMMUNION: Your Words Are Spirit and Life (#605) COMMUNION 2: TBD

CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#549)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.:	Dave Conway
8:15 a.m.:	Beth Spieles
10:45 a.m.:	Sandy Wolfe



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♫ Today's Communion song is "Your Words Are Spirit and Life." It was composed in 1993 by Bernadette Farrell, a British woman whose music has become popular throughout the English-speaking Christian world. "Your Words Are Spirit and Life" is a paraphrased setting of Psalm 19. It reminds us that the riches found in God's words are more valuable than anything we can conceive. As we heed the Gospel's call to serve God, not mammon, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts to receive the true Word, Jesus Christ.



□ Choir has resumed! We practice on Thursdays from
7:00 to 8:15 p.m. on the loft. On Sundays, we rehearse
at 9:30 a.m. and sing for the 10:45 a.m. Mass. We are
always welcoming adults and teens. Singers need
to be able to match pitch (to sing on key), but no
prior choral experience or special musical skills are
necessary. Contact Paul Radkowski for information on
joining the choir.

~ Paul Radkowski, Director of Music music@saintedwards.org, 740-587-3254

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SEPTEMBER 17-18: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 24-25: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME							IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Lisa Cannon Sandy McCullough	Erin Lane	Kevin Bollo Arianna Carter	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Dave Conway Beverly Knoderer	Helen Anderson	Annabell Bergeron A.J. Bergeron
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Sue Casale John Casale	Lisa Smith	Tori Helgerman Avery Miller	Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Cindy Barbour Martin Flautt	Sarah Rundell	Andrew Harms Bryan Harms
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Annie Lach Juanita Swickard	Rose Ann Stevenson	Peter Moberg Anna Beth Zigan	Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Chandra Elder Maria McDermott	Roy Brewer	Landon Elder Jackson Haller
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This Week at St. Edward SEPTEMBER 18 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass – 8:15 a.m. Mass – 10:45 a.m. with Children's Liturgy CHRISTLIFE Sign-up in Gathering Space SVDP Meeting – 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge PSR PARENTS' Reconciliation Meeting – 9:35 a.m. in Parish Hall PSR Sunday Classes – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Choir – 9:30 a.m. – Choir Loft

YOUTH GROUP - 6:00 p.m. -

What Do You Expect from Youth Group? GAGA BALL & White Castle for dinner

Knights of Columbus Center for Disabilities Picnic MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

MONDAY, SEPTEN Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Adoration After Mass Preschool Morning Classes

Preschool Afternoon Classes

Walking With Purpose – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Preschool Morning Classes Preschool Afternoon Classes WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Morning Classes

Preschool Afternoon Classes Walking With Purpose – 9:30 a.m. in Lounge

PSR PARENTS' Reconciliation Meeting – 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall **PSR Wednesday Classes** – 6:00 p.m.

Men's Rosary and Faith Meeting – 7:00 p.m. All Men Welcome!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Preschool Morning Classes Preschool Afternoon Classes CHOIR – 7:00 p.m. – the Choir Loft, *New Members Welcome!*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Morning Class SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Men's Group – 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall, All Men Welcome! Confession – 4:00 p.m. Mass – 5:00 p.m. CHRISTLIFE Sign-up in Gathering Space SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 –

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m. with Children's Liturgy CHRISTLIFE Sign-up in Gathering Space CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING – 9:35 a.m. in Parish Hall PSR Sunday classes – 9:30 a.m. CHOIR – 9:30 a.m. – the Choir Loft YOUTH GROUP – 3:40 p.m. – DINNER FOR MEN'S HAVEN

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

1. Our parish recently received an appeal from our dear Ugandan priest friends, (Frs. Joseph, Paul and Jude) to assist them in their funding of an irrigation system for their new plantation of coffee trees in Uganda. This is the dry season over there and their coffee has taken a hit. They will be expanding their coffee farm from 7 to 10 acres, enabling them to employ other workers. The ask for the project is \$12,000.00, so we gave them \$5,000.00 from parish charities and \$7,000.00 from a private donor. To quote Fr. Jude, they are smiling from "ear-to-ear" and asking God to bless all at St. Edward.



