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Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule
TBA in bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Confessions
Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Bulletin Submission Deadline
Monday Noon

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 22 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Fr. Michael Gribble (RIP) by Parish Staff

Monday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Randy Dusenberry (RIP) by Deb Dusenberry

Tuesday, January 24 -

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Herman Ritterbeck (RIP) by Lavaughn Ritterbeck

Wednesday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 a.m. Children & Grandchildren by Vickie Kiser

Thursday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

9:00 a.m. Thomas Mason (RIP) by John & Diane Fitzpatrick

Friday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

9:00 a.m. Michael Millisor (RIP) by The Scully Family

Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m. John Suchoski (RIP) by Margaret Suchoski

Sunday, January 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. William & Vada Koval (RIP)

by Dauna Koval & Dana Updegrove

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 22, 2023 - YEAR A

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Praise to the Lord (#207) GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior (#914)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 27: The Lord is my light (p. 60) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (p. 60)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY: Blessed by Your Sacrifice (#205)

HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN: Mass of Christ the Savior

(#917, 919, 921)

LAMB OF GOD: Mass of Christ the Savior (#922)

COMMUNION: Christ, Be Our Light (#601)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 a.m. Choir): The Lord Is My Light

(Berthier/Taizé)

CONCLUDING RITES

CLOSING: Holy, Holy, Holy (#213)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Chelsea Zigan 8:15 a.m.: Jim Bidigare

10:00 a.m.: Cole & Cian McDermott

SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION



Mass intentions are being scheduled for 2023. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one - living or Intentions deceased – or for a special occasion such as a birthday

or anniversary, please contact Maggie at the church office at maggie@saintedwards.org. To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested for Mass Intentions.



Sometimes the connection between the prescribed Mass readings and music is crystal clear - and today is definitely one of those days.

☐ The first reading from Isaiah tells of the "great light" seen by the "people who walked in darkness"

☐ The Psalm 27 refrain proclaims that "The Lord is my light and." mv salvation"

first reading

One of the designated Communion musical antiphons is a quote from John: "I am the light of the world, says the Lord..." As winter progresses and the hours of sunlight slowly increase each day, let us always turn to Jesus, who is indeed "Light from Light, true God from true God."

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



walking with purpose

NEW! WALKING WITH PURPOSE VIRTUAL GROUP!



Are you searching for a community of faithfilled women to journey with through Bible Study from the comfort of your home? Join us for a Walking with Purpose virtual group. New groups are forming NOW at https:// walkingwithpurpose.com/find-agroup/?id=virtual-groups.

Join us for Walking with Purpose Catholic women's ministry, where we journey through

Scripture together. We have an open chair for you. Come as you are! No previous Bible Study experience required!

COMING UP NEXT: CONNECT COFFEE

January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Opening Your Heart; Discovering Our Dignity

January 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge

Discovering Our Dignity

Questions? Contact: Janice Schroeder at 419-265-0266; Monica Addis at 740-927-3913; Barb Hinterschied at 740-403-3736; or Noelle Gremling at 614-323-8335.

"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!

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This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Mass - 10:45 a.m.

Choir - 9:30 a.m., in Choir Loft

Altar Server Training - 9:30 a.m.

for students and their parents

PSR - 9:30 a.m.

PSR Parent Confirmation Meeting – 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall

Preschool Re-enrollment

Youth Group - open for grades 6 to 8

"Respect for Life" - 5:00-8:00 p.m.

at Blessed Sacrament, dinner served

MONDAY. JANUARY 23

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration - 9:30 a.m.

Preschool

Walking with Purpose - 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Preschool Re-enrollment

ChristLife - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Parish Council - 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Walking with Purpose - 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge

PSR - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

High School Confirmation – 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Oil Painting Workshop - 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Men's Rosary & Faith Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Choir - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Oil Painting Workshop - 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Confessions – 4:00 p.m.

Mass - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY. JANUARY 29

Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Mass - 10:45 a.m.

PSR - 9:30 a.m.

Choir - 9:30 a.m., in Choir Loft

Youth Group - 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

"Theology of the Body,"

Gaga Ball, dinner ~ Jimmy John's



YOU ARE INVITED TO

ChristLife - Sharing Christ
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Desserts will be served.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
JANUARY 21-22: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	S.A. Beaver Adrienne Carter	John Martin	Arianna Carter Leah Moberg
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Jane Dougan Sharon Martin	Charles Peterson	Paul McDonald Colin Oncken Kiera Oncken
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Joe Krempel Annie Lach	Robin Krempel	Ella Clark Claire Cottrell
JANUARY 28-29: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Leann Kirchner Cliff Kirchner	Gerry Moses	Claire Skinner Carter Skinner
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Rick Corder Lori Corder	Philip Stukus	Bryan Harms (sub req.) Paul McDonald
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Emily Dunbar Maria McDermott	Sheila Heist	Amanda Dunbar Shelby Heist

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Again, this year we received an anonymous donation in the parish mailbox of thirty \$50.00 Aldi gift cards. We are currently working on a way to pass them on to the St. Vincent Haven.