2. I'd like to thank everyone in our parish who helped in the funeral rites for Mike Millisor – both the vigil service and funeral Mass last Tuesday. Mike's family was very happy with our hosting of their family during this sad time and especially enjoyed the parish luncheon. We were very blessed at St. Edward by Mike's dutiful service in his 17 years of directing our PSR and RCIA programs. Mike got a good send-off from our parish, and we ask him to keep an eye on all of us!



"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

WELCOME, all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship today! To our visitors, 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. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! If you would like to be a member of St. Edward parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the church office, or call us at 740-587-3254. **God bless you!**

I WANT TO JOIN ST. EDWARD PARISH!				
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ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CHURCH



The Women of St. Edward are looking for new members! Whatever is your stage of life: stay-at-home mom; work outside the

home; volunteering; retired; the Women of St. Edward need you! Meetings are Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. from September to May. They present the famous fundraisers *Santa's Attic* and the *Christmas Bazaar*. Their ministries include *Walking with Purpose*, funeral luncheons, no-sew blankets for sick children at Children's Hospital, preparing gifts and cards for shut-ins, and more. For information on how you can be a member of Women of St. Edward, contact Selma Lesher at <u>selmalesher@yahoo.com</u>, or Barb Hinterschied at <u>bhinterschied@gmail.com</u>.



FOR ALL WOMEN Walking With Purpose Bible Study

- Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
- Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge
- For more information, contact:
- Monica Addis at 740-927-3913
- Noelle Gremling at 614-323-8335
- Barb Hinterschied at 740-403-3736
- Janice Schroeder at 419-265-0266

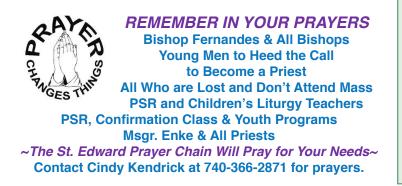
SUPPORTING ST. EDWARD CHURCH

"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 3-4	
Offertory	\$ 6,276.00
Online	\$ 9,190.00
WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 10-11	
Offertory	\$ 4,871.00
Online	\$ 1,672.00

If you no longer need envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Please consider signing up for **ONLINE GIVING** on the St. Edward website homepage at <u>www.saintedwards.org</u>. *Note:* If already using online giving, with any changes to your credit card, you will need to log in to update your online account. For help, contact Cheryl in the Parish Office.



CHRISTLIFE: PART 2 How To Live as a Catholic Disciple of Christ in Today's World October 4-November 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



In 2020, 100 parishioners took part in the *ChristLife* evangelization process, *Discovering Christ* course. Parishioners joined together for a meal, made new friends, and grew in discipleship. *Following Christ,* part two of the *ChristLife* program, begins October 4.

It is about developing the *lifestyle* of a disciple. Weekly steps challenge us to put our faith into action through prayer, video teaching, and small group discussion. Down-to-earth teaching based on Scripture and the witness of the speaker's own journey as a disciple of Christ happens in small groups. These groups become small Christian communities where weekly spiritual encouragement, accountability, and personal sharing builds bonds as brothers and sisters in Christ. *We hope that you attend!* To plan for resources, an advance indication of participation is needed. SIGN UP in the Gathering Space September 17-18 and 24-25 or email Deacon John at jbarbour@columbuscatholic.org to let us know you will attend.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

"No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." John 3:5

Congratulations on the upcoming birth of your child! To prepare for a Baptism, expectant parents attend the Baptismal Preparation Class and BAPTISM choose godparents for their child. Godparents are models of faith for their godchildren. A godparent must be a fully initiated Catholic who is *actively* living a life of faith and is at least 16 years old. For information about Baptismal Preparation and godparents, contact Cheryl Boggess in the Parish Office at 740-587-3254.



Applesauce, dish soap, and deodorant are requested this week. Please put Food Pantry donations in the box in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

Considering Becoming Catholic? Catholic with Questions? Unbeliever? Catholics are Old-Fashioned? Deacon John Barbour can help! Contact him at <u>barfamilybour@yahoo.com</u>.

I WANT	TO LEARN WHAT CATHOLICS ARE	ABOUT!
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SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"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)

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

"Keep close to the Catholic Church at all times, for the Church alone can give you true peace, since she alone possesses Jesus, the true Prince of Peace, in the Blessed Sacrament." +SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

Monday, September 19 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:16-18 Jesus said to the crowd: "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away."

Meditation: What does the image of light and a lamp tell us about God's kingdom? Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as an expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. In his light we see light (Psalm 36:9). His word is a lamp that guides our steps (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace. Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. In fact, our mission is to be light-bearers of Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

Prayer: O God, who grant us to venerate the memory of the Martyr Saint Januarius, give us, we pray, the joy of his company in blessed happiness for all eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus remarks that nothing can remain hidden or secret. We can try to hide things from others, from ourselves, and from God. How tempting to shut our eyes from the consequences of our sinful ways and bad habits, even when we know what those consequences are. And how tempting to hide them from others and even from God. But, nonetheless, everything is known to God who sees all. There is great freedom and joy for those who live in God's light and who seek his truth. Those who listen to God and heed his voice will receive more from him — abundance of wisdom, guidance, peace, and blessing. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?

Tuesday, September 20 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Martyr; Saint Paul Chong Hasang, Martyr; and their companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:19-21 The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you." He said to them in reply, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

Meditation: Have you given any thought to the real meaning of what it means to be Christian? While being a Christian involves doctrine, precepts, and commandments, it is first and foremost a relationship – a relationship with Christ built on trust, affection, commitment, loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, thoughtfulness, compassion, mercy, helpfulness, encouragement, support, strength, protection, and so many other qualities that bind people together in mutual love and unity. God offers us the greatest of

relationships – union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, the very author and source of love (ref. 1 John 4:8,16). God's love never fails, never forgets, never compromises, never lies, never lets us down nor disappoints us. His love is consistent, unwavering, unconditional, and unstoppable. Nothing can deter him from ever leaving us, ignoring us, or treating us unkindly. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love. Jesus is God's love incarnate — God's love made visible in human flesh (ref. 1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for his son when he has a change of heart and comes back (ref. Luke 15:11-32). Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity and friendship with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God — his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever does the will of God is a friend of God and a member of his family — his sons and daughters who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Christ.

Prayer: O God, who have been pleased to increase your adopted children in all the world, and who made the blood of the Martyrs Saint Andrew Kim Taegon and his companions a most fruitful seed of Christians, grant that we may be defended by their help and profit always from their example. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Ask yourself a very fundamental question: Who do you love and cherish the most? God did not intend for us to be alone, but to be with others. He gives us many opportunities for developing relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Why does Jesus seem to ignore his own relatives when they pressed to see him? His love and respect for his mother and his relatives is unquestionable. Jesus never lost an opportunity to teach his disciples a spiritual lesson and truth about the kingdom of God. On this occasion when many gathered to hear Jesus he pointed to another higher reality of relationships, namely our relationship with God and with those who belong to God.

About these martyrs: Fr. Andrew Kim Taegon, the first native Korean priest, was the son of Korean converts. His father, Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839 and was beatified in 1925. After baptism at the age of fifteen, Andrew traveled thirteen hundred miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital. Paul Chong Hasang was a lay apostle and a married man, aged forty-five. Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for an annual journey to Beijing to pay taxes. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found four thousand Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were ten thousand Catholics. Religious freedom came in 1883. When Pope John Paul II visited Korea in 1984, he canonized Andrew, Paul, ninety-eight Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were laypersons: forty-seven women, forty-five men. Among the martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of twenty-six. She was put in prison, pierced with hot awls and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. A boy of thirteen, Peter Ryou, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a forty-one-year-old noble, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith, and was tortured to death.

Wednesday, September 21 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13 As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said,

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Meditation: Look at how Jesus' simple two-word invitation of "follow me" changed Matthew's life for ever. Matthew would never be the same person again after his encounter with Jesus. So why did Jesus choose a tax collector rather than a religious-minded person, such as a scribe or Pharisee trained in the law of God? Jesus wanted disciples who were willing to receive his word and be taught by him. Matthew was both willing and eager to jump at the opportunity to follow Jesus and his band of disciples. So what made Matthew so willing to exchange his wealthy business for the uncertain future of working with a missionary preacher - a preacher who bluntly told his followers that they would have to give up the comfort and security of their own homes, lands, and possessions to serve him? The Gospels do not tell us what must have passed through Matthew's mind when Jesus' called him. Matthew very likely had heard Jesus on some occasion speaking to the crowds about God's kingdom and the heavenly treasure that awaited those who chose to follow as Jesus' disciples. When Jesus called Matthew his response was immediate and positive. There was no hint of hesitation or uncertainty. He didn't tell Jesus that he needed some time to think it over. And he didn't go home to discuss it with his family or friends, or consult an advice column or blog. He just got up from his tax-collector's desk, left his office at once, and began to join Jesus' company as one of his disciples. Such a radical change must have startled the whole town. The gospel account tells us that Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to have dinner at his house. And along-side them at table are Matthew's friends — several other tax collectors, as well as a group of other town outcasts — the public sinners and prostitutes. The Pharisees not only regarded the tax collectors and public sinners as unclean, but they went out of their way to avoid any kind of contact with them. Jesus' association with tax collectors and public sinners shocked the sensibilities of these orthodox Jews.