We thank our mysterious donor for his/her wonderful generosity. May the good Lord bless this person!



MISSION: POSSIBLE



SATURDAY FEB 4TH 6-9PN

FEATURING MATT MUNHALL AND HIS BAND At the Newark Catholic Auditorium

Tickets (\$35) can be purchased and donations made online:

https://newarkcatholic.ejoinme.org/SPICE

or at St. Francis de Sales School, Blessed Sacrament and the Newark Catholic High School.

PROGRAM

6:00PM - 7:00PM Complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres served with cash bar

7:00PM - 8:00PM Concert by Matt Munhall and his band featuring classics inspired by the likes of Ray Charles, Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, Elton John, Frank Sinatra, The Beatles, in addition to Matt's six full-length albums

8:00PM - 8:20PM Intermission

8:20PM - 8:30PM SPICE Testimonials

8:30PM - 9:00PM Concert Finale

Supporting the education of children with diverse needs in our Licking County parishes and schools.

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 JANUARY 15

Offertory \$15.978.00 Online 179.00

> 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 www.saintedwards.org. If already using online giving, for any changes to your credit card, you need to update your online account. For help, contact the parish office.

February Diocesan Second Collections

Catholic Times ~ February 12 Black & Indian Missions ~ February 26



ANDREW DINNER AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Andrew was the first one called by Jesus to follow Him as one of His apostles.

Young men high school age and older are invited to share a meal with Bishop Fernandes and learn more about discernment, seminary life and the priesthood. Join us at Blessed Sacrament, 394 E. Main Street, Newark, on Monday, February 6 starting 5:30 p.m. with Evening Prayer in the church, then dinner and discussion from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Shepherd Hall. RSVP to the Vocations Office at 614-221-5565 or vocations@ columbuscatholic.org if you are interested. Come learn more about vocations!



The Food Pantry needs this week are canned green beans, fruit juice and laundry soap. Please put Food Pantry donations in the box in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your continuous donations!



2023-2024 ST. EDWARD'S **PRESCHOOL** ~ **REGISTRATION**

Preschool registration is now open to parish families. Parishioners and students currently enrolled have priority. Packets of registration information are available on a table outside St. Edward's Preschool office, in the Gathering Space, and downloadable on the Preschool page on the parish website at saintedwards.org.

There is also a QR code available on the registration form and on the website for families to register and pay the registration fee online!

Open enrollment for the public begins January 30th, so register now to secure your spot. We would love for all parish families to enroll. For more information, contact Adrienne Evans, St. Edward's Preschool Director, at 740-587-3275 or at preschool@saintedwards.org.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

For Catholics to Return to Church **Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops to Share the Word of Christ** Msgr. Enke & All Priests Young Men to Heed the Call to Become Priests **RCIA Candidates PSR** and Children's Liturgy Teachers

Confirmation Class & Youth Programs All Sick & Homebound Parishioners ~The St. Edward Prayer Chain Will Pray for Your Needs~

Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayers.

PARISH MINISTRY MESSAGE

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." Romans 12:6

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Stewardship Opportunity: To help children learn about God, Jesus, and the Liturgy of the Word.

Talent/Gift to Offer: The ability to work with and teach children in a caring and friendly way. Patience and Reliability.

Time Commitment: About half an hour during the 10:45 a.m. Mass on Sundays plus preparatory work.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of helping children learn about God and feel the love of the Lord.

Contact Rebecca Bucknam at reled@saintedwards.org to offer your gift of service as teaching at Children's Liturgy.

Considering Becoming Catholic?	
Catholic with Questions? Unbeliever?	
Think Catholics are Old-Fashioned?	

Deacon John Barbour can answer your questions! Contact him at <u>barfamilybour@yahoo.com</u>.

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Lectio Divina

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 January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

"By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God." +SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Monday, January 23 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time Day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 At that time the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost.