Prayer: O God, who with untold mercy were pleased to choose as an Apostle Saint Matthew, the tax collector, grant that, sustained by his example and intercession, we may merit to hold firm in following you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessory Prayer to Saint Matthew: O Glorious Saint Matthew, chosen by Jesus Christ to follow Him and to become one of His Apostles, through the grace of God our Father you gave us the Holy Gospel, which brings us joy and life. Inspired by your example, I ask for your assistance in all my needs, especially ... (*mention your request here*). Help me to follow Christ as faithfully as you did, and remain faithful to Him and His Church. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus' defense for associating with outcasts and needy people was quite simple. He likened his ministry to that of a town physician who paid house visits to those who were sick, rather than those who were well. Jesus came to seek out those with the greatest need. Unfortunately, the orthodox of Jesus' day were so preoccupied with their own practice of religion that they neglected to help the very people who needed their care. Their religion was selfish because they didn't want to have anything to do with people not like themselves. Jesus stated his mission in unequivocal terms: I came not to call the righteous, but to call sinners. Just as a true physician seeks healing of the whole person — body, mind, and spirit, Jesus, likewise, offers wholeness of life to all who need God's mercy. Jesus not only heals, but he restores and transforms us and gives us new life in his Holy Spirit. Jesus' two-word invitation "follow me" is extended to each and every one of us. What is your RSVP to this great invitation – the greatest invitation you will ever receive! One that has true rewards in this life, and for all eternity!

Thursday September 22 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:7-9 Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was greatly perplexed because some were saying, "John has been raised from the dead"; others were saying, "Elijah has appeared"; still others, "One of the ancient prophets has arisen." But Herod said, "John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see him.

Meditation: As you watch the news, read a book, or interact with people, whom do you most admire? People with power, influence, fame or wealth? Scripture warns us of such danger (ref. Proverbs 23:1-2). King Herod had respected and feared John the Baptist as a great prophet and servant of God. John, however did not fear to rebuke Herod for his adulterous affair with his brother's wife. Herod, however, was more of a people pleaser than a God pleaser. Herod not only imprisoned John to silence him, but he also beheaded him simply to please his family and friends. Now when reports of Jesus' miracles and teaching reach Herod's court, Herod becomes very troubled in conscience. He thinks that John the Baptist has risen from the dead! Herod sought to meet Jesus more out of curiosity and fear than out of a sincere desire to know God's wisdom and truth.

Prayer: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: So who is the most influential in your life? And who do you most want to be like? We naturally look up to other people we want to imitate. If we truly want to be like God and to live as his sons and daughters, then it greatly helps us to have models and examples of holy people – Christ-like persons who follow in his footsteps – who show us how to live in the power of God's love and holiness. God's grace frees us from the tyranny of fear and the pressure to please others rather than to please God. Do you allow God's grace to fill you with faith and courage to choose what is good and pleasing to him and to reject whatever would keep you from embracing his love and will for your daily life?

Friday, September 23 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (*Padre Pio*)

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:18-22 Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen." Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Meditation: Through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us eternal life and freedom from the slavery of sin and from the oppression of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of humankind. If we want to share in Christ's victory, then we must also take up our cross and follow him where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I and everyone on this earth must take up each day? When my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. To know Jesus Christ is to know the power of his victory on the cross and his resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the gifts and strength we need to live as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit gives us faith to know the Lord Jesus personally as our Redeemer, and the power to live the



gospel faithfully, and the courage to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the gospel. Who do you say that Jesus is? How to you support your response with your thoughts, words, and actions?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace, gave the Priest Saint Pius of Pietrelcina a share in the Cross of your Son and, by means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of your mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ, and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to God for Padre Pio's Intercession: O God, You gave Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Capuchin priest, the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of Your Son. Grant me through his intercession the grace of ... (*mention your request here*) which I ardently desire; and above all grant me the grace of living in conformity with the death of Jesus, to arrive at the glory of the resurrection. Amen.