Meditation on this special day of prayer: Love is not merely a feeling, but is rather the desire for the best possible good for those whom we love. Through our natural intelligence and through Divine Revelation we become aware of the value of this most basic of all gifts which is life. Mere reason leads us to comprehend that it is better to be alive than never have had been in existence. The knowledge of the value of life that comes through revelation leads us to understand better this gift and to appreciate it: as a result, we worship and love more and more the Giver of this gift. This love is what moves us to protect the life of the unborn or any who might be unjustly treated. We are also led to protect women who might feel tempted or forced to commit abortion, as we know the devastating consequences that abortion will have in their lives. Last but not least we have to love, even if most of them seem to be utterly unlovable, the many perpetrators of abortion: medical personnel, and pro-abortion activists and politicians. We have to do everything that we can to convince them of their errors so that they repent and change their ways, both for their own benefit and for the benefit of society.

Prayer: God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human 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 on this special day of prayer: All human beings are created in the image and likeness of God. Using a traditional scholastic term, we can state that God is the exemplary cause of every human being, in other words, He is the model on which all human beings are created. He looked upon himself and wished that other beings would share in His own happiness. So if we reflect upon ourselves, we can begin to understand our participation in the greatness of our Creator. This participation on His greatness leads us to comprehend that He has brought us out of nothing with a purpose, because knowing His intelligence and His loving nature it is clear that all His actions are always guided by a magnificent purpose. The first intention for which He has created us is that we should enjoy for an eternity His loving company in Heaven. All human persons are called to this eternal and loving company, no one is excluded, save those who, through their own actions, exclude themselves. This manner of creation brings us to understand the unique essential dignity of every human being. A dignity that is not lost for any deprivation of the many external perfections that we might expect to find in a human person. A person might be born with a disability, or may suffer disability through injury or disease, but these deprivations do not affect his or her

basic dignity as a fellow human being, a fellow child of God, a brother or sister in Christ Jesus. A Christian also has the hope that one day when the doors of Paradise will be opened for those children, all their human imperfections will be healed and they will enjoy forever the beatific vision that we all long for.

Tuesday, January 24 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time Saint Francis de Sales ~ Bishop and Doctor of the Church Patron Saint of the Diocese of Columbus

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:31-35 The mother of Jesus and his brothers arrived at the house. Standing outside, they sent word to Jesus and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Meditation: Jesus is God's love incarnate – God's love made visible in human flesh (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 (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 also 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 for the salvation of souls willed that the Bishop Saint Francis de Sales become all things to all, graciously grant that, following his example, we may always display the gentleness of your charity in the service of our neighbor. 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: One of the early martyrs of the Church, Lucian of Antioch, once said: "a Christian's only relatives are the saints" – namely those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and adopted as sons and daughters of God. Those who have been baptized into Jesus Christ and who live as his disciples enter into a new family, a family of "saints" here on earth and in heaven. Jesus changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all of our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God first and to his kingdom of righteousness and peace. Do you want to grow in love and friendship? Allow God's Holy Spirit to transform your heart, mind, and will to enable you to love freely and generously as he loves.

About Saint Francis de Sales: Francis was born on August 21, 1567, and ordained to the priesthood in 1593. From 1594 to 1598 he labored at the difficult and dangerous task of preaching to the Protestants of Chablais and effected the return of some 70,000 souls to the Catholic faith. In 1602 he became bishop of Genf. His zeal for souls is attested in 21,000 extant letters and 4,000 sermons which exemplify how he applied St. Paul's words: "I have become all things to all men." You may epitomize his character in two words: (1) kindliness and (2) lovableness — virtues that were the secret of his success. His writings reflect his kindheartedness and sweet disposition. Most widely known is the saint's Introduction to the Devout Life, which, with the Imitation of Christ, is rightly considered the finest outline of Christian perfection. Francis' Introduction proves to the world that true piety makes persons amiable, lovable and happy. A renowned and holy friendship existed between him and St. Frances de Chantal. In cooperation with her he founded the Visitation Nuns in 1610. Out of love for his own poor diocese, he refused opportunities for advancement, including the cardinalate. In recognition of the Introduction and his other writings, Francis has been declared a doctor of the Church. How Francis developed a gentle and amiable disposition is a story in itself; he was not born a saint. By nature his temperament was choleric, fiery; little was needed to throw him into a state of violent anger. It took years before he mastered his impatience, his unruly temper; by constant perseverance he did in time attain perfect self-mastery. Wherein lies a lesson.

Wednesday, January 25 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:15-18 Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive

out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Meditation: Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to the entire world. Their task is to proclaim the good news of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a nation, but it is for the whole world – for all who will accept it. The gospel is the power of God, the power to forgive sins, to heal, to deliver from evil and oppression, and to restore life. Do you believe in the power of the gospel?

Prayer: O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world. 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: This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task – to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

About Saint Paul: St. Paul, originally named Saul, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome in 66, and his body is kept in the Basilica of St. Paul near the Ostian Way.

Thursday, January 26 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:21-25 Jesus said to his disciples, "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand? For there is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light. Anyone who has ears to hear ought to hear." He also told them, "Take care what you hear. The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you, and still more will be given to you. To the one who has, more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Meditation: 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 adorned Saints Timothy and Titus with apostolic virtues, grant through the intercession of them both, that, living justly and devoutly in this present age, we may merit to reach our

heavenly homeland. 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, who hears all, who knows all. There is great freedom and joy for those who live in God's light and who seek this truth. Those who listen to God and heed his voice will receive more from him. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light, and letting his light illuminate what is right and good and true?

Friday, January 27 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the Kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

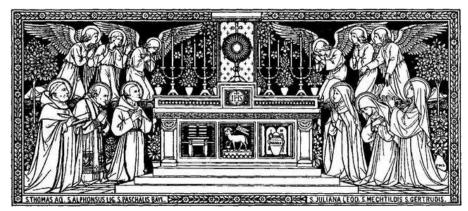
Meditation: What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

Prayer: May the Virgin Saint Angela never fail to commend us to your compassion, O Lord, we pray, that, following the lessons of her charity and prudence, and express it in what we do. 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: The Lord of the Universe is always ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his grace and power? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; prayers are from *The Roman Missal*, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.

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Pray for the protection of unborn children, and for a greater respect for all human life.



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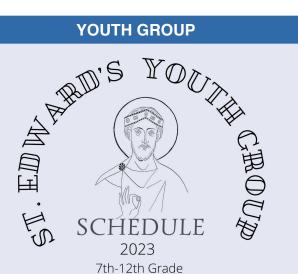
Music By: Hannah Schaefer



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YOUTH GROUP



& FEBRUARY JANUARY

01/15 YOUTH GROUP MEETING

6-8 PM

- New Years Resolution Plan Dodgeball Night
- · Prayer for the New Year

RESPECT FOR LIFE NIGHT

01/22 5-8PM

- Open for 6-8 graders
- Meet at Blessed Sacrament
- Pro-Life Speakers

01/29

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 6-8PM Gaga Ball

- What is Theology of the Body?
- Why does modesty matter?
- How to guard our eyes and souls against the harms of social media?
- Dinner: Jimmy Johns

02/05 HOMELESS OUTREACH

5-7 PM

- Meet at St. Edwards at 3:00 • Prepare Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Meet at Downtown Newark
- · Distributing Food, Water, Clothing
- Rosary walk led by prayer team

02/12 NO YOUTH GROUP

· Super Bowl Sunday

02/19 MEN'S HAVEN

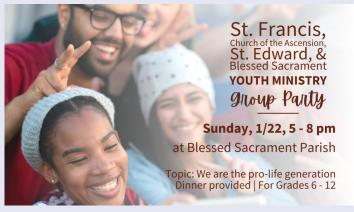
6-9PM • Prepared food for the homeless (3:00-

- 4:45pm) • Meet at Men's Haven to serve food (5:00)
- · Fat with residence

02/26 Ways to dive deep into the Season of Lent

- · What is Lent?
- Remembering Our Lord's Passion
- Indoor Hockey
- Dinner made by the Youth Director
- · Night Prayer

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Know Your Saints

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 1567 to 1622 ~ Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason, Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, a center for Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable conversion success. At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese, he continued to preach, hear Confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

He wrote two books, Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, and many pamphlets, while carrying on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he was named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings were filled with his characteristic gentle spirit and were addressed to lay people. He wanted them to realize that *all* are called to be saints.

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, to establish the Sisters of the Visitation. These women practiced the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. Pope Alexander VII canonized St. Francis de Sales on April 19, 1665. His feast day is celebrated on January 24.

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SACRAMENT PREPARATON

Attention 1st to 12th Graders! Have you missed a sacrament Baptism; First Communion; First Reconciliation; or Confirmation? Sacrament prep for families and students is first and third Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. until March 16. Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil on April 8th.

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> ~ Rebecca Bucknam, PSR Director, CONTACT PSR by EMAIL: reled@saintedwards.org

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 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 Push Baum in the Parish Office at 740-587-3254.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IS 8:23-9:3; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 COR 1:10-13, 17; MT 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do - rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God as His good stewards to bring His Good News to all those we meet - at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now - don't wait!

In this same passage, the first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life - to always be ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. Do I put God's kingdom ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community for God's kingdom? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God? We too are offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?

~From Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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