Contemplation: A fundamental, yet critical question for each one of us: Who is Jesus for you? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always

quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the Christ of God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the eyes of faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to publicly recognize Jesus as the Anointed One whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world as Lord and Savior (ref. Luke 2:11, Acts 2:36). Christ is the Greek word for Messiah, the Hebrew word which is also translated as the Anointed One.

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YOUTH GROUP

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

September 18 – INTRO TO YOUTH GROUP, 6:00 p.m.

Future of Youth Group What do you expect of Youth Group? Planning Outreach Activities GAGA Ball and White Castle for Dinner



September 25 – DINNER FOR MEN'S HAVEN, 3:40 p.m.

Meet at St. Edward at 3:40 p.m. to prepare dinner Depart for Men's Haven at 5:00 p.m. Serve Dinner at the Haven

> Youth Minister Steven Arias, <u>youth@saintedwards.org</u>

STREET HOMELESS DONATIONS

St. Edward Youth Group is collecting donations for a **Street Homeless Outreach.** We are asking the parish to help. Please drop off donations in the box in the Gathering Space. Below are donations needed.

Clothing for Adult Men & Women – Socks & underwear (New in package), T-shirts, shirts, pants, sweaters, shorts, jackets, coats, gloves, scarves, and shoes.

Toiletries – Shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and female hygiene products (If possible, travel size)

Food – Granola bars, bottled water, juice boxes, chips, cookies, and other snacks. We will also take warm food during the year – coffee, hot chocolate, sandwiches and hot dogs.

PSR

PSR NEWS ON FLOCKNOTE

Important PSR news is sent by Flocknote. Parents, be sure you are signed up to receive Flocknotes!

PSR CLASSES

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. <u>REGISTER NOW</u> at <u>saintedwards.org/PSR</u> or call the PSR office to register at 740-587-4160.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you are in high school and need to be confirmed, a high school-age Confirmation class is on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m. starting on September 21. Register online using the form located at <u>saintedwards.org/psr</u>.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE 10:45 A.M. MASS (Three-year-olds must be accompanied by adult or older sibling who is responsible for them.)

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Know Your Saints

Saint Matthew, the first-century tax collector turned apostle who chronicled the life and ministry of Christ in his Gospel, is celebrated by the Church on September 21. Little is known about the early life of St. Matthew. The Gospel accounts of Mark and Luke, like Matthew's, describe the encounter between Jesus and Matthew under the surprising circumstances of Matthew's tax-collecting duties. Jewish publicans, who collected taxes on behalf of the Roman rulers of first-century Judea, were objects of scorn and even hatred among their own communities since they worked on behalf of the occupying power and often earned their living by collecting more than the state's due. Jesus likely first encountered Matthew near the house of Peter, in Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee. The meeting of the two was dramatic, as Matthew's third-person account in his Gospel captured: "As Jesus passed on," the ninth chapter recounts, "he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him." Matthew's calling into Jesus' inner circle was a dramatic gesture of the Messiah's universal message and mission, causing some religious authorities of the Jewish community to wonder: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus' significant response indicated a central purpose of His ministry: "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." A witness to Christ's Resurrection after death, as well as His Ascension into Heaven and the events of Pentecost. Matthew recorded Jesus' instruction for the apostles to "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Like 11 of the 12 apostles, St. Matthew is traditionally thought to have died as a martyr while preaching the Gospel. The Roman Martyrology describes his death as occurring in a territory near present-day Egypt. St. Matthew and his Gospel have inspired important works of religious art, ranging from the ornate illuminated pages of the Book of Kells in the ninth century, to the Saint Matthew Passion of J.S. Bach. Famous paintings of Caravaggio, depicting St. Matthew's calling, inspiration, and martyrdom, hang in the Contarelli Chapel in Rome's Church of St. Louis of the French. In 2006, Pope Benedict reflected on St. Matthew's calling from the pursuit of dishonest financial gain to the heights of holiness and divine inspiration, saying, "in the figure of Matthew, the Gospels present to us a true and proper paradox: those who seem to be the farthest from holiness can even become a model of the acceptance of God's mercy and offer a glimpse of its marvelous effects in their own lives."

